

# BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2019  
JANUARY 2020



**EARLSWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**



In the stillness, in the silence, hope in God.

What do your eyes wait to see?  
What does your heart ache to hold?  
Where do your feet yearn to walk?

In the stillness, in the silence, hope in God.

"But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the heavenly angels and not the Son. Only the Father knows. As it was in the time of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Human One. In those days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. They didn't know what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. The coming of the Human One will be like that."

Matthew 24:36-39

"Busy" has replaced "fine" as the common response to the question: "How are you?" Our jam-packed schedules keep us constantly moving. If we successfully accomplish every task and complete every activity, life will be good. Nonstop doing feeds the illusion that we're in control.

Jesus' words shatter the myths about time that give us a sense of power and security. Even he doesn't know when he will return to fully establish God's reign of justice, love, and wholeness here on earth. Our schedules and timelines cannot confine or define the work of God. Knowing this isn't necessarily comforting; it might even create some serious anxiety. Jesus' words seem to encourage the exact opposite of hope.

I wonder if Jesus reminds us here that claiming hope isn't easy. Trusting in God's timing invites us to the hard work of surrendering control. Hope emerges, not when we've got life all figured out, but as we keep going when life doesn't make sense. And thankfully, we walk this road with other disciples seeking to claim the same hope.

*God of the unexpected, it's hard to release the schedule I grip so tightly. It's hard to trust when control gives me comfort. So I begin the hard work.*

*I pause. I breathe in and out. I open myself to your good and beautiful work in my life. Amen.*

Watch with hope.

See today with God's vision: catch glimmers of goodness and beauty.

Embrace today with Christ's compassion: let others know they are deeply loved.

Walk today with the Spirit's boldness: sing, create, serve, and play.

Adapted from d365.org - Jennie Barber



**Church Meeting  
followed by  
Bring and Share Lunch**

**January 19th  
After the morning service**



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# Christmas Services

**Sunday 8th  
December**

10.30am  
Morning Worship  
6.30pm  
Carols in the Belfry

**Sunday 15th  
December**

10.30am  
Family Service

**Saturday 21st  
December**

2.00pm  
Family Fun  
Make a Christingle  
for the Carol Service

**Sunday 22nd  
December**

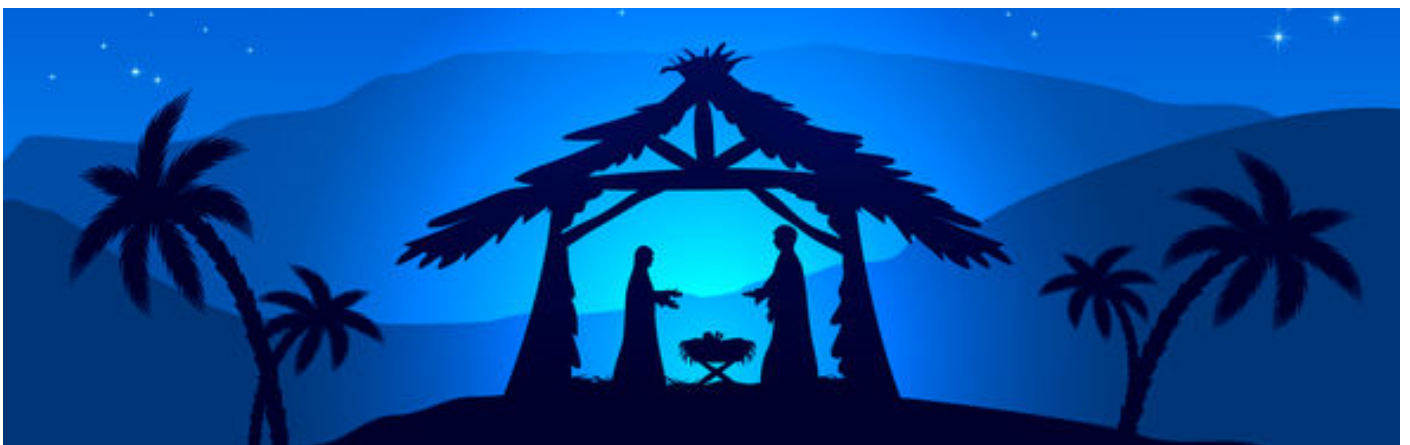
10.30am  
Morning Worship  
6.30pm  
Carols by Candlelight

**Wednesday 25th  
December**

10.30am  
Christmas Morning  
Family Service

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>  
December**

10.30am  
Family Service



## INFORMATION

### **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; please turn your hearing aid to the setting "T".

### **FAMILY FUN**

Family Fun is a family orientated, community congregation that normally meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in the month from 3.00pm - 5.00pm. Please see "Christmas Services" for details of December's Family Fun. 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.

### **"LITTLE ARK" TODDLER GROUP:**

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

### **HOUSE GROUP:**

House Group meets each Tuesday evening at 8pm. Please speak to Jonathan or Jon for the venue.

### **SPARK (From September):**

5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Thurs.  
For children in Reception to Yr5.

### **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 20th December and 3rd, 17th & 31st January

### **PRAYER:**

Regular prayer takes place at the Tuesday House Group and there is a Women's Prayer Meeting on Wednesday mornings from 10.30am in term-time. If you have specific prayer requests then please contact Jonathan.

### **YOUTH GROUP:**

6.00pm - 7.30pm Term time Sundays.  
For children in Yr6 and up. December 15<sup>th</sup> at Earlswood Baptist  
January 5<sup>th</sup> at South Nutfield  
January 19<sup>th</sup> at Earlswood Baptist

### **PRAYER AFTER THE SERVICE:**

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.

# CALENDAR: December 2019 - January 2020

## DECEMBER:

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Communion Service led by Jon Bartlett**  
**6.00pm Youth Group @ South Nutfield**  
 Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Wed 4<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Ladies Prayers  
 Thu 5<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddlers  
 5.30pm Spark  
 Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm Coffee Club Meal  
**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick**  
**6.30pm Belfry Carols**  
 Tue 10<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Wed 11<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Ladies Prayers  
 Thu 12<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddlers  
 General Election – Polling Station  
**Sun 15<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Family Service led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick**  
**6.00pm Youth Group @ EBC**  
 Mon 16<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Men's Fellowship Meal  
 Tue 17<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Ladies Prayers  
 Thu 19<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddlers  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Coffee Club  
 Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 2.00pm Family Fun  
**Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick**  
**6.30pm Carols By Candlelight**  
 Wed 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Christmas Day  
 Family Service led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick  
**Sun 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Family Service led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick**

## JANUARY:

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Coffee Club  
**Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Communion Service led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick**  
**6.00pm Youth Group @ South Nutfield**  
 Tue 7<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Wed 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Ladies Prayers  
 Thu 9<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddlers  
 5.30pm Spark  
**Sun 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship led by Jon Bartlett**  
 Tue 14<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Wed 15<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Ladies Prayers  
 Thu 16<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddlers  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Coffee Club  
 Sat 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Enter @ St Mary's Reigate  
**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Family Service led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick**  
**Church Meeting & Bring n Share Lunch**  
**6.00pm Youth Group @ EBC**  
 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Community Meeting  
 Tue 21<sup>st</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am Ladies Prayers  
 Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am Toddlers  
 5.30pm Spark  
 Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Family Fun  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd. Jonathan Hardwick**  
 Tue 28<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Wed 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Ladies Prayers  
 Thu 30<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddlers  
 5.30pm Spark  
 Fri 31<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Coffee Club