

QUEENS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

where disciples of Jesus Christ grow together

The Promise

It is pretty likely that in the next few weeks someone will ask you if you are ready for Christmas. In Christian churches the time of spiritual preparation before Christmas is known as Advent. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the season is preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Messiah in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Advent is marked by a

spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. It anticipates anew, the coming of an Anointed One, a Messiah, who will bring peace and justice and righteousness to the world. This year, as we prepare for the coming of Christmas, with all of its meaning, we are going to be focussing on God's promises. The morning services themes will be: - 3rd "The Promise worth waiting for", 10th "The Promise of a son", 17th "The Promise for our children" and 24th The Promise

as a reality".

Accompanying this series is an Advent Journal called "The Promise" prepared by Rev Graham Banks and Gill Barber. It has daily thoughts to help our preparations. It can be taken as a booklet from the church (Available from today in reception or the office) or each days page can be seen daily on the church's Facebook or Twitter page or from the News page of the church website. (You do not need to be a user of Twitter or Facebook to read it).

Date: 19th November 2017

Morning - Rev Graham Banks
Deuteronomy 32:2-4 & 8-12

Evening - Rev Graham Banks

The Chapel has a hearing loop system – you can access it by sitting centrally downstairs.

News sheets and Songs/Hymns are available in LARGE print – please speak to a steward

Prayer ministry is available in the chapel following both services.

Coffee will be served after each service. Please feel welcome to stay and chat.

Want to know more about what goes on at QRBC? Then visit www.qrbc.co.uk

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Next Sunday:

10.30am Rev Graham Banks

6.30 pm Rev Graham Banks

Christmas Crafternoon



I have been fundraising in various ways for breast cancer charities for around 18 years now. This year, as well as the Quiz Night, I decided to try a new venture. Many people, including me, find

art & craft activities very therapeutic. Christmas preparations provide an ideal opportunity for being creative. So I have organised an afternoon of craft activities for anyone who feels like making cards, tags & decorations ready for Christmas. All materials will be supplied and instructions provided, for a donation of £5 per person. Children over 8 are welcome

to come with an adult. There will hopefully be some handmade items for sale too. So even if you don't feel creative, come along & have a cuppa & see what we are doing.

Join us on Saturday 25th November, 2:30 – 5pm, in the Large Hall. All proceeds to Breast Cancer Now. Information from Joy Knott



Prayer Focus

Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:22 - NIV

Personal Focus: God loves every one in the world irrespective of who they are because we all are His children. His desire is to look unto Him so that all can be saved. Let us pray for the countries where the gospel is not preached.

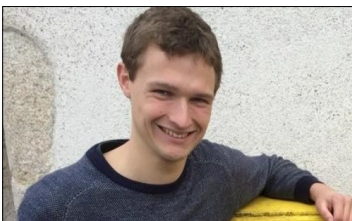
QRBC: Thank God for all the volunteers giving their time and talents to serve others during the weekday in the café, the church centre, reception and the church office. Pray for the leaders and the hosts of the small groups as they meditate together.

Coventry Focus: Pray for the growth of manufacturing industry to produce more job opportunities in and around Coventry. Pray for the churches across the city as we plan for the Christmas programmes. Pray for the organisation working to provide accommodation for the homeless people and they may have a safe place to live.

International: Pray for the crisis situation in Zimbabwe to end soon. Pray for the violent situation in Maiduguri Nigeria city to come to an end. Pray for the organisations reaching out to people affected by Rohingya Crisis in Burma. Pray that people in need may get their basic needs to be met in time.

Please contact: John Jesudason (7626 9283) or Sarah White (7667 9928) to include items for Prayer Focus

Welcome today to Matt Robinson who is the Fresh Start project Coordinator for "Together for Change"



Matt will be giving a short presentation on his work during the morning service.

This project is one of 2 charities agreed by church meeting to support from the Christmas Day offering. The other is Morning Star Ministries, a charity which helps to run a church offering regular Christian services of worship and teaching. They also run a residential school for poor children who would not otherwise be able to receive an education and relieve sickness and preserve health by facilitating health care by professional doctors and nurses at local hospitals in India.

Communion

There is bread available which is gluten, dairy and wheat free. The wine is non-alcoholic grape juice.

This week the children can go out to age appropriate groups (at 11am to be collected at 12noon) - please ask a steward where to go if you are unsure. We have a monthly all age service, the next one will be December 17th (Our Nativity Service).



Reboot and Release is an organisation that run training courses on the church premises. They invite you to

"Reboot Your Life in Informative, Insightful and Fun Sessions and Release Your Focus, Confidence, Energy, Motivation & Goals". The 5 session course starts at 10am next Tuesday (21st) or you can attend the first session without commitment as a Taster.

More information from Martin (07840 204060) or Ros (07723 055736) email:

info@rebootandrelease.com



CSC Job Club meet on Wednesdays 10.30 -12.30 at QRBC. They are looking for a volunteer, two Wednesdays per month, to make the Work Club a welcoming and helpful place for all visitors under the guidance of the Manager, Ros Johnson. For details of the tasks involved call or email the Church Office or contact the Job Club - BardsleyWorkClub@gmail.com Tel: 07723055736

The Giving Tree now in the Chapel vestibule with gift tags.



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Shoebboxes: last collection date from QRBC is Monday November 20th

Tapestry Singers Concert: Saturday December 9th 7.30pm. At QRBC. Tickets £7. Proceeds to QRBC Foodbank and Zoe's Place. (Tickets from office).

Save the date: Christmas Reflections Evening organised by Kay Hamer at QRBC Monday December 18th 7.30pm. Details to follow.

NEWS SHEET - Dates for submissions Thursday 25th November Please email admin@qrbcc.co.uk or leave in box in Reception. Please note the News sheet is published on the website so please do not ask for anything you would not wish to be published in this way.

PRAYER CHAIN It is important that prayer requests made by email are sent to prayer-chain@qrbcc.co.uk. Requests can also be received by telephone during office hours on 024 7652 0621. Requests may take longer to circulate when the office is closed