



# WELCOME



Jesus in us, our church, our community, our world

 **16<sup>th</sup> December – Advent** 

**09:00 for 09:15** Early Service **Leader:** Hollie Gemmell & **Preacher:** Jon Stannard

**10:15 for 10:30** Service – 3:16 presentation  
**Worship leader:** Kat Iles

**3:16**

**17:45 for 18:00** Carol Service

  **Do stay for tea & coffee after all the services**  

 **23<sup>rd</sup> December - Advent** 

**10:15 for 10:30** Service  
All age service & Carols

**24<sup>th</sup> December Christingle**

**16:45 for 17:00 service & 18:15 for 18:30 service**

***Text for 2018 – Ephesians 4 23-24***

*to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

**Minister:** Rev Jon Stannard.

**Church Website:** [www.wlbc.org.uk](http://www.wlbc.org.uk)

**Church Administrator:** Julie Firminger (days off Wed/Sat & Sunday)

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## **VISITOR INFORMATION**

*A crèche room is available upstairs for parents and children under the age of 2½ where they can watch and listen to the Service. Children between the ages of 2½ and 5 can join our Sparklers group, which runs every Sunday apart from the Summer holidays. Children 5 and over can join our children's group (3.16).*

*If it is an 'All Age Service' children in 3.16 remain in the service.*

*We do NOT collect an offering by passing bags along rows, but rather invite you, if you are able, to place any offerings in the white 'offering' box situated by the refreshment hatch in the Welcome Area. The collected offerings are brought forward for a prayer of thanks to God during our times of worship.*

*An information pack is available in the Welcome Area which gives an overview of who we are and what we do.*

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY - internal only

 A reminder that the car park on Sundays, is for those who have blue  badges or who are infirm.

### Prayers at Bonchurch Park

Prayers and Litter picking will be resumed when the evenings are lighter. Thank you  
Blessings xx

#### **Monday**

- 07:00 Early morning prayers - Welcome area
- 09:00 Pastoral care meeting – Southsea
- 20:00 Worship team rehearsal – Main worship area

#### **Tuesday**

- 09:30 Home Group – Jan Champion – off site last one of 2018 – back 8<sup>th</sup>
- 10:00 Home Group – Margaret Knight
- 12:30 Prayer meeting – Glendale
- 13:30 1-2-1 tuition – Southsea
- 18:00 Girls Brigade – Whole church
- 20:00 Home Group – Sarah & Gareth Wynn
- 20:00 Home Group – Hilary & Steve Currell (Every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

#### **Wednesday**

- 09:00 Parish nurse – walk-in clinic - Office
- 09:00 Parish nurse Hub - Glendale
- 10:00 Puzzle club – Elmsleigh
- 10:00 Higher impact exercise class - Main worship area
- 11:00 Lower Impact exercise class - Main worship area
- 12:00 Christmas Party including Hollie's dance show - Main worship area**
- 19:00 Alpha - Home of Amanda & Michael Thorpe
- 20:00 Home Group – Rebekah & David Simmonds
- 20:00 Home Group – Frances & Tony's

#### **Thursday**

- 19:45 Home Group - Mary Carter
- 19:45 Prayer group – Heather & Tony Grigg
- 20:00 Home Group – Lesley & Malcolm M'Clelland
- 20:00 Home Group – Susan & Paul Moore
- 20:00 Home Group – Lorraine & Tony Simmonds
- 20:00 Home Group - Amy & Ian Noakes

#### **Friday**

- 19:00 Search Light Theatre company – Main worship area/Glendale  
(Will be in church from 5pm)

#### **Saturday**

- 09:00 Food Bank – Welcome area/kitchen
- 09:00 CHRISTMAS Creation Station - Glendale

**\*\*Well done to everyone for the Christmas Bazaar as total raised was just over £1400, big thank to you all.\*\***

**Please do check with y our home group leaders if your groups on!!**

**RESOURCE CENTRE**  
**Recommendation for Right Now Media**

**GODSPEED**

**“A contrarian’s guide to knowing God” by Larry Osborne.**

*Sometimes what we believe about the Christian life comes from a single but prominent point of view—an older Christian we look up to, a preacher, or a parent. But is there only one way of living the life of a Jesus follower?*

