

QE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICES – Week of 1st December

Sunday 1st December: Sunday Service – First Sunday of Advent.
Speaker: Paul Hammond Jeremiah 33:14-16



Monday 2nd December: Muddy Boots Walking Group. Speak to Jeanette or email nature.walks@qepbc.org.uk for details.

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

Tuesday 3rd 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 7th December: Bible, Blokes & Bacon 8.15-9.30am in Refresh. The theme will be 'Camping in 2 Corinthians'. Contact Alex.

FURTHER AHEAD

Sunday 8th December: Sunday Service – Second Sunday of Advent. Speaker: Tim Bader Malachi 3:1-4

Monday 9th December: Muddy Boots Walking Group. Speak to Jeanette or email nature.walks@qepbc.org.uk for details.

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

Tuesday 10th December: Morning Prayer 9-10am in Prayer Den. All welcome.

- **Renew QE Park 12-3pm** in the ground floor room.

Wednesday 11th December: Diddy Disciples & Little Lambs Toddler group 10-11.30am in the Main Hall

Thursday 12th December: Ladies Life Group 7-8.30pm in Refresh. Contact Sheila or Lauren.

Saturday 14th December: Living Nativity 2-3.45 pm contact Kate or email church.events@qepbc.org.uk for information. Please get in touch if you are able to help on the day for 'meet & greet', take part in the nativity play, help with set up and/or pack down.

Sunday 15th December: Sunday Service with Communion – Third Sunday of Advent.
Speaker: Peter Clarke Zephaniah 3:14-20

Monday 16th December: Muddy Boots Christmas Meal. Speak to Jeanette for details.

Tuesday 17th 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 18th (am) & Thursday 19th (pm) December: Christmas Unwrapped presentation to Year 6
Please contact Kate if you are able to help with serving drinks & putting mince pies in the oven on either day (full instructions will be given).

Thursday 19th December: Thursday Life Group 7-9.30pm Contact Pam or Ray.

Christmas Events

22nd December: **Carols By Candlelight – Fourth Sunday of Advent** 4-5.30pm.

Speaker: Mark Whiting **Micah 5:2-5a**

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

- **Christmas Lunch.** Louise will be 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.**

29th December: **Sunday Service.** Speaker: Kate Whiting **Isiah 61:10-62:3**

Monday 30th December: **Muddy Boots Walking Group.** Short walk with post-Christmas nibbles. **Speak to Jeanette or email nature.walks@qepbc.org.uk** for details.



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OTHER NOTICES

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. To access all of the EA's political engagement [please visit EA's 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.

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

Make a difference, make a hamper!

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 very little.

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

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

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

Friends International Guildford: Find out ways to help the FIG ministry: full details are available on this [link](#).

Join the branch: At **FIG** the branch is similar to a board of trustees on a local level, representing a variety of local churches. If you want to find out more about the function of the branch you can read the [branch handbook](#). For those who are interested in volunteering, **FIG** is excited to let you know about the updated [volunteers handbook](#). In the next few months **FIG** expects three of the current team to step down, due to their terms of six years coming to an end. Therefore, they are looking to find people to join the branch, particularly (but not exclusively) someone who is experienced and passionate about fundraising. If you are interested in finding out more about volunteering, contact Asafh: chair.figuildford@outlook.com.

Growing Cross-Cultural Training Morning: is provisionally booked for 18th January 2025. Please keep the date free in your diaries, if you are interested.

Admin support: FIG is looking for someone who can support the team with their various admin tasks; either for a couple of hours a week, or if you have a whole day to give, there is the option of paid part-time employment. So, if you get excited about writing emails, sending letters, keeping data up to date and have some spare time to give FIG, they would like to hear from you. Contact: lilli.jones@friendsinternational.uk.