

## QE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICES – Week of 17<sup>th</sup> November

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Sunday Service with Communion. Speaker: Mark Whiting 1 Kings 18:20-40 From Unanswered to Eternally Spoken**

- **Ladies Away Weekend at Ladywell Retreat Centre, Godalming.** Please pray for all ladies who are part of the church community; for those who are attending, and those who are unable to.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Muddy Boots Walking Group.** Speak to Jeanette or email [nature.walks@qepbc.org.uk](mailto:nature.walks@qepbc.org.uk) for details.

- **Music Group Rehearsal 8-9.45pm** in the ground floor room Contact Rheanne

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Morning Prayer 9-10am** in Prayer den. All welcome.

- **Renew QE Park 12-3pm** in the ground floor room
- **Tuesday Life Group 6.45-8.30pm** Contact Tim or Rachel

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November: Diddy Disciples & Little Lambs Toddler group 10-11.30am** in the Main Hall

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November: Thursday Life Group 7-9.30pm** Contact Pam or Ray.

### FURTHER AHEAD

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November: Sunday Service. Speaker: Kate Whiting 1 Kings 19:9-13 From Justice to Peace**

- **Church Prayer 7.30-8.30pm** in Refresh

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>: Muddy Boots Outing.** Speak to Jeanette or email [nature.walks@qepbc.org.uk](mailto:nature.walks@qepbc.org.uk) for details.

- **Growing Leaders 7-9pm** in Refresh.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>: Morning Prayer 9-10am** in Prayer den. All welcome.

- **Baby Buggy & Toddler Walk 9.30-10.45am** from the Centre, followed by refreshments in Refresh café.
- **Renew QE Park 12-3pm** in the ground floor room. Also see **Other Notices**.
- **Book Club 7.30-9pm** in the café space. No particular book to study – come along to discuss books you've enjoyed and discover some new ones. Book swap available.

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November: Diddy Disciples & Little Lambs Toddler group 10-11.30am** in the Main Hall

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Ladies Life Group 7-8.30pm** in Refresh. Contact Sheila or Lauren.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Cake Night: Theme is Festive Bakes 7.30-9.00pm** in Refresh. Goody bags will be made up of a selection of everyone's creations to take away and share with friends & family.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Lego Church 3-4.30pm** contact Louise or email [church.events@qepbc.org.uk](mailto:church.events@qepbc.org.uk) for information.

**December:**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Sunday Service – First Sunday of Advent. Speaker: Paul Hammond Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December: Muddy Boots Walking Group.** Speak to Jeanette or email [nature.walks@qepbc.org.uk](mailto:nature.walks@qepbc.org.uk) for details.

- **Leadership Team Meeting 7.45-9.30pm** at Alex and Rheanne's

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Morning Prayer 9-10am** in Prayer den. All welcome.

- **Renew QE Park 12-3pm** in the ground floor room
- **Tuesday Life Group 6.45-8.30pm** Contact Tim or Rachel

Wednesday 4th December: **Diddy Disciples & Little Lambs Toddler group 10-11.30am** in the Main Hall

Thursday 5th December: **Thursday Life Group 7-9.30pm** Contact Pam or Ray.

Friday 6th December: **Craft night 7.30-9pm**, in Refresh, followed by optional time of prayer.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December: **Bible, Blokes & Bacon 8.15-9.30am** in Refresh. The theme will be 'Camping in 2 Corinthians'. Contact Alex.

## Christmas Events

14th December: **Living Nativity 2-3.45 pm.**

22nd December: **Carols By Candlelight 4-5.30pm.**

25th December: **Christmas Day All Age Worship 10am.**

- **Christmas Lunch.** Louise is planning on hosting Christmas Lunch for any in our community who might like to join us. **Let her know if you would like to come or if you know of anyone would appreciate an invite.**

## Easyfundraising:



Your favourite retailers are likely to work with easyfundraising! This means your online shopping can provide QE Park Baptist Church - Guildford with much-needed funding and support! Over 8,000 retailers will give us free donations when you buy something. Plus, sign up to support us today and we'll get an extra £1 when you raise your first donation. Please join here:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/qeparkbaptistchurch/4COB8F/c2s/2sfdSxpE/CE973/facebook/>

## OTHER NOTICES

**New [Amnesty International's Write for Rights](#) campaign and [CSW's Connect and Encourage](#) campaign.** On 26<sup>th</sup> November, Renew QE Park members will be writing solidarity and support cards for these campaigns. The activity will be "officially" introduced at 1.00 by lighting a candle and reading a poem and a prayer. The prayer will be written by Janet Wilkinson, who is also helping members to choose some cases to focus on. Cards and information about these cases will be available from 12.00 to 3.00, so if you are able to pop in to add your signatures and words of support to the cards, this would be much appreciated by Renew QE Park members, as well as recipients of the cards. Please drop in whenever is most convenient during this time. There will be tea and biscuits throughout!

