

# LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH

## Christmas 2011

Weeks commencing 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> December 2011  
& 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.



We are committed to enabling people to:  
*Grow Up in Jesus and Reach Out for Jesus*

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## **Welcome**

We give you a warm welcome to church today, especially if you are visiting for the first time.

We hope you will want to join us at other services during the Christmas period; you will be very welcome at these or at any of the other events mentioned here.

Please ask the stewards if you would like help or information about our children's groups or advice on facilities for the disabled.

After the Sunday morning services you are invited to stay for tea or coffee and after Carols by Candlelight on 18<sup>th</sup> December, please stay on for hot honey punch, mince pies and stollen which will be served in the foyer and Ridgway Hall.

Whether you are a regular worshipper or a visitor, we hope you will find, here, the true meaning of Christmas.

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## **Visits**

If you yourself, or someone you know, would appreciate a visit this week, or over the Christmas period, please get in touch with Jane Savage: 754838

## **Church Office**

The church office will be closed over the Christmas period. If you need to contact someone urgently please phone George Phillips on 07903196390.

## **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

*Our Christmas offerings will be divided between 2 local charities: Warrington Open Door and NGAge.*

10.00 *Prayer Meeting*

10.30 **All-age Christmas Service:** a varied programme for all the family.

18.30 **Carols with Candlelight.**

A traditional service of carols and readings. Please stay afterwards for hot honey punch & mince pies.

**No separate youth groups until 8<sup>th</sup> January.**

## **Christmas Eve**

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

19.00 **Carols at Lymm Cross.**

A community event to which everyone is invited.

23.30 **Christmas Eve Communion Service,** here at LBC.

## **Christmas Day**

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

10.00 **All-age Christmas Day Celebration,** led by Chris Newton.

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

10.00 **Prayer meeting**

10.30 **Short All-age Service,** led by Chris Newton.

No evening service.

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

10.00 **Prayer meeting**

10.30 **All-age Service,** led by Chris Newton.

18.30 **Evening Service of prayer and communion,** led by Chris Newton.

18.15 **Youth Groups re-start.**

## ***Other Information***

- **Postage Stamps** - please remember to cut round and save used postage stamps for the Leprosy Mission. Box in the foyer.
- **Worship Group** - please see individual group leaders for details of practices over the Christmas period.
- **Nicola Gerrard** can be heard playing the flute on BBC Radio 4 on Christmas Day morning as part of the Christmas Day service - between 09.00 and 10.00.

## **Future Events: 2012**

- **Messy Church:** the next one will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January.
- **Auction of promises for Rebuild Mexico: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January.** Offers of goods to auction or promises please to Mark Instone a.s.a.p. Please also save any 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books for a book sale that day.
- **New Year Prayer Event in Warrington on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January,** 18.30 - 20.00. Details on notice-board. If you would like to go Richard Evans can offer a lift.
- **This year's Capernwray Team** is coming for a visit from 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Jan and for their main stay from 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - 4<sup>th</sup> March. If you can offer accommodation for either of these 2 sets of dates please contact Susannah.
- **Churches Together in Cheshire cathedral service** for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January @ 15.30. Details on notice-board.
- **Valentine's Night meal and small auction on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February** at Flavours Restaurant. Cost £20 per head. In aid of Rebuild Mexico. See Deb Instone for more info.

## **NEW YEAR RE-START DATES**

**Most church groups will restart in the week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, except for the following:**

***Thorn Cross Prayer meeting***

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.

***Toddlers***

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.

If unsure of other groups please check with individual group leaders.

## **HELP IS NEEDED WITH TODDLERS**

***Extra help is desperately needed***

on Thursday mornings for a few weeks from 5<sup>th</sup> Jan because Julie will be recovering from surgery. Please see Dot or Susannah a.s.a.p. if you can help in any way.

## **A FOLLOW-ON FROM ALPHA**

A short course called "Christianity Explored" will start in the new year for anyone who wishes to do a follow-on from Alpha. Please talk to Susannah if you would like to know more.

## **WARRINGTON OPEN DOOR**

**VERY** few food items have been given so far! Our collection will be delivered to Open Door on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec., so please try to drop a tin in the box in the foyer before then.

## **2 THANK YOU MESSAGES**

**Both Jean Moores and Jean Higgins have asked for a thank-you note in this newsletter.**

**Both ladies are extremely grateful for the love, the prayers and the care shown by folk at LBC in the last weeks following their accidents.**

**They both send a huge THANK YOU to you all.**

***In the foyer this week.***

*Please help yourselves to news and prayer updates from Anne Barker (Mercy Ships) and Jens & Lizzie Meyer (Papua New Guinea.)*