

Barnt Green Baptist Church



December 13th 2020



This Week

- ◆ Steve will be leading worship and Pete will be preaching, once again LIVE on Facebook at 10:30 on Sunday. A slide will be visible from 10.20 to give us all some "set up time" for a prompt start at 10.30
- ◆ Church Chat and Catch up on will follow immediately at the end of the Service via Zoom.
- ◆ The podcast will then be available from early Sunday afternoon
- ◆ Open Church Meeting on Zoom Thursday 17th December 7.30pm - Details to follow

Find us on <https://www.bgb.org.uk/> and



Christmas Services

Sunday 20th December - 6pm Christmas Candlelit Reflection
at Church (booking essential)

Thursday 24th Dec- 7pm - Christmas Eve Reflection and Com-
munion at Church (booking essential)

Friday 25th Dec 10am Online Christmas Day Extravaganza—via
Zoom—again register on website

Sunday 27th December — Podcast—Details to follow

Services in the church building on 20th and 27th December will
be limited to 30 people at each service, please be aware we are
keeping the rooms well ventilated so make sure you come
dressed for an “outdoor” service.

How do I book ?

Go to the website  Christmas Services  Bookings and fol-
low the instructions

If you don't use the website ring me on 07500 999 622 and I
will make your booking for you

STARS OF HOPE



This is for all in the church and anyone in the community so let's spread some light and hope around.

There's a display board set up in the church car park waiting to be filled with red ribbon. You don't have to take any ribbon along yourself, there are bags for you already there which have the ribbon in them and two Stars of Hope.

It would be great for everyone to pay a visit to the board and write onto the stars what is the hope that sustains them through these tough times. One star is for home and one for church – posted in the box that's there.

Church chat and catch up

Online with Zoom

After the LIVE service finishes around 11:20

Pop in for a chat you never know who might be there, for the full session or just for 5 minutes before lunch.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87205569890?>

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Meeting ID: 872 0556 9890

Password: 307244



This week the Service will be Broadcast at 10.30am via Facebook live again

- **Go to Facebook**
- **In search type in “Barnt Green Baptist Church”**
- **You should then see a live window which you can select from 10.20 , if not go to Video and find it there**

If you don't do Facebook

The podcast will be available in video and audio from early afternoon in the same way as we have been accessing it over lockdown from the Church Website under Sermons.

The Jolly Christmas Post(woman)

For any of you who would like to send Christmas cards to members of our church family but are struggling for addresses, or access to stamps or the cards themselves, or are unable to go and post them due to shielding, fear not!

I am happy to come and collect your Christmas cards from you and push them through people's doors. Some people may choose not to send them this year, to donate to a charity instead, but I love getting post and I feel like a word of encouragement is needed this Christmas more than ever.

Drop me a phone call (0121 445 0070)

or email (Hannah.jef@hotmail.com) if I can help.

Hannah (J)





toilet twinning

Our Church young people did some toilet twinning fundraising earlier this year and we have some pictures due to go up in our newly refurbished toilets to show who we are twinned with.

This might seem like a quirky Christmas gift but a Toilet Twin or a Tap Twin really does make a difference.

A toilet completely transforms life for a family in poverty. It means adults are no longer sick – and can work their land and earn a living. It means children are no longer sick and can go to school and get an education. Thank you so much for your amazing support for our vital work. And if you're looking for inspiration for Christmas gifts this year, maybe someone in your family doesn't yet have their own toilet twinned?

Go to

<https://www.toilettwinning.org/twin-today/>

To find out more about this

If you hoping to order anything they are suggesting December 16th is the latest order date if you want it there for Christmas

What to expect when you come to church

- * Please come into the building with a mask on
- * Please use the contact tracing app on your phone (if you have one) to scan the QR at the front door or in the foyer
- * Wash or sanitise hands on the way into church—if you prefer your own sanitiser that's fine, but we have plenty
- * Chairs will be laid out in singles, pairs, threes and fours, if you can sit down without moving them great!

BUT

- * If you need to move a chair, that's fine too, just please remember to keep your distance
- * The room will be very well-ventilated
- * Service will start at 10:30 and will include prayer, worship and sermon but will probably be shorter at 40 mins
- * Sadly we can't sing yet
- * The disabled toilet is not in use to reduce cleaning, but if you need the facilities just ask

COVID SAFE - Frequently Asked Questions

How will I know the building is clean?

All groups which use the building have to complete a thorough cleaning schedule, and OCD cleaners will be cleaning on Saturday before we use the church on Sundays. Cleaning schedules will be displayed in foyer. There are 5 hand sanitiser stations, and up to 5 hand washing sinks available.

Is there enough room for everyone to be safe?

At present we can only allow 30 people to attend, 36 seats have been set out in the picture below, with more than the Government recommended distancing in the main hall, **YOU DO NEED TO BOOK A SEAT.**

Will the temperature of the building be low?

In order to provide good ventilation we will look to have some windows and doors open during the service, we will not try to freeze everyone, but it is sensible to come with layers of clothing and treat it as an outdoor event.

What is permitted at the end of the service?

Indoors we will need to retain our masks and outdoors we will need to maintain social distancing.

The end of the service will also have to be followed by a clean so we will need to close the doors by 11:30 in order to do this effectively, **BUT this does not prevent rule of 6 socialising on the car park or parish field or walking home .**