## **New Christmas Hampers [Guildford Besom](#) and CAP**

Imagine Christmas without presents, decorations, or special food: this is a reality for many people today. You can make a difference this year and bring a bit of sparkle into homes which have so little.

**Make a difference, make a hamper!**

See [Christmas Hampers in Guildford](#), [Hamper contents](#) for suggestions about what to include and how to pack the parcel.

**Christmas Hampers**  
Bless a family in need this Christmas

**Besom**  
Guildford

**Christmas Hampers**  
Besom and CAP

**CAP**  
debt help

If you or your group would like to give a hamper this Christmas we would be delighted to offer it to a local home that CAP and Guildford Besom have been in touch with recently.

Please contact Guildford Besom  
07929 037101, [info@guildfordbesom.com](mailto:info@guildfordbesom.com).

Prefer to receive hampers by  
**December 6th.** Thank You !!

## **Matrix Trust Christmas Dinner Party: 28<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30-11:30pm at Reigate Manor, Surrey, RH2 9PF**

Matrix Trust invites you to their 80's and 90's Christmas Dinner Party! Join other supporter for a festive evening filled with good food, great company, and the spirit of the season.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the year with Matrix Trust community, connect with the team, and enjoy some seasonal cheer. Whether you're a trustee, a supporter, or simply interested in their work, they would love for you to join them.

Tickets: £45 per person. Here is the link to [Book Your Spot](#).



## **The Nativity Journey - a play for all the family: 11-16 December 2024 Wintershall (Holly Barn, Bramley, Guildford GU5 0LR)**

The Wintershall Nativity Journey is an unforgettable experience, bringing the true meaning of Christmas to life for the whole family.

Come and enjoy the real Christmas story at Wintershall Walk with Mary, Joseph and the donkey on the winding, steep road to Bethlehem. Register for the census and journey with other travellers, Roman soldiers and shepherds as you enter the stable to watch the miracle unfold.

Each performance lasts approximately 90 minutes.

**Please note** that some scenes are performed outside and some inside Holly Barn theatre, your visit includes a 10 minute walk up a steep hill. **Limited disabled parking** is available for those who need it most next to Holly Barn Theatre but this **must be pre-booked by emailing** [admin@wintershall.org.uk](mailto:admin@wintershall.org.uk)

Tickets: £27 for adults, £15 for children, £72 per family (2 adults, 2 children). Book on their website: <https://www.wintershall.org.uk/nativity-journey-2024> or call 01483 892167

## **The Evangelic Alliance (EA Uk): Two bills are coming up in Westminster. We need God's wisdom. Thank you for upholding the EA in prayer.**

### **1. Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill:**

On 16 October, Kim Leadbeater Labour MP for Spen Valley, introduced a private members bill to legalise assisted dying in the UK. The EA has spoken out in the media outlining concerns for those individuals with chronic long-term illnesses, those living with disabilities, and those feeling burdened to end their lives.

Ahead of the 29 November second reading and vote, the EA will be encouraging members to write to their local MP. It is an opportunity to outline personal pastoral concerns, the disproportionate impact on those from minority ethnic backgrounds and those living with and/or caring for those with a disability or long-term illness. To access all of the EA's previous political engagement and the "write to your MP" ask (which will commence in early November), [please visit our assisted dying page](#).

### **2. Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill**

This bill ([also known as Martyn's law](#)) has been a long-term pledge by both the former Conservative and the new Labour government. Its aim is to place a legal responsibility on all event spaces and public venues to protect the public from a terrorist incident. The EA has written to the Home Office policy team and is awaiting a response on exception clauses to places of worship, Christian conferences and residential premises.

In the coming weeks the EA will be producing a written briefing for MPs and government ministers ahead of committee stage, encouraging them to consider the many social action projects led by churches in their communities. The EA are also calling for a consideration of different types of Christian events to ensure the costs to comply are reasonable and that proposals do not limit or restrict activities or events on the grounds of religious belief.