

**BRADMORE
METHODIST CHURCH
@ THE LABYRINTH**



Dec 2018-Feb 2019



Great blessings belong to those who are persecuted for their faithfulness, for God's kingdom is theirs. We remember people in all countries who are attacked for their beliefs, and pray that we may grow in understanding and tolerance.

(Matthew ch.5 v.10)

Have a great Christmas

No message, no encouragement, no challenge, no words of wisdom (not that you get any from me!). All I want to do is wish you, the person reading this, a great Christmas.

As a Christian, I celebrate the birth of Jesus, who I believe is God coming here on earth, because he gives a damn about his world. Maybe you believe that, if so have a great Christmas and don't forget Jesus in the busy festivities.

If you don't believe that, that's cool, still have a great Christmas. Enjoy time with family and friends, and be kind to yourself. Life on this earth is too short.

If you are on top of the world, I hope this Christmas will continue that joy.

If you've had a rubbish year for whatever reason, I hope this will be a Christmas that lifts your spirits.

If you are missing a loved one for the first time (or longer), I hope your Christmas will be special and still bless you despite the sense of loss.

If you are ill, or know someone who is not well, I hope there will be some healing this Christmas.

If you are lonely, I hope you find some company.

Have a great Christmas folks.

Simon

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

This quarter takes us right through Christmas Festivities to the beginning of Lent and pancakes. Christmas starts off with carol singing round the village with the Salvation Army Band on 13 December – thanks to Jackie Oldham for organising this, and to Pam Garner for the refreshments afterwards. Closely followed by our Carol Service, Christingle and Christmas Day. See the next page for details.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Our year starts with a Covenant Service to renew our promises to the Lord. New Year's resolutions get an extra energy-boost at this service; all are welcome.

On February 16th we will be visited by the popular Rainbows Quiz team and exercise our memories over the Quingo (Quiz/Bingo) questions. Last year we raised over £600 for the Rainbows Hospice in Loughborough, and we need your help to raise even more – watch out for detailed information through your door in early February, and book your place.

Pancake Day is 5th March, so we are a wee bit early celebrating Pancake Praise on Saturday 2nd March – games, crafts, tossing, all things Pancake, and a song and a prayer, for children, young adults and their families. A free, 'Family Fun' event

Bradmore Church calendar

December

- Saturday 1st 9:45 Prayer fellowship (requests to John Randall).
10:30 Coffee, Chat & (optional) Crafts.
- Sunday 2nd 10:30 Advent service at St Mary's Bunny.
- Sunday 9th 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Peter Curtis.
4pm Christingle service at St Mary's Bunny.
- Thursday 13th 7:15pm Village carols with Salvation Army.
- Saturday 15th 8:30am Prayer fellowship.
9:30-11.00 Toddler Group
- Sunday 16th 10:15 Carol Service led by Rev Simon Rose & Music Group
– all welcome.
- Sunday 23rd 10:15 Christingle service led by Andy Proffitt – all welcome.
4pm Carol service at St Mary's Bunny
- Tuesday 25th 10:15 Christmas Day celebration (short) family service**
- Sunday 30th 10:15 United Service at Keyworth Methodist Church,
led by Rev Simon Rose

January 2019

- Saturday 5th 9:45 Prayer fellowship. 10:30 Coffee, Chat & (optional) Crafts.
- Sunday 6th 10:30 Family worship at St Mary's Bunny
- Sunday 13th 10:15 Covenant Service led by Rev Simon Rose.
10:15 Sunday School
- Saturday 19th 8:30am Prayer fellowship. 9:30-11.00 Toddler Group.
- Sunday 20th 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Ian Collinson.
- Sunday 27th 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Rev Roger Hoath

February

- Saturday 2nd 9:45 Prayer Fellowship. 10:30 Coffee, Chat & (optional) Crafts.
- Sunday 3th 10:30 Family Worship at St Mary's, Bunny.
- Sunday 10th 10:15 Worship & Holy Communion, led by Rev Simon Rose.
10:15 Sunday School.
- Saturday 16th 8:30am Prayer Fellowship. 9:30-11:00 Toddler Group
2-3:30pm Pancake Praise
- Sunday 17th 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Martin Blyth.
- Sunday 24th 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by
Douglas Kerr.