

## Earlswood Baptist Church

**"Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called  
children of God!"  
(Matthew 5.9)**

We try to remember. We remember the victims of war and all those who have died to help bring freedom and to help make the world a better place to live in. But Remembrance Sunday is also a stark reminder that our world is deeply broken and divided because of human violence.

For the Christian, Remembrance Sunday also presents a unique opportunity for us to meditate on the way of peace. God calls us to look to Jesus, who is the Prince of Peace.

In the life and teachings of Jesus we see that God establishes peace in his world in an unconventional way. Jesus does not enter into physical battle in order to defeat the enemies of God. Instead, Jesus chooses the way of non-violence. Jesus lays down his life and dies at the hand of God's enemies in order to defeat evil. Only then does God raise Jesus from the dead in the victory over sin and death. In the person of Jesus we see the perfect example of humble obedience, sacrificial love, and life-giving peace.

With this in mind, Jesus words in John 20.21 come into sharp focus: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." We are God's sent ones – ambassadors for Christ – commissioned by the Holy Spirit to announce the good news of God's peaceable kingdom. But what is more, we are called to embody God's peace in the world. God is leading us to be his peacemakers.

So, as we "remember", let us also prayerfully take to heart the radical message of the Prince of Peace and follow his way of reconciling love. Let us discern together the ways in which God is calling us to be peacemakers in his world!

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Hate multiplies hate, violence multiplies violence, and toughness multiplies toughness in a descending spiral of destruction....The chain reaction of evil - hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars - must be broken, or we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation."

- Martin Luther King Jr.



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# November Services

## Sunday 5th

10.30am      Communion Service led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick.

## Sunday 12th

10.30am      Service of Rememberance. Speaker: Jon Bartlett

## Sunday 19th

10.30am      Family Service led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick.

## Sunday 26th

10.30am      Morning Worship led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick.

**There is an open invitation for prayer at the end of each morning service. If you would like prayer, with or without the anointing of oil, then please make your way to the front row of chairs during our closing songs.**

**PARENTS:** Could we remind you to collect your children from Sunday School straight after the service. The team need to pack away and cannot assume responsibility for children after the service.

### Hearing aid users:

We have a hearing loop so please turn your hearing aid to the setting “T”.

### Children:

Please note that children are the responsibility of their parents except whilst in Sunday school.

### Sunday morning messages online:

You can listen to Sunday morning messages online at [www.earlswoodbc.org](http://www.earlswoodbc.org)

# Other Events and Activities

## Family Fun @ 3

Please come along and support this family orientated, community congregation on **November 25th from 3.00pm - 5.00pm**. If you are able to join us as a volunteer “Enabler” it would be great to see you. If you would like some flyers to hand to family or friends then please see Jonathan.

**The following regular activities take place during the week. If you would like more information such as venues, please do ask.**

## House Groups:

Two groups meet, one each Tuesday evening at 8pm and one every other Friday morning at 10.30am (8th and 22nd September).

## Coffee Club:

Coffee Club meets every other Friday at 10.30am for the more “senior” members of our fellowship and community. There will be tea, coffee, cake, board games and other fun activities. Coffee Club will meet on 10th & 24th November and 8th & 22nd December.

## Prayer meetings:

- We will be meeting for prayer on Sunday 7th December at 6.30pm.
- Women’s prayer on Wednesday mornings in term-time.

## “Little Ark” Parent and toddler group:

Term-time Thursdays, 9.00-11.30am. Speak to Maxine for more details.

## Spark:

Spark Infants - 5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Thursdays. For children in Reception to Yr2.

Spark Juniors - 5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Fridays. For children in Yr3 - Yr6.

## Carols in the Belfry

**Sunday 10th December  
6.30pm - 7.30pm  
in the  
Belfry Shopping Centre**

## Church Members Meeting

**Monday 20th November  
from 7.45pm**

All are welcome to the Members meeting, however, only those that are church members are eligible to vote.

## Coffee Club at Earlswood Baptist Church

Tea, coffee, cake, a chat and some games.

For the over 55's, every other Friday you can meet old friends or make some new friends in a relaxed environment.

(Suggested £1 donation per week)

For more information call  
07528 461112

Join us on:

10th & 24th November

8th & 22nd December