*The Christian life—even one centred on grace—can still feel like a long list of dos and don’ts. But what if there’s more (and less) to our faith than we typically believe? In this series based on his book *A Contrarian’s Guide to Knowing God*, pastor Larry Osborne tackles popular assumptions about Christian living that create stress and failure rather than growth and joy.*

**Please spare some time to visit the Resource Centre in the Welcome Area, you’ll find a good choice of books that can be borrowed and free leaflets as well. Also, beautiful cards that can be obtained for a donation.**

**Save the Date**

**WEST LEIGH BAPTIST “CHURCH LIFE”**

**18-30’s in 2018**

**18-30s** will meet in the Elms for lunch (straight after church) on the **1st Sunday** of each month in 2018.

 **16th December – TONIGHT** - Carol Service at 6 p.m. 

 **21<sup>st</sup> December** – A Christmas event here at the church for all over 8 years old - flyers and more details in welcome area, £4 a ticket. 

 **23rd December** - Just a 10.30 service 

 **24th December** - Christingle at 5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. 

 **25th December** - Christmas Day at 10.00 

 **30th December** - Just a 10.30 service. 

**5<sup>th</sup> January – A testimony evening with Paul Jones & Fiona Hendley**

**Saturday 12th January** - Bereavement support - 14:00 - 15:30  
Normally - Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

**27<sup>th</sup> January** – ReVive – 7pm - All welcome

**NEW WINE 2019 BOOK now and get a discount** great worship, preaching, learning, family fun, kids clubs, camping, B&B, hotels!  
**It’s in Peterborough this year so not so far!**

**\*\*Church weekend away 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> of September 2020 – keep it free!!\*\***

## WEST LEIGH BAPTIST "CHURCH LIFE"



There will be a notice sheet over the Christmas period that covers 2 weeks 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – 5<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**'The Man who gave us Christmas'**  
**performed at West Leigh Baptist on FRIDAY**  
**21st December, 7pm. By the Searchlight theatre.**

Also will include songs from Amanda Dunstall... West End singer ex Phantom of the Opera show doing wonderful Victorian songs and Christmas songs a plenty.

A real treat. Suitable for: Children aged 8 and over  
Tickets £4 each or 4 for £12  
See the church office. **A MUST SEE!**



 **LADIES CHRISTMAS DRINKS NIGHT 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** 

Ladies you are all welcome to drinks and chat at The Old Smack Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 8pm onwards. Please see **Rachel King**.

**\*\*\*\*5th January – A testimony evening \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\*with Paul Jones & Fiona Hendley \*\*\*\***

here at WLBC, 7.30pm, tickets £8 and are available from **Annette & Kevin Mayhew, 07760147055 or the church office**, all details in welcome area on flyer.

**A must see event.**

### **A BIG Thank You.**

Many thanks to Jon and the Church for allowing me to auction my 'Painting by Numbers' picture. Due to your great generosity I have been able to send a cheque for £200 to Epilepsy Research UK.

Once again 'Thank You'.

**Elizabeth Thompson**

### **BMS Birthdays – December**

The BMS birthdays for December are as follows: -

, **Susan Moore – 16<sup>th</sup>, Rowena Docherty – 19<sup>th</sup>**

If you would like to find out more about how you can share your birthday by supporting the BMS 'Share a Smile' scheme, please take a leaflet or contact

**Carole Tinning 713787**

## WEST LEIGH BAPTIST “CHURCH LIFE” continued...

### Christmas.

If you know of anyone, or you yourself will be on your own over Christmas, please speak to Jon. And if you are willing to host someone on Christmas Day or at some point over the Christmas holiday then again, let Jon know. There are some who do like the solace of a less busy time, but we would want to ensure that those that would like company do get the opportunity.

-  Also over the Christmas period if you need to borrow a table or any chairs etc from the church, please contact the church office, who have a list, your name and details will be added along with whatever you borrow, with a return date. We do have groups still going on throughout the holiday seasons.

 Many thanks.



