



Queen's Road Baptist Church



Wishing you Peace and Joy this Christmas

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God's Blessings for 2023

Christmas Services

Sunday 18th December

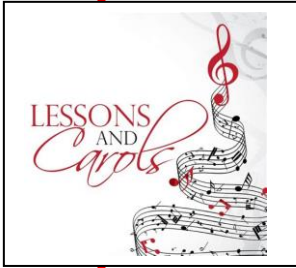
10.30 a.m.

All Age Nativity



7.00p.m.**

Carol Service



Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

10.30

All Age Service

(Not available online)



Sunday 1st January 2023

10.30

All Age Service

Online pre recorded ONLY

No service in the Chapel



Dear Friends

We hope that you are keeping healthy and warm during these very chilly few days.

Once again, apologies that we are running a little late with the recording and distribution this month. With Robert on Sabbatical now and Don spending many extra hours at QR with the electricians and supporting those installing new heating parts, time has raced away for all of us. However, we hope that you will find the shorter Reflective service and the content of the booklet helpful.

As ever Ian Macnair has provided us with a very helpful and challenging talk, and we are very grateful for his faithful ministry to us in this way.

All of this comes with our prayers and very best wishes for a Joyful Christmas and Peaceful and Happy and Healthy New Year from everyone at QRBC.



Church Family News

Deaths

It was with great sadness that, shortly after the last Reflective Service was printed, we learnt of the passing of two of our longstanding members.



Audrey Gibson was our oldest member, having celebrated her 100th birthday in January 2022.

Audrey, together with her husband Peter, and two children Margaret (Dunwoody) and Richard, moved to Queen's Road in 1960. Audrey served our fellowship in many ways over the years. She led the over 60's group, was a member of the choir, shared pastoral visiting and in providing hospitality, a gift appreciated by many in the fellowship.

Beyond our own Church Audrey volunteered at the Lighthouse, St Andrew's Home, SHARE and the Parkinsons Society, amongst others.

Central to all she did were two things: her family of whom she was so proud, and enjoyed spending time with, and her faith in Jesus and a desire to share that with others. Together with Peter she had worked with the Gideons in distributing Scriptures in schools, hotels, and workplaces around Coventry. Audrey was not one to let an opportunity to speak to others about her Lord pass by, and who knows how many have been won for the Kingdom through her words and actions. We give thanks to God for a life well lived in His service.

Peter Button

Perhaps the words which best summed up Peter, as we knew him at Queen's Road, was as a quiet 'gentle-man' who preferred the background to the limelight. Always friendly, and with a twinkle in his eye, Peter was a faithful member of the QRBC family for much of his adult life.

Peter was born in Nuneaton in 1936, served his National Service in the RAF and worked at the Dunlop for many years as a personnel officer.

In retirement Peter volunteered as a receptionist, often on a Foodbank morning, making cups of tea and giving a reassuring welcome to the visitors. He preferred the supportive role, using his practical skills to make structures for the wonderful flower displays that Celia and her team produced for many special Church occasions. He loved his gardening, a special interest which he shared with Celia, and delighted in passing on to others.

As we give thanks for Peter's life, please continue to pray for Celia and their son Stuart.



New Members:

Pete and Pam Edwards:

Pete and Pam have been worshipping with us since the summer (and on line before that). They join us by transfer from Rising Brook Baptist Church in Stafford, where they had been members for many years and had served that Church in a variety of different leadership roles.



Pam is a talented musician, and you may have already seen her at the keyboard at Pastoral Care Communion or occasionally accompanying the worship band on a Sunday.

Pete is a linguist, a retired teacher, who has used his gifts in volunteering with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

We welcome them to our fellowship. (Incidentally they are Liz Martin's parents and Pam finds herself at the end of Neil's mother in law jokes!!)

Olalade and Mosun Olaniyi



Mosun, together with their 3 daughters, has been worshipping with us every week since March, originally on line and since May in person. Olalade joined them in July. They come to us on Profession of their Faith in Jesus, and come with the

commendation of the Baptist Church where they worshipped and served in Lagos, Nigeria.

Mosun and Olalade are already involved in our Church family life, especially through their musical gifts with Mosun singing with the worship band and Olalade playing keyboard.

