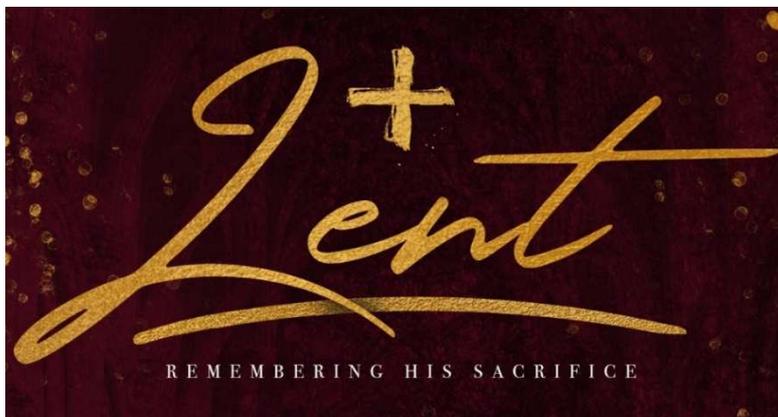


March 2022

Welcome to Chadwell Heath Baptist Church

What's on this month:

- ❖ **Sunday worship.** 10.30am each week.
Communion on Sunday 6th March
- ❖ **Coffee mornings** - Mondays 10.30am – 12noon in the back hall. Everyone welcome!
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **Noah's Ark,** Wednesdays 9.30 -11am (in the back hall). Our stay and play group for under 5s
- ❖ **Monthly Wednesday prayer meeting.** 9th March at 8pm. Please join us for our monthly prayer gathering in the Back Hall.
- ❖ **Ladies prayer:** Saturday 26th March. Ade will post details on the Ladies WhatsApp group. If you'd like to join the group not part of the group please email your name and mobile to office@chadbaptist.org.uk



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

28 th Feb – 4 th March	
Monday:	Yordon Sotirov
Tuesday:	Shakirat Talabi
Wednesday:	Helen Thomas
Thursday:	James Thomas
Friday:	Lisa Warren

7 th – 11 th March	
Monday:	Sue Warren
Tuesday:	Monica Whyte
Wednesday:	Gabriel Akintunde
Thursday:	David Atkins
Friday:	Kelechi Atulomah

14 th – 18 th March	
Monday:	Janet Aveling
Tuesday:	Dan Black
Wednesday:	Michelle Black
Thursday:	Lorna Bolton
Friday:	Jenny Byrne

21 st – 25 th March	
Monday:	David Chan
Tuesday:	Kathy Chan
Wednesday:	Clementine Dea-Gueu
Thursday:	Julie Dennis
Friday:	Hulda Dublin

28 th March – 1 st April	
Monday:	Vida Duku
Tuesday:	Pam Dyer
Wednesday:	Tony Eboji
Thursday:	Ade Fakile
Friday:	Ecojo Fredrick

A very happy birthday to:

Eunice Mwaura (28th Feb), Jan Aveling (2nd March),
Mayele Malaba (6th), Dave Smith (17th),
Ecojo Fredrick (20th), Haylee Kambasha (21st),
Ian Rogers (22nd), David Atkins (23rd), Kane Brown (29th)

Chadwell Heath Residents Association

Next meeting date is Thursday 10th March 2022 @7.30 pm, at the United Reformed Church hall, off Mill Lane. Local M.P. Jon Cruddas will be the guest speaker. www.chadwellheathra.org.uk

Prayer focus: Somalia, East Africa

“Nala” grew up as a Muslim in Somalia. However, the treatment she received from her brother, in the name of Islam, turned her away from religion.

One day, while browsing online, she heard a testimony about Jesus from Somali converts living abroad. Nala had no idea that Somali people could be Christians. She found others who shared the Word of God, and was able to make contact. She started reading in Genesis and “just kept going”. So many of her questions were answered and she felt peace in her heart.



Despite the risks, Nala knew that following Jesus was the right decision, and she was baptised.

Her family, however, were growing suspicious, and tricked her into returning home. Despite being subjected to an horrific program of “treatment” to “cure” her of her apostasy, and her family’s arranging a marriage to a Muslim leader, Nala managed to flee and, with the help of Christian friends, to escape to another country.

Life has been hard for Nala – but she is trusting in the One who rescued her. “I didn’t go out looking for Him, but He found me. Previously I didn’t have happiness, but now I have joy.”

Praise God for Nala’s journey to faith. Pray she will receive all the discipleship and support she needs. May she and other Christians from Somalia be kept safe. Pray that many more Somalis would learn about Jesus through social media and come to saving faith in Him.