-  The **post box** is out and ready to receive your Christmas cards. Please do label with full name. These need to be in the box by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec**, and all will be out from **20<sup>th</sup>** for collection.
-  There is also the **shared Christmas card** to sign and give a donation towards the Church building fund, if you would rather do this then send cards.

**Storage is very limited in the church. If you have an allocated storage area, please keep it tidy and contained only to the designated area. If you need a space please ask the site management team, do not just dump items – Health and safety rules apply. – Also the Reception office is not a dumping ground, and needs to be kept tidy and clear. Thank you. xx**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

***Debbie Timotheou who is poorly at the moment, after suffering from a Stroke.***  
**Nicola Rooke** who is back in hospital.  
**Reg Luhman** after his back surgery.  
**Alan Dowsett** who has broken his hip.

**Dorothy Collins and family as baby Ellis had surgery the other week.**

**Malcolm Cozens.** pray for him, and **Margaret** at this time please.  
Pray too for **Heather Tabor** who has had more treatment.

**Lindsay Crew and Faye** after surgery and for further treatment going forward.

**Frances Davis, Dot Beers, Simon & Isabella Rooke,  
Robyn Hatcher's father, Valerie Peters, Tony and Heather Grigg  
Pam and Les Dalwood, Sheila Murphy, Gracie & Eathan Baldwin, Joan Cooper,  
Lyn & Sarah Boreham, Amanda Thorpe, Sue Bacon,  
Monica (Margaret Knight's sister). Jan & Jed Champion.  
Rowena Docherty, Anita & Neil Docherty, Kezia M'Clelland.**

**\*\*\* New Life Wood is open for business! \*\*\***

In need of some firewood, logs or kindling for those cold winter months ahead? Then come on down to **New Life Wood at Wat Tyler Park, Pitsea, SS16 4UH** as we are **now open for business, Praise God!** We have various off-cuts of wood and wooden pallets for those home DIY projects too, and we will also be making beautiful hand crafted wooden products and furniture a little further down the line. So why not pop along to say hi and come and have a look at what's on offer. If you need a specific item give **Peter Hall** a call on **07904 150180** or **01268 211568** before you visit to confirm availability and prices before travelling. Do also keep an eye on our Facebook page (NewLifeWoodEssex) and website ([newlifewood.org.uk](http://newlifewood.org.uk)) for more details and products as they are added. Current opening hours are Mon – Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm and Saturday morning coming soon (hours tbc). If you are interested in helping out as a volunteer (4 hrs per week, a variety of roles) then chat to Peter or Steve Currell.

**WEST LEIGH BAPTIST “CHILDREN & YOUTH”**

**\*\*\*Extreme Fridays 19:30 – 21:30 – main worship area \*\*\***

Extreme is our Friday night group for senior school aged children. It runs each week and has a group of leaders who oversee each session. If interested in helping or joining, please speak to either

**Stuart Campbell, Catie Back or Alice Ballew.**

**\*\*\*\*3.16\*\*\*\***

**3.16** is the name given to the groups that run on a Sunday for our children and young people (School age). If you are able to help on a Sunday occasionally let us know.

**On Tuesday nights we also have Girls Brigade & Boys Brigade** - see notice board for further details Thank you!

**Youth & Family Task Group**

Catie Back, Stuart Campbell, Emma Chamberlain, Neil Clark,  
Helen Gauntlett , Matt Napper, [stuartcampbell187@hotmail.com](mailto:stuartcampbell187@hotmail.com)

**2019 Bible Reading Notes**

I collect and deliver Bible Reading notes to those who prefer to receive them this way. If you would like me to do this for you, please contact me. The choice of reading notes is yours (as long as they are available from the Christian Bookshop).

If you wish to change your current order please let me know **ASAP**.

