



# QUEENS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works" Hebrews 10:24  
(ESV-UK)

## Christmas Appeal

Each year it is our practice to have a Christmas Appeal for causes beyond our fellowship. This is the offering made on Christmas Day plus other gifts specifically for the Christmas Appeal. Gifts are split equally between the causes unless the giver specifies otherwise. This year's recipients are:-

### 1. Hurdle by Dudley Lodge, Coventry.

This is a project initiated by Dudley Lodge, to address the widespread issue of parents losing multiple children to the care system by focusing on prevention work. Hurdle works with mothers and fathers in Coventry and the surrounding areas who are at risk of, or who have already suffered, the removal of one or more children from their care.

<https://hurdle.org.uk/about-us/>

### 2. EBF's Ukraine appeal

The European Baptist Federation is an association of Baptist Churches across Europe. Since the beginning of the invasion in Ukraine, EBF have held regular (now monthly) prayer meetings, calling European Baptists to pray together for Ukraine and other crises in our region. EBF's Ukraine appeal supports churches in Ukraine and the surrounding nations. Your donations will help to purchase food, hygiene items, medicine, generators, gasoline, blankets, pillows, and necessary items for the IDPs to survive the second winter of this war. These donations will help continue to run shelters and

housing accommodation in many Baptist churches in the region as the war continues and people cannot return to their homes.

<https://www.ebf.org/give-and-pray>

### 3. BMS 'Safe Haven' appeal

After fleeing places like Afghanistan, Sudan or Palestine many families find themselves living in a tent in a transit camp on the Island of Lesbos in Greece, often arriving having lost everything and with only the clothes they are wearing, exhausted and traumatised. At the BMS supported centre outside the camp up to 200 women and children are welcomed each day. Here they can be given clothes, can use the laundry each week, relax for a short time be given food and hygiene items and hear about Jesus. There is a special appeal video just 2 minutes long and more information at [www.bmsworldmission.org/safehaven](http://www.bmsworldmission.org/safehaven)

### Details how to give online: -

You can donate online to QRBC church bank account but must reference it as for the Christmas Appeal. It is essential to email [admin@qrbc.co.uk](mailto:admin@qrbc.co.uk) if you want the gift to be distributed other than equally between the three causes. Or you can donate direct to the charity. Gift Aid can only be arranged if you donate directly to the charities. (See overleaf for details)

17th December 2023

10am Prayer Meeting

10.30am Service

6.30pm Carol Service followed by mince pies.

The Chapel has a hearing loop system – you can access it by sitting centrally downstairs.

News sheets and Songs/Hymns are available in LARGE print – please speak to a steward

Prayer ministry is available in the chapel following the service.

Coffee etc will be served after each service. Please feel welcome to stay and chat.

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NEXT SUNDAY:

24th December 2023

10am Prayer Meeting

10.30am : Worship in the Chapel and online

## Information Online

The service each Sunday is streamed on Facebook Live and YouTube. (The link can be found on the 'Plan a visit' page of our website [www.qrbc.co.uk](http://www.qrbc.co.uk)) On the homepage of the website there are also easy to follow links pages about key activities including a link to the News page which gives the latest information. There is also a calendar for checking dates and times of activities.

Find us on Facebook by searching for "Queens Road Baptist Church"

## Prayer Focus

This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1John 4 v10

<b>Personal Focus:</b> Pray for all who feel sad or lonely as Christmas approaches.	<b>Coventry Focus:</b> Pray for safety for all who travel to visit friends or family this week.
<b>QRBC:</b> Pray for all who come into the building this week may they feel cared for.	<b>International:</b> Continue to pray for those men, women and children who live in dangerous places worldwide.

### Wednesday Fellowship

There will be no Wednesday Fellowship meeting in January. The next meeting will be 7th February in the Lounge when Neil will be our speaker.  
Alan Betteridge (024) 7641 9206

### Christmas Appeal 2023

As in previous years there are a number of options available to make a donation.

*Please note if you are a tax payer and want gift aid to be claimed on your donation then you **must** send your donation direct to the charity/ies. QRBC cannot claim gift aid on charitable donations to external charities.*

Donations will be split equally between the 3 charities unless otherwise specified on the envelope or email Helen with instructions on split of donation.

**Brown Envelopes marked Christmas Collection** will be available from a steward on Sundays 17th and 24th December, and on Christmas Day. Please return them as soon as you are able with your donation and any instructions i.e. if you want to specify which charity your gift should go to.

**Cheques** payable to Queens Road Baptist Church. Again, donation will be split unless otherwise specified.

**Bank Transfer** to QRBC Bank account. Reference : "Christmas" and again, donation will be split unless otherwise specified.

- CAF Bank
- Account Name: Queens Road Baptist Church
- Sort Code: 40 52 40
- Account Number: 00019973

### Christmas Dates

- Sunday 24th December 10.30am
- Monday 25th December 10.30am (not online)
- Sunday 31st December—Online recorded service—no service from the Chapel.

The Church Office will be closed 26th December and reopen 3rd January 2024.

There will be no newssheet produced 31st December. Items for 7th January to be with Helen for 3rd January.

### Coventry Open Christmas

Coventry Open Christmas will be on the premises from 22nd December until 29th December and open to receive guests from 2pm on Christmas Eve until 10am 29th December.

Donations can be accepted from 22nd December (food, Christmas food, crackers, plastic cutlery etc)

*Clothing—please note Coventry Open Christmas do not have the capacity to take any more clothes donations neither does Foodbank at QR.*

Please pray for the organisers as they reach the final preparations to receive guests looking for warmth, food and fellowship

### Christmas Cards

The pigeon holes in the Chapel Vestibule are available all year round to leave addressed items for church members. As Christmas approaches please do remember to check these pigeon holes for cards that have been put there for you. Thank you.

NEWS SHEET – Dates for submissions Wednesday to admin@qrbc.co.uk or leave in box in Reception. Please note the News sheet articles may be published on the website so please do not ask for anything in the Newsheet you would not wish to be published in this way.

PRAYER CHAIN It is important that prayer requests by email are sent to: prayerchain@qrbc.co.uk . Requests can also be received by telephone 024 7652 0621. Requests by phone may take longer to circulate.