

Godmanchester Baptist Church

Godmanchester in Cambridgeshire is located where the A14 trunk road crosses the River Great Ouse and is home to the busy and active Godmanchester Baptist Church. Lead Pastor Revd Daniel Beckett oversees a thriving church of almost 400 adults and 300 children and young people across various congregations and community activities. The main worship area has been transformed into a recording studio for broadcasting Sunday services each week.

For Prayer

- How the church makes sure it remains accessible and available to the community with the good news of Jesus
- For the activities and meetings as they continue to reach different groups and many people within the fellowship.

Walton Parish Nursing

- Please continue to pray for Lorna, John and the volunteers as they adapt to the latest regulations.
- Pray that the Lord will raise up new volunteers, particularly drivers and a Treasurer.

MRBC

- Pray for the Christmas Services which are now in preparation, that they will be watched and a blessing to those from beyond the church who may watch them.
- Pray for those who have recently lost loved ones.
- Give thanks for the resumption of live services

Coronavirus

- Give thanks that the new vaccine is being rolled out from this week. Pray that its roll-out will be smooth in the first few months of next year.
- Continue to remember those who are sick with the virus and those who have lost loved ones.
- Pray for those who are suffering loss of jobs and businesses because of the pandemic, particularly in retail and hospitality.



December Birthdays
20th Carol G

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Welcome to Maidstone Road Baptist Church

Sunday 6th December 2020

Communion Service

Leader: Mark Reid and **Speaker:** Andrew Marfleet
In Church and via MRBC Website

This week	
Sunday 6th December	10.30am Communion Service Leader: Mark Reid and Speaker: Mark Reid In Church and via the MRBC website
Monday 7th December	7-30pm Walton Churches Advent Course on Zoom Week 3 - Active Patience.
Wednesday 9th December 10.00am - 11.00am	Online Coffee Morning via Zoom Come and go as you please. Please contact us if you need log-on details.
Sunday 13th December	10.30am Nativity Service Live at Church and also on the MRBC Website and will include our online Nativity Play - God is with us, Everywhere!



Church Website: mrbcfelixstowe.org.uk

Got a notice for the Sheet?
Fellowship prayer requests go to **Steve** by **Friday morning**
Notices for the weekly sheet to **Lisa R** by **Friday evening**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Activities

Because of the constraints placed on us by the Coronavirus pandemic, the only Church activities running at present are those listed in the Weekly Sheet.

Carols By Starlight

This is a **drive-in carol concert at Trinity Park on 18th December at 7pm (gates open 6pm)**. It is free but you must book in advance at <https://carolsbystarlight.eventbrite.co.uk>. We expect it to be popular, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Walton Churches Advent Course

Weekly on Mondays

You are welcome to join the course for the remaining sessions.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

13th Dec - **Nativity Service**
20th Dec - **Carol Service**
25th Dec - **Christmas Day Service**
(online only)
27th Dec - **Canon J John**
(online only)

See opposite for more details.

REGULAR STUFF

Leadership Team – usually monthly first Tuesday.
Next Meeting – **Tuesday 5th January 2021** at 7.30pm (on Zoom)

Church Meeting – usually bi-monthly second Tuesday.
Next meeting - **Tuesday 12th January 2021** at 7.30pm. (on Zoom).

Prayer Meetings – monthly on first Saturday on Zoom. Next meeting TBA



WALTON CHURCHES ADVENT COURSE

This year our Walton Advent course will be held online via Zoom on Monday evenings at 7-30pm starting Monday 23rd November and continuing each Monday until 21st December (5 sessions).

The theme is
Worship in the Waiting

Week 3 Active Patience
Week 4 Hope-Filled Expectation
Week 5 Awestruck Anticipation

Elements of the preceding Sunday Services will feed into these themes. A study guide comes with the series.

Small Groups

Felixstowe Evening Group
(Margaret Lines/Ingrid Fenn)

Mondays (not currently meeting)

Trimley Evening Group
(Andrew Marfleet)

Mondays Fortnightly (not currently meeting)

Old Felixstowe Daytime Group
(Steve Lineham)

2nd and 4th Mondays on Zoom.
Contact Steve L for details.

Felixstowe Morning Group
(Brian and Dot Salway)

Thursdays at Church **Contact Brian and Dot for details**

Advent Services

As this is the season of Advent, we shall be lighting advent candles as part of the services up to and including Christmas Day. We invite all those watching online to **join in by lighting your own advent candle at each of these services** – or why not make your own Advent Crown of 5 candles?



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please pray for our Christmas Services which are taking place under these unusual circumstances.. Services on 6th and 13th are live and online. Those on 25th and 27th are online only. All online services are available on demand after first broadcast.

13th December Nativity Service - Including our Nativity Play *'God is with us – everywhere!'*
20th December Carol Service - A blend of Bible readings with carols old and new.
25th December Christmas Day Service – online service only. A short service of carols and family fun.
27th December A Second Helping of Christmas - with testimonies from famous people and a talk by internationally known evangelist Canon J John.



In Memoriam

We are sad to inform you, that **Avril Mayhew** was called home on Friday 27th November. Please give thanks for her life and witness and pray for her family at this time. **The funeral is at Seven Hills on 30th December and will be available online. Details nearer the time.**

Many of you will remember **Olivia (Livvy) Atkins**, daughter of our late member Nora Atkins. Sadly she also passed away recently. Please pray for her family too at this time.

Walton Parish Nursing Contacts

Lorna Bellamy	07969901001	Tues/Weds/Thurs 9.00 am - 4.00 pm
John Gillett	07909888703	Tues/Thurs 8.30 am - 4.30 pm



Leprosy Mission
Online Carol Service
Thursday 10th December
7.30pm



Hello Delyth,

At this time of uncertainty, when we're not sure how our usual Christmas carol services will look, we're excited to invite you to a virtual carol service.

Normally we hold our annual carol service in London, so this year it's wonderful that you'll be able to join from wherever you are in the country from the comfort of your own home.

The carol service will feature music, readings, the chance to sing carols together and an address from the Bishop of Peterborough. Your host will be television and radio presenter Pam Rhodes, who will be sharing her experiences of meeting people affected by leprosy in Bangladesh earlier this year. You'll also hear from Dr Jewel Rozario at The Leprosy Mission Bangladesh.

Join us on 10 December at 7:30pm [on our Facebook page](#) to take part along with the rest of the Leprosy Mission family. The carol service will also be available to watch on [our YouTube channel](#).

I look forward to joining with you to worship, pray and celebrate together.

With every blessing,

Peter Waddup

National Director

