



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

## **Welcome**

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**08.30 Church Prayer Breakfast**

**10.00 Prayer for the morning service: in the prayer room**

**10.30 All Age Nativity Service**

There will be a crèche available throughout the service in Ridgway Hall. All other children will be staying in church this morning.

Tea & coffee will be served after the service in Ridgway Hall.

**18.30 Carols by Candlelight, with the LBC Christmas Choir**

Tea, coffee, Christmas punch & mince pies will be served after the service in Ridgway Hall.

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@lyymbaptistchurch.com](mailto:admin@lyymbaptistchurch.com)  
[www.lyymbaptistchurch.com](http://www.lyymbaptistchurch.com)**

**This week, the office is open: Monday, Tuesday & 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

At this time when we remember God becoming a human being in order to identify with us and ultimately save us, may we each celebrate this afresh and may those who are searching for meaning in life or are burdened down with life's problems discover faith in Christ.

## Mission partners

Please pray that our missionaries - Peter and Dawa Isaacs, Pastor John Pagliawan, Brian and Angie Savage, Sally and Yagya Singh, Gilson and Lara da Silva, Marcelo and Holly Vieira, Ben and Lucy Waugh and Adrian Breton – all experience God's presence and refreshment over Christmas and that they are able to take some time out to spend with family and friends. Pray especially for those away from home as it can be a lonely time and also hard in countries where Christmas is not celebrated. Consider getting in touch to offer them encouragement and pray too that the Christmas cards which we recently signed in church reach them all.

## Rebuild trip to South Africa

Please pray that those going on the Rebuild trip to build houses for the homeless in South Africa next summer develop a sense of team - particularly through some of the fundraising events - and that they are faith-filled and expectant to experience all that God has for them before, during and after the trip.

## EVENTS & INFORMATION

### ADVENT MUSICAL MEDITATION

with Nicola Gerrard (flute) &  
Jonathan Bramwell (piano).

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December,**

7.30- 8.30pm at St Mary's Chapel,  
Pheasant Walk, High Legh.

Take time to sit back and relax away  
from the busyness of Christmas  
preparations and focus on what really  
matters to you.

Tickets £5 adult (£3 children) from  
Nicola or pay on the door

### LBC CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

There is a display board in the church  
foyer for Christmas cards to the whole  
church family. All donations will be  
given to 'Room at the Inn Warrington',  
along with the Christmas offerings.  
'Room at the Inn Warrington' provides  
emergency short-term housing to  
homeless people in Warrington.  
Many thanks for your support.

### USED STAMPS FOR CHARITY

Over the past 30 years, The Leprosy  
Mission Stamps & Collectables has  
raised more than £1 million to benefit  
people affected by leprosy. They  
welcome donations of all types of  
stamps – so please remember to save  
your used postage stamps & hand  
them into the church office.

### PRAYER MEETING DATES

Please note that over the Christmas  
holiday there will be prayer meetings  
on: **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, 8 - 9pm;  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December**; 8 - 9pm;  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January**, 7.30 - 8.15am;  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**, 8 - 9pm.

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### CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

Celebrate the real meaning of Christmas with all the family here at LBC at 3.30pm or at the Sanctuary cafe at 5pm on **Christmas Eve**.

If you would like to help with the preparations for, and assembly of the Christingles during, the service at LBC, please contact the Church Office.

### CHRISTMAS

As a church family we want to ensure that everyone who wants to has somewhere to spend Christmas Day with others.

If you would like more information about this, please contact Deb Instone.

### PLEASE NOTE....

that Jonathan will not be in the office on **Wednesday** afternoons until **17<sup>th</sup> January**.

### ID YOUTH CLUB

From **January** ID Youth Club is moving to a **Thursday** evening 7- 8.30pm.

More adult leaders and helpers are needed to join the team, particularly as the numbers of young people attending are growing (praise God!).

Please prayerfully consider whether you could help on a weekly or monthly basis. For more information please contact Darren.

### VISION HANDOUT

There is now a Vision handout available from the church office or after the Sunday morning service. If you regularly attend LBC you are welcome to take one.

The LBC Vision will be the theme during the Evening Prayer & Communion Service on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**.

On **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January** there will be a prayer & discussion evening from 7 - 9pm. The Church Meeting has been moved to **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January**, where a proposal to adopt the Vision will be put to members.

### ROTAS

The new Sunday rotas will be prepared soon. More help is always needed! If you would like to be added to the rotas please contact the church office.

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

#### Monday

**20.00 Church Prayer Meeting**

#### Wednesday

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

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve

**10.00 Prayer for the morning service: in the prayer room**

**10.30 All Age Service: The Christmas Watchers, with Chris Goswami**

**15.30 Christingle service**