



QUEENS ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

where disciples of Jesus Christ grow together

This is what the LORD says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16

Faith – as part of Coventry City of Culture 2021

Next Saturday, 11 September 2021, a series of City of Culture events take place across Coventry to celebrate the place of faith in the city's story.

There will be 4 hour-long promenade performances co-produced by the City of Culture Trust and the Royal Shakespeare Company, including 'Faith: the Return' which starts on the steps of Coventry Cathedral at 12.30pm and 5.30pm. Further details and free tickets for the various performances are available from <https://coventry2021.co.uk/what-s-on/faith/>. The performances will also be streamed online on the City of Culture social media channels.

A tapestry of blue ribbons installation by Tom Piper, the creator of the Poppy Memorial at the Tower of London, will link different city centre churches and other places of worship in the week leading up to 11 September. We are told that this will involve 20km of blue ribbons, as part of a trail around the city centre. Although we fall outside the city centre trail, Tom is working with us on a plan to install ribbons on our building as part of this project – watch this space to see what appears!

Queens Road is taking part in 'Faith: Open House' as we open our doors between 10am and 2pm, alongside other places of worship, to invite visitors to come and meet us, and to learn a little of our particular story as a fellowship of Baptist Christians in the city centre for some 350 years. We will have several exhibition-style displays about our heritage from our beginnings in the 17th Century and our present worshipping community, with the chapel and baptistry open.

Finally, at 7.45pm in Millennium Place, there will be a ceremony involving the lighting of 500 flames to create a tapestry of lights as dusk falls, as a unique pledge to walk forward together, in knowledge and hope. Volunteers are sought to be part of the audience and to carry the lights in a short procession from Millennium Place and back into our communities (see <https://coventry2021.co.uk/get-involved/faith-carry-the-light/> for more details).

Iain Colville

5th September 2021

Service at 10.30am:

There is no evening service

The Chapel has a hearing loop system – you can access it by sitting centrally downstairs.

Please be aware that the service is being live streamed to YouTube and Facebook, if you do not want to appear on the stream speak to a steward to ask where to sit.

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Next Sunday:

10.30am : Worship in the Chapel and online

Information Online

The service this Sunday (5th September) can be found online at

<https://youtu.be/VOGfK8fh21c>

Our website is at www.qrbc.co.uk On the homepage of the website there are easy to follow links pages about key activities including a link to the News page which gives the latest information. There is also a calendar for checking dates and times of activities.

Prayer Focus : Philippians 2:13 For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good practice.

Personal Focus: Thank God that he knows your name and has called you. He is with us in good times and bad times. He is our personal God and saviour and will be with this coming week.

Coventry Focus: Pray for those involved in Coventry as the City of Culture 2021 and for all who attend activities this week.

QRBC: Pray for the gradual reopening of our premises. Pray for all who will enter or pass by this week.

International: Pray for Christians in Afghanistan and for the women and children there. Pray also for wisdom for those who will govern in future days.

Changing times

To me the beginning of the pandemic seems to have been almost a life time away. So much has happened, things have changed so much in ways we might have thought impossible, that it is hard to remember what "normal life" was like. And now things are changing again to a "new normal", although having experienced what we have experienced in the last 18 month, perhaps we are not entirely sure there will not be some bumps on the way. My role has been and is to keep channels of communication open through all the restrictions that have hit us and, just as we changed the website from its original form to achieve that, it is now time to make some more changes to reflect the present situation.

The first is to change back to a Newsheet that will be available as a paper copy in church each Sunday. It will also be emailed to those who have previously received eNews. (If you have not had this by email and would like it that way please contact Helen [here](#))

The second change is a new page on the website called "A Life of Faith" in place of "Word for the Day" and "Our Stories". Word for the Day has been a fantastic effort by the fellowship with nearly 50 people providing over 450 devotional pieces, all written specially for us. Thanks to all of those who contributed. But now, with things changing we feel the time is over for "Word for the Day" (although not for daily devotional times!). "Our Stories" has been similar with lots of really inspiring and thought provoking contributions and a gallery of lovely photographs and we would very much like those to continue. The contents of the new page can be the sort of things that we have had in "Word for the Day" and what we have had in "Our Stories" but many other positive things can be added about, for example, activities of individuals and groups, information about organisations we support or otherwise work with, thoughts on the developing situations we shall face in the

future and anything else appropriate. Photographs are very welcome with or without accompanying words. So, let us see if we can do this together and continue the journey towards what God wants us to be as a church now.

David Depledge

**Children & Youth Activities
will resume this week.
Welcome Back**

This month sees the return of many of our children and youth activities.

Thursday Youth Group

Girls Brigade

DofE Award Scheme

And on Sundays,

**JaM (Jesus and Me) for children of primary school ages
will restart September 12th**

A Creche (0yrs-pre-school) will also be available.

Please Book in

If you are a QR Group leader please do make sure you have booked the room you require by contacting Helen.

NEWS SHEET - Dates for submissions Wednesday to admin@qrbco.co.uk or leave in box in Reception. Please note the News sheet is published on the website so please do not ask for anything you would not wish to be published in this way.

PRAYER CHAIN It is important that prayer requests by email are sent to: prayerchain@qrbco.co.uk . Requests can also be received by telephone during office hours on 024 7652 0621. Requests may take longer to circulate when the office is closed