It's great to welcome the whole family with their desire to serve with and through the Church at QR.

Congratulations to our minister Neil Martin who recently completed his period as a Newly Accredited Minister (NAM) which was recognised at a recent celebration with the Regional Ministry team.



Some Dates for Your Diary 2023

Church Meeting

On Sunday January 29th 2023 we will be holding our bi-monthly Church Meeting following our morning worship (and coffee!). It is planned that during the year we will have three meetings on a Sunday (January, March and December) and three on a Tuesday evening (May, July, September). Come, if you are able, and help this to be not simply a business and notice giving meeting, but an opportunity to seek God's plans as we move forward with Him.



Monthly Coffee Morning

After a successful coffee morning in December these will continue on the first Thursday of the month from February. Do come along to meet with others, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and have a chat.

There will be no **Senior Fellowship** in January but they will resume on the 2nd February when Neil Martin will be the speaker.



Arty Crafters will continue to meet as usual on the second Thursday of the month. Please let Coral know if you plan to attend on the 12th January or 9th February (10.00 -12.00). New members are always welcome.

NAME THOSE CAROLS.....



Find 12 carols from a line from each....bet you can't do it without humming or singing!!

- In Bethlehem in Jewry
- The silent stars go by
- Mary and Joseph in stable bare
- And He is in the manger now
- Who is God and Lord of all
- Say ye holy shepherds say
- The heavenly babe you there shall find
- No crib for a bed

- Star of the East the horizon adorning
- Wise men Christ adoring
- Seek the great desire of nations

- Light and Life to all He brings



Order for December/January Reflective Service:

1. Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring (Piano version)
2. Welcome
3. Readings from Isaiah Judith Brazier
4. Carol: Love Came Down at Christmas
5. Reading Luke Ch1 v5-22 Jenny Young
6. Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful
7. Talk 'Spot the Unbeliever!' Rev. Ian Macnair
8. Prayers Margaret Newby
9. Carol: Once in Royal David's City
10. Closing Prayers
11. Carol: Joy to the World
12. Organ: Short Prelude & Fuge in G minor by J S Bach

(Due to Robert's sabbatical the music for this Reflective service has been taken from previous recordings. Our thanks go to all the musicians involved)

Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, love divine;
Worship we our Jesus
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine;
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

(Christina Rossetti)



O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem

Come and behold Him

Born the King of Angels

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light

Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb

Very God

Begotten, not created

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God

Glory in the highest

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

O come, let us adore Him

Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born that happy morning

Jesus to Thee be Glory Given

Word of the Father

Now in flesh appearing

O Come let us adore Him



Once in Royal David's city

Stood lowly cattle shed.

Where a mother laid her baby

In a manger for His bed.

Mary was that mother mild,

Jesus Christ that little child.

He came down to earth from Heaven,

Who is God and Lord of all.

And his shelter was a stable,

And his cradle was a stall.

With the poor and mean and lowly,

Lived on earth our Saviour Holy.

Not in that poor, lowly stable,

With the oxen standing by,

We shall see Him; but in Heaven,

Set at God's right hand on high,

When, like stars, His children crowned

All in white, shall wait around



Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the Earth, the Saviour reigns!
Their sweetest songs employ;
While fields and streams, and hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders, of His love



While Shepherds Watched: (Why it wouldn't happen today)

The 'Union of Shepherds' has complained that it breaches health and safety regulations to insist that shepherds watch their flocks without appropriate seating arrangements being provided, therefore benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs are now available. Shepherds have also requested that due to the inclement weather conditions at this time of year that they should watch their flocks via CCTV cameras from centrally heated observation huts.

Please note** The Angel of the Lord is reminded that before shining his/her glory all around she/he must ascertain that all shepherds have been issued with glasses capable of filtering out the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and GLORY!!!



Answers to Name Those Carols:

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen; O Little Town of Bethlehem; Silent Night;
Good Christian Men Rejoice; Once in Royal David's City; See Amid the Winter
Snow; While Shepherd's watched; Away in a manger; Brightest and Best;
O Come All Ye Faithful; Angels from the Realms of Glory; Hark the Herald....



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