

**December 2021**

**Welcome to Chadwell Heath Baptist Church**



**What's on this month:**

- ❖ **Sunday worship on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> December.** Join us at 10.30am each week for our Advent services. Communion will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Refreshments will be served immediately after the services in the Sanctuary, and there is a small area for younger children on the left-side of the church as you enter.
- ❖ **Carols by Candlelight - SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm.** Please invite your family, friends and neighbours to our carol service, with refreshments! There will be flyers for you to take.
- ❖ **Please note, there will not be a service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December** as we will be holding the carol service the evening before. **There will not be a service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December.**
- ❖ **Carol singing at Sainsburys – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Join with local Christians to sing carols and bring joy to local shoppers! Meet at St Chads hall at 10.30am to pray, or come to Sainsburys just before 11am to sing.
- ❖ **Carol singing at the Eva Hart** – this is still to be confirmed, but we will let you know dates and times.
- ❖ **Christmas Eve Communion – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**  
A time of quiet reflection on the coming of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ **Christmas Day Celebration – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 10am**  
Join us for our family service to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.
- ❖ **Weekly Tuesday morning prayer: 7-7.45am.** Join us at the start of the day to pray together. Join us on Zoom, or if you're not able to connect online, please still pray with us.
- ❖ **Monthly Wednesday prayer meeting.** 8<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in the Sanctuary.

## Praying for each other daily:

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” Ephesians 6:18*

<b>29 November – 3 December</b>	
Monday:	Gabriel Akintunde
Tuesday:	David Atkins
Wednesday:	Kelechi Atulomah
Thursday:	Janet Aveling
Friday:	Dan Black

<b>6-10 December</b>	
Monday:	Michelle Black
Tuesday:	Lorna Bolton
Wednesday:	Jenny Byrne
Thursday:	David Chan
Friday:	Kathy Chan

<b>13 – 17 December</b>	
Monday:	Clementine Dea-Gueu
Tuesday:	Julie Dennis
Wednesday:	Hulda Dublin
Thursday:	Vida Duku
Friday:	Pam Dyer

<b>20 – 24 December</b>	
Monday:	Tony Eboji
Tuesday:	Ade Fakile
Wednesday:	Ecojo Fredrick
Thursday:	Patience Fredrick
Friday:	Rob Groff

<b>27 - 31 December</b>	
Monday:	Jim Hadley
Tuesday:	Pamela Hadley
Wednesday:	Chris Haines
Thursday:	Trudy Hairsine
Friday:	Jackie Hylton

**A very happy birthday to:**  
 Beri Nwosu (2nd), Zea Morgan (4<sup>th</sup>)  
 Osahon Esther Olcord (14<sup>th</sup>), Amin Rezaei (15<sup>th</sup>), Ade Fakile (22<sup>nd</sup>), Rob Groff (29<sup>th</sup>),  
 Kion Kambasha (29<sup>th</sup>), Roxanne Bolton (29<sup>th</sup>), Clementine Dea-Gueu (30<sup>th</sup>)

***Please pray especially for those people in our church family who are struggling with ongoing ill health, who are unable to attend church, or are feeling lonely and isolated. If you need support please email the pastoral support team at [pastoralcare@chadbaptist.org.uk](mailto:pastoralcare@chadbaptist.org.uk) or call James on 07511 351050***

## Operation Christmas Child – Thank you!

We received an incredible 396 shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child appeal.



What a wonderful way to send the love of God to children across the world. Thank you to everyone who donated a box and we also had many boxes dropped in by members of our local community.



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## Prayer focus: China

Three more large cities in China have joined an increasing number of cities, districts and county governments in offering cash rewards to anyone who reports to the authorities on “illegal religious activities”.

Whistle-blowers could pocket up to 1,000 yuan (£112) for informing on private house gatherings, preaching, the distribution of printed religious works, audio-visual products outside churches, unqualified religious personnel and illicit foreign infiltration.

The measure is part of the ongoing crackdown by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) on Christians. In July 2021 pastors of the Three Self Patriotic Movement, the official Protestant Church of China, were even ordered to deliver sermons on a speech by President Xi Jinping to mark the 100-year anniversary of the CCP.

Please stand with Chinese Christians in praying they will remain faithful to God. That they will continue to gather to worship undaunted by the enemy’s schemes. Pray that would-be whistle-blowers will not be tempted by cash incentives but instead drawn to the riches of the Good News of Jesus Christ whenever they encounter God’s people.

## Junior church

Dan and Michelle sent out a recent email and survey to parents asking if their children would like to come to a Christmas activity, and if they would like to attend junior church in the New Year. If you’ve not yet had a chance to respond, please can you take a moment to do this as it helps with planning and preparation. More details to follow....

## Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who offered to help with serving refreshments after the service. Hopefully you will have received a rota by email to let you know which weeks you’ll be serving. It’s a really special ministry and it allows visitors to feel welcomed and for us all to spend time together.

## Carol Service

If you are able to help with setting up for this event on 11<sup>th</sup> December, or able to help with the refreshments, please speak to Helen.

## Advent resources - *Make Advent a meaningful time this year beyond the shopping!:*

Tearfund: “Spend some time each day of Advent as, through devotions featuring scripture, personal stories, poetry, music and prayer, we’ll meet our neighbours from down the road and around the world and focus on loving them and God in the run up to Christmas”. [www.tearfund.org/campaigns/advent](http://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/advent)

**Advent Encounter, Bible Society** – “the last 20 months have been tough for some of us, horrendous for others and exhausting for most. So, as we head out of the pandemic and into a Christmas season with more freedom than the last, join us in The Advent Encounter, setting your focus on God’s word and the promise of Jesus, the light of the world.” [www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/the-advent-encounter/](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/the-advent-encounter/)

