

Welcome

Sunday 3rd December

10.00 Prayer for the morning service: in the prayer room

**10.30 Morning Service: The Gibeonites (Joshua 9: 1-27),
with Jonathan Bramwell**

Part-way through the service, all children (from pre-school up to and including year 13) will be going out to their own groups. Visiting youngsters are welcome to join them – please ask the steward or a member of the welcome team where the groups meet. There is also a crèche for younger children and babies.

There will be a cake sale for Rebuild after the service in Ridgway Hall. Tea & coffee will be also served after the service.

16.00 Rebuild Team Meeting at 3 Crossland Mews, Lymm

16.00 Christmas Choir rehearsal

18.15 Revolve for Years 10-13 at 27 Pelham Road, Thelwall

18.30 Encounter for Years 7-9

**18.30 Evening Communion Service: Rahab – the unlikely
hero (Hebrews 11:30-31 & Joshua 2),
with Arthur Chapman**

If you are a newcomer to LBC we give you a special welcome.
There is more information about the church and our various activities
overleaf and on the back page.

**For more information, or to receive this newsletter by email,
please contact the church office.**

**email admin@lymmbaptistchurch.com
www.lymmbaptistchurch.com**

This week, the office is open: Monday to Thursday, 9am - 3pm

Things you may like to know.....

The church office is open during the week at the times given overleaf. Please call in or email if we can help you in any way.

If you would like to find out more about us please fill in one of our welcome cards then hand it to a member of the welcome team or put it in the box in the foyer.

Sunday morning sermons are available on CD shortly after each service and are also available on the church website.

Our offering goes towards the costs of the church in our various ministries & mission, both locally and overseas. If you are a visitor please don't feel under any pressure to give.

If you have a particular need or concern and would like someone to pray with you, please ask one of the prayer team after the service; they will all be wearing name badges.

For details of our small groups which meet in people's homes during the week for Bible study & prayer, please contact the church office: all are welcome to attend these.

If communion is part of the service, all those who love Jesus and want to follow Him are invited to share this meal. If you do not wish to take part, please pass the bread & cup tray on. Please note that the bread is gluten-free & the communion wine is non-alcoholic.

More information about our activities and other local events is displayed in the foyer. Help yourself to any leaflets or ask one of the welcome team if you would like any more information.

LYMM BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY

If you would like a visit this week please contact Jane Savage.

If you have a request for the prayer chain please contact Bibi Evans.

If you require meal support please contact Jo Stevenson.

PRAYER DIARY

Christmas appeals

God has provided enough for everyone. Since Jesus said 'it is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20:35), please pray that at this time of exchanging gifts, Christian and other charities launching Christmas appeals receive a very generous response, especially from those who are fortunate to have lots to share.

The Church in general

It is often said that the church is the hope of the world. To fully realise that goal, please pray for Christian churches across the world to have: unity amid diversity; a culture of discipling; good teaching so that members are equipped for ministry; a hunger for studying and applying the bible; transparent, meaningful relationships amongst their members; preachers of God's word who are biblically rooted and Holy Spirit inspired; prayers who are infused with biblical ambitions, honesty, and humility. Pray also that: the church would grow in distinctness from the world in love and holiness, even as it engages outsiders; be characterised by faithful, joyful, consistent and sacrificial giving; and that more of its members will use their careers to take the gospel to places it has never been.

EVENTS & INFORMATION

LBC CHRISTMAS MEAL AT ELMAS

Wednesday 6th December at 7pm.
£20 for a three course meal (£5 goes to ReBuild 2018). **Today** is the last chance to sign up on the main notice board.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

- to perform at the LBC Carol Service on **Sunday 17th December**.
Rehearsals are on **Sunday 3rd, 10th & 17th December** from 4pm to 5.30pm.
All Welcome!

FRIENDS & NEIGHBOURS CHRISTMAS QUIZ & FESTIVE FOOD

Tuesday 5th December,
7.30pm – 8.00pm arrival.
A great chance to bring a friend or neighbour to a friendly, relaxing and fun evening. All ladies invited.
If you have never been before, why not give it a try?

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOXES

A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped with this year's shoebox campaign in any way.
A record 907 shoeboxes filled with gifts were processed at our warehouse by a lovely team of volunteers and are now on their way to bless families and old folk in Eastern Europe.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT LBC

If you would like to help with the preparation before and assembly of the Christingles during the service at LBC at 3.30pm on Christmas Eve, please contact the Church Office.

IN THE FOYER THIS WEEK

- Minutes of the September Church Meeting (for those without email)
- Church Flower Rota

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BURNS SUPPER

On **Saturday 20th January** a Burns Supper will be held in aid of Oasis at Warrington Sports' Club (near Walton Gardens). The evening includes haggis, hotpot or veggie supper plus dessert, live ceilidh band and Scottish dancing, bagpiper and traditional address to the haggis by a well known local Scotsman(!). A great event to bring along friends and family. Tickets £17 from Jo Stevenson.

LENT COURSES

In **2018** Churches Together would like to organise Lent Courses which involve groups made up of people from different Lymm Churches.

If you would be willing to host or facilitate one of these courses over the 6 weeks of Lent please contact Patsy Gaster.

PLEASE NOTE....

that Jonathan will not be in the office on **Wednesday** afternoons until the New Year.

THIS WEEK (All activities are held at LBC unless noted otherwise)

Monday

10.00 Watercolour Workshops

18.30 Cru Club for years 3-6

19.30 iD Youth Club

20.00 Church Prayer Meeting

Tuesday

10.30 Prayer Meeting focusing on youth

19.00 Bible Study Fellowship

19.30 Friends & Neighbours

Wednesday

14.00 Daytime Prayer Meeting

19.00 LBC Christmas Meal at Elmas

Please note: Jonathan will not be in the church office today

Thursday

10.00 Toddler Group

19.30 Prison Ministry Prayer Meeting at 16 Old Smithy Lane, Lymm

Please pray for our leadership team meeting this evening

Saturday

09.30 Nativity Practice and Preparation

Sunday 10th December

10.00 Prayer for the morning service: in the prayer room

10.30 Morning Communion Service: Thinking about the return of Jesus with Jonathan Bramwell

13.00 Open Home Christmas Lunch

16.00 Christmas Choir rehearsal

18.15 Revolve for Years 10-13 at 27 Pelham Road, Thelwall

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18.30 Word & Worship with Jonathan Bramwell