

Keeping you ...

In Touch

... with Wem Baptist Church

Sunday 16th December 2018

Morning Service, 10.00am

Welcome to our morning worship time.
Pastor Colin will be preaching on 1 Corinthians 12
vs 12–31, 'My place in the body'

Junior Church and Crèche

will be available during the sermon.
Refreshments are served after the service.

Baptismal Service, 4.30pm

Pastor Colin will conduct our service during which
Annabel Booth, Isobel Haines-Eynon and Anna Morris
will be baptised

Sunday 23rd December 2018

Morning Service 10.00am

Pastor Colin will be preaching from Matthew 2,
'Wise men's gifts'

Carol Service, 4.30pm

Pastor Colin will be preaching from Luke 2:8–21
about the shepherds

Mince Pies

Please leave your donations of mince pies for next
week's carol service in the kitchen. Many thanks.

Double Issue of In Touch

Next week's In Touch will cover the two weeks over
Christmas and the New Year. Please think ahead and
send in your notices/news by 12 noon on Thursday
20th December, after which the next deadline will be
Thursday 3rd January 2019. Let us know please when
your regular activities will restart.

The week ahead:

Monday 17th

9.30am

Ladies' Bible study group
Baobab House, off Noble Street, Wem

Tuesday 18th

10.00am

Edward's life group meets:
56 Fothergill Way, Wem

7.00 – 8.30pm

Refresh: a Bible study and prayer group for
young people aged 11–18 years.

Wednesday 19th

9.00 – 11.00am

Tiddlywinks: a group for parents/carers
with pre-school children.

Thursday 20th

10.00 – 12 noon

Coffee morning: good-value coffee, tea,
scones and cakes served in the church hall.

6.00 – 7.30pm

kidZown: a club for children in school years
Reception–6.

Friday 21st

Saturday 22nd

8.00 – 9.00am

Prayer meeting and breakfast: we meet
weekly to pray for our community and the
wider world. Open to all.

**We meet together this week for our
whole-church Bible study and prayer meeting
Tuesday 18th December, 7.30pm
with refreshments from 7.15pm**

If you know of any practical needs in the fellowship please speak to Anne Townsend: 01939 233141, or Sarah Lord: 01939 236635.

Our services go out live on the internet: the camera points towards the lectern; faces are not seen when looking forward. Please speak to the service coordinator if you require a seat not included on the screen. To watch live or recorded services visit our website. Offerings are not routinely taken up during our services; boxes are available for free-will offerings which are gratefully received.



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Prayer Focus

Christmas for Children around the World

For many children in countries around the world, Christmas is a time of eager anticipation of fun, presents, warmth, protection and lots of good food. Sadly, this is not the case for many other children whose circumstances are very different. For example, children living in war zones, refugees unable to go to school, orphans missing their parents, the homeless and those without adequate food. These children need our prayers in a special way. However, there are many Christian agencies involved in bringing a smile to vulnerable children's faces, particularly at this time of the year, such as (among many others):

- Christian outreach events and distribution of gifts and food to children in Central Asia.
- Funding of a lawyer to help a family whose 14-year-old daughter was abducted and forcibly married in West Africa. Please pray for justice for the family at this difficult time.
- Distribution of presents, including Bibles, for orphans and vulnerable children in several African countries, Syria and Jordan.

Please pray that the children will experience much joy in the true meaning of Christmas this year as well as joy in the gifts they receive.

The Almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as this truth of the Incarnation. (J.I. Packer)

Pray for Wem and our councillors

Mon	Clr Roger Drummond (East ward)
Tues	Church Lane
Wed	Churchill Drive
Thurs	Soulton Crescent
Fri	Three Gates
Sat	Lacon Drive
Sun	Hawkstone Drive

Pray for local churches

Shrewsbury Evangelical Church

Ladies' 3-course Christmas meal
 Wednesday 19th December, 7pm at church.
 £5 per person. Only a few places left. See Sarah Lord to sign up by THIS Sunday (Dec 16th).

Donations for The Shrewsbury Ark

They currently need sleeping bags (new or second-hand); blankets (NOT duvets); new gloves, hats, socks, scarves, underwear (men & women); toiletries (men); flasks; tin openers; Pot Noodles, Cup a Soup, instant porridge pots. Collection box upstairs at back of church. Many thanks, Ruth.

On Duty

Dec	Door Stewards	Locking Up	Tidying & Cleaning	Making Refreshments	Washing Up	Crèche
This week 16th 10.00am	Beryl & Kelly	Robin	Lynne	Pat & Helen	Sandra & Graham	Diana & Val
	6.30pm	Neil & Ash	Jon			
Next week 23rd 10.00am	Lin & Rachel	Edward	Liz	Eirwen & Jill B	Thelma & Glenys	Anne T & Katie
	6.30pm	Jill B & Anita	Paul			

Dates for the diary
 Tues 25 Dec Christmas morning service, 10.00am

The *In Touch* information deadline is usually midday every Thursday. Email: intouch.wbc@gmail.com or speak to Jill Brace or Stephen Morris.