



EBC GRAPEVINE

Welcome to the December issue of “Grapevine”
Our way of letting you know what is going on each month.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given
and he shall be called
Wonderful Counsellor,
Prince of Peace,
Mighty God.

Isaiah 9:6

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

- 5th Spectrum All-Age Worship
- 12th Morning Worship with communion
- 19th Morning Worship with dedication
Carol Service at 5pm and 7pm
- 24th Christingle Service at 4pm
- 25th Christmas Day Praise at 10.30am

PRAYER TEXT SERVICE

Do you or someone you know need prayer?

We can pray for you in confidence.

Just text 07775 578449

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Christmas Services



Sunday 19th December Carol Service with Choir and Orchestra

There will be two services this year. One at 5.00pm which will be more child friendly and one at 7.00pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served following the 7.00pm service.

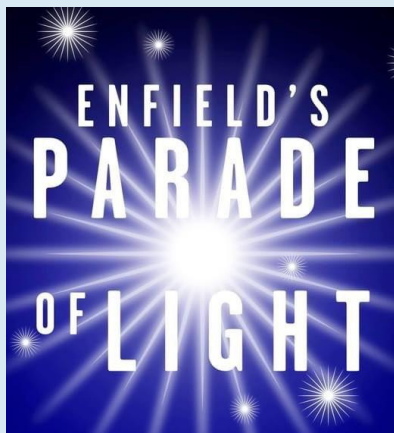
Friday 24th December Christingle Service.

A candlelit service at 4.00pm for all ages.

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day Praise.

An all-age service at 10.30am. Mandy is already looking forward to the children bringing their gifts.

There will be no Boxing Day service



The Parade of lights is back on this year! We have been asked to lead it again so please join the fun. Meet at 3.30pm at the car park opposite the Civic Centre dressed as a shepherd or an angel, don't forget your lights. We are famous for our costumes!

After the parade we have been asked to lead the carol singing outside Nandos at 5.00pm with the Enfield Community Band.

So, lots to join in with the community – walk with the parade and/or sing carols.

Fireworks are at 5.45pm and then back to the church for pizzas for all those who have joined in the walk or carol singing!

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE CHOIR

Whether you are a soprano, a tenor or can just about sing in tune and would like to be a part of this years Carol Service choir then please contact Pete Desmond:

pete.desmond@me.com.

Rehearsals will be on Sundays 5th and 12th December between 6pm and 8pm.



DECEMBER

PRAYER FOCUS

This month where the effects of Winter begin to be felt, we find ourselves already in the Season of Advent; a period of preparation for the wonderful birth of Jesus. As we pray, let us focus on the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy to guide us.

LET US PRAY

- That our celebrations of Christmas reflect its true meaning above all the glitz and busyness that it also brings
- For the volunteers of APAP and other charities who endeavour to find shelter and food for the homeless
- That ways are found to reduce the Covid cases in the parts of the UK where they are beginning to rise again
- For those who find this time of year particularly difficult, suffering from bereavement, loneliness or depression
- Those persecuted or imprisoned for their faith who are unable to openly celebrate the birth of Jesus
- For all the activities and celebrations that we take part in at EBC and the wider community
- For Mandy, the Leadership team, all who work at EBC to make the love of Jesus known through the year

SUNDAY MORNINGS

AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to serve refreshments after church on a Sunday, this has been enjoyed by many. However, for this to run effectively more help is needed. Each week is hosted by a Cell Group so please do help if you are able. If you are able to set up a group of four people to host a Sunday, then please email Anne Drew: drew227@btinternet.com.

CAR PARK

Please note that there are no longer Car Park Wardens on a Sunday morning. Spaces are provisionally for those who have a specific need, should you wish to apply for a car park permit please email: admin@enfieldbaptistchurch.org.uk. Priority will be given to those displaying a permit. After 10.15am if spaces are available and you wish to use the car park, please ensure you park safely and leave by 1pm.

FACEMASKS

Due to the change in COVID guidelines we ask that you wear your facemask while in communal areas of the church. We will continue to follow guidance from the government and the Baptist Union.

SHOE BOXES 2021

Thank you so much to all those who donated to the Teams4U shoebox appeal.

77 boxes were collected and have now started their journey!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 16 January: We are hosting the LEP Service for the week of prayer for Christian unity. The service has been prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches.

Monday 31 January: Church Meeting at 8pm, if restrictions allow this will be in person!