**Brenda Golding** [brendagolding@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:brendagolding@hotmail.co.uk)



**True boldness for Christ transcends all, it is indifference to the displeasure of either friends or foes. Boldness enables Christians to forsake all rather than Christ, and to prefer to offend all rather than to offend Him.**

**Jonathan Edwards**

**Church members duties:- Please support in prayer.**  
**Peter Blackhurst – Benfleet Baptist church this evening (16<sup>th</sup>)**

**Cornerstone will be closing at 1pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and will reopen on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. – PLEASE NOTE!**

A new group will be starting on **Wednesday 6th February** called **Additional Blessings**. This is open to any parent/carer who has a child or adult with additional or special needs. See flyer and poster for more details contact **Lisa Davies-Brown or Leigh Keeble.**

### **The Wider Church**

#### **IRAQI KURDISTAN**

Biblica staff and local volunteers are distributing 71,000 calendars (50,000 in Arabic for Baghdad & the north; 21,000 in Kurdish). In addition Sorani Kurdish calendars are being given to government officials and offices. May they go out in good time, and may scripture quotes cause people to question what they believe and seek the Good News of Jesus Christ.(SIM)

#### **Weekly Prayer Focus: 16th December 2018** **Norton Baptist Church**

Norton village is seven miles east of Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk and includes the hamlet of Norton Little Green. There are three churches, a pub, a shop, a petrol station and a garage, and the fact that all survive in such a small place says something about the community. The village is in a beautiful setting, surrounded by woods and meadows.

Worship continues at Norton Baptist Church in challenging times, following a bereavement and a significant long-term illness affecting the leadership. Previous activities have included carpet bowls, which would be open to anyone in the village, and soup lunches in support of mission. The church also occasionally joins the Salvation Army next door for special services.

The church would love to be able to continue offering these activities, but fresh input is needed.

#### **Prayer focus**

\* Please pray for the handful of people who gather in Jesus' name, that they may know his presence and the enveloping love of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for others to feel led to the fellowship, so that there might once more be a season of growth.

**Southend Bach Choir** is pleased to present a traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in the presence of Bishop Stephen, the Bishop of Chelmsford at St Mary's Church Prittlewell on the **22<sup>nd</sup> December 2018** at 7.00 pm. In Aid of HARP – free parking at Roots hall stadium –payment is donations based.

**30<sup>th</sup> March – Women to women conference 2019 London – tickets on line**  
on Saturday 30th March 2019 at Methodist Central Hall Westminster from 10am to 9pm. <https://www.womantowoman.events/>  
**\*\*\*Let's try and get a large group of ladies going \*\*\***

# WEST LEIGH BAPTIST CHURCH "SUPPORT SERVICES"

## Notices

Please send Notices/information to [julie.firminger@wlbc.org.uk](mailto:julie.firminger@wlbc.org.uk) by **Wednesday late pm**  
– many thanks.

## Parish Nurse

**Lorraine Lawrence** can be contacted on:

Mobile: 07539 880357 Email [parishnurse@wlbc.org.uk](mailto:parishnurse@wlbc.org.uk)

**Family worker** – Emma Chamberlain E-mail [emma.chamberlain@wlbc.org.uk](mailto:emma.chamberlain@wlbc.org.uk)

## Finance

Please contact **Bob Hadwen** at [finance@wlbc.org.uk](mailto:finance@wlbc.org.uk) regarding any finance/invoices (in the office on Monday), and for any confidential giving/gift aid please contact Gill on [jessgillford@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:jessgillford@blueyonder.co.uk)

## Prayers

If you have a prayer request, please contact

**David Smith** on 01702 472484 or email [mitac37@yahoo.com](mailto:mitac37@yahoo.com)

## Sermons Online – soon to be available

## Information

If you need any information regarding the services the Church provides please contact **Julie Firminger** on 01702 472100 or [julie.firminger@wlbc.org.uk](mailto:julie.firminger@wlbc.org.uk)

## Room Hiring/Bookings – Lynda LeCorgne

For all room bookings please e-mail [Bookingenquiries@wlbc.org.uk](mailto:Bookingenquiries@wlbc.org.uk)

## OFFICE AND SITE MESSAGE BOOK

There is now a black message book outside the church office, for all to add any messages to on Sundays, or when Lynda and Julie are not available.

## Facebook page details:

For details of ladies events <https://www.facebook.com/WLBCLadies/> and the church facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=west%20leigh%20baptist%20church>

**\*\*\*As a reminder** – If you would like to use a room in the church for any reason (key holders too), please book through the church office. We need to know who is in the building for many different reasons, but mainly site management and child protection.\*\*\*

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*If you have any questions just ask **Julie Firminger***