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/> (Visit their website to view videos from persecuted Christians, ideas on how you can pray and help)

Thank you to everyone who got involved in the ‘February on the Floor campaign’ organised by the charity Stand by Me. This was to raise money to bring a huge change to children’s living conditions and provide them with a bed to sleep in.



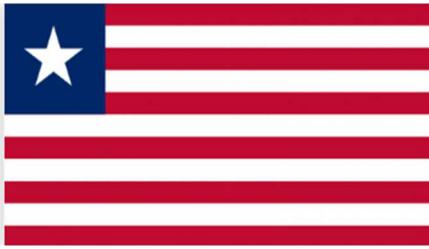
Dan & Sam slept on the floor for 7 nights to raise money, and thank you for sponsoring them so generously. They have raised **£410 (plus gift aid)**, almost all of this has come from the CHBC church family. This is enough to provide three families with a bed. To see the impact this has on lives, and for details about the charity please visit <https://www.standby.me/>



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Thank you!

In December we sent 396 shoeboxes of gifts and toys to children living in poor conditions across the world, through Operation Christmas Child.



We've now had confirmation from Samaritan's purse that some of these boxes went to Liberia. "Thank you for bringing Good News and great joy to a child living in Liberia in West Africa. . Your shoebox gift was one of 79,301 sent to Liberia from the UK this season"
If you also tracked your box, let us know where yours was sent.

Foodbank items: you can bring along non-perishable items for our local foodbank to Church on a Sunday. They are currently short of cooking oil, toiletries, toilet rolls, savoury snacks, tinned meat.

Lent 2022

Lent begins on Wednesday 2nd March, this is the six week period that leads up to Easter, and it's a great opportunity to reflect and prepare for Easter. Traditionally it's been a time of fasting, prayer and abstinence, and it can help to get us ready to enter in to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Why not sign up to receive a daily devotional or reflection. Here are some examples:

Tearfund

"Bite-sized reflections, prayers and poems sent each morning to encourage and inspire you over Lent."

<https://www.tearfund.org/campaigns/lent-devotional>

World Vision

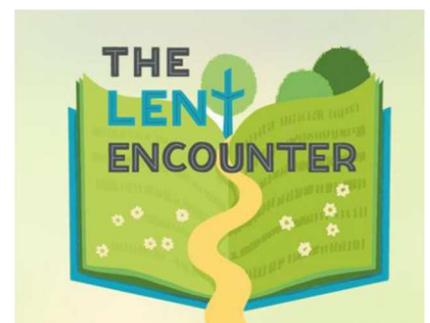
"A 30 page guide to explore what it means to see Jesus at 'living water' Over the six weeks leading up to Easter, see how God invites us to be part of His thirst-quenching endeavour, sharing the gift of water with those in need, both literally and figuratively."

<https://www.worldvision.org/lp/lent-living-water>

The Bible Society

"Encounter Jesus afresh this Lent, as we journey through his life and ministry. We'll start with his baptism and explore themes such as restoration, teaching the beatitudes and the power of God's word."

www.biblesociety.org.uk/explore-the-bible/the-lent-encounter-sign-up/?referrer=/explore-the-bible/the-lent-encounter/



If you have any items for prayer or news for the next newsletter please send them to office@chadbaptist.org.uk or call the church office on 8983 8996 and leave a message.



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Father, today we pray for the escalating situation on the borders of Ukraine and Russia.

We confess that in times of such rapid change and on issues of such complexity, it can be difficult to
know how to pray.

So we start with our praise and thanks to you, who remains steadfast and faithful, all-seeing and all-
knowing.

We re-orientate ourselves in you, your timescales, your ways and your purposes.

We remind ourselves of your love for this earth you formed and those you created in your image.

We struggle to see clearly through confusion and misinformation, yet recognise an age-old lust for
power, control and violence.

We pray for those already fleeing homes and livelihoods, for those who are fearful and vulnerable.

We pray for peacekeepers on the ground and those seeking to defend life and liberty.

Amid the political posturing, we pray for those involved in genuine diplomatic efforts to avert
bloodshed.

We remember how Jesus resisted being co-opted into the religious and political uprisings of competing
empires. We remember how Jesus spoke to heal the sick, calm the storm and raise the dead. We too pray
for powerful words and miraculous actions – for de-escalation, peace and justice, repentance and
restoration.

On earth as it is in heaven, and for our faithful witness until then,

Amen.

Prayer by David Smyth, Head of Northern Ireland Evangelical Alliance.

