

LONDON ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Monthly News Sheet

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2024!

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He is not here;

He has risen!

Luke 24:6-7

**News sheet items in by 6pm Wednesday 24th April for
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SERVICES

Sunday Morning 7th April: Esther Day will be preaching, 'Encounters with the Risen Christ - Mary at the Tomb' John 20: 1-18

No Kidz/Youth Church

Sunday Morning 14th April: Rev Lou Webber will be preaching, 'Encounters with the Risen Christ - Disciples on a journey' Luke 24:13 35

No Kidz/Youth Church

Sunday Morning 21st April: Rev Lou Webber will be preaching, 'Encounters with the Risen Christ - Disciples in the upper room' John 20: 19-23 & Luke 24: 36-49

10:30am **Kidz Church** (Small Hall)

10:30am **Crew** (Youth Lounge)

Sunday Morning 28th April: Rev Lou Webber will be preaching, 'Encounters with the Risen Christ - Thomas in his doubt' John 20: 24-30

10:30am **Kidz Church** (Small Hall)

10:30am **Crew** (Youth Lounge)

Prayer Corner: please also remember that one-to-one prayer is available to you from the prayer team after every Sunday service.

NOTICES

News Sheet: The next news sheet will cover **the month of May**. Please send any items for inclusion by **Wednesday 24th April before 6pm** to the Church Office. Reminder emails of church events will continue to be sent. Thank you.

ChurchSuite App: powered by ChurchSuite, the LRBC app is packed with features including Calendar, Latest Sermons, List of planned courses, Latest communications and Links to lots of useful resources. You can also update your contact details and manage your privacy settings. Download the app at <https://londonroad.org.uk/app/>



Newcomers Lunch: We are excited to announce that on **Sunday 12th May** after the morning service we will be providing an informal lunch for all those who have started attending LRBC over the past two years. This is a great opportunity to get together, chat and get to know others within the

fellowship. Please email office@londonroad.org.uk if you would like to attend.



WWW: Wednesday (Keyboard) Warrior Wanted

Help is needed on some Wednesday mornings with preparing the computer system which projects song words etc at services. Assistance is definitely required for holiday cover, but ideally, we would like someone who can commit to one or two sessions each month and can learn the full procedure.

Training can be given on the specific application we use, but you must be comfortable using Windows-based software. Please see Martin Rivett or contact the church office on office@londonroad.org.uk



In order for our groups to run it is important that we comply with HSE guidelines in relation to first aid cover. The Health and Safety (First-Aid) Regulations 1981 require employers to provide adequate and appropriate equipment, facilities and personnel (trained and qualified first-aiders).

When running our groups at church and Whitton could we please ensure that there is at the very least a minimum one qualified first-aider in attendance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact David WB for clarification.

Fellowship Fund: As many of you are aware, we have a small cash fund which is used to help members of our Church family who have an urgent financial need. This cash is kept separate from the normal Church funds as we are not allowed as a charity to give financial help to our members through our accounts. It has been a couple of years or so since this fund was topped up and we have used all monies given. We

will be having a special collection on the next communion service which will be on 5th May for the fellowship fund. If you would like to contribute to this, please pop cash only in an envelope marked 'fellowship fund' and place in the collection bag or donations box. Yours in Christ. **Anna**

Baptismal/Church Membership: if you are interested in knowing more about Baptism or Church Membership, Lou will be running a few sessions in May covering the above. If you would like to know more or book a place, please email office@londonroad.org.uk

Church Members AGM Reminder: just to remind members that we have our AGM on 21st April @12pm. Please make every effort to attend.



The Ladies Prayer meetings will take place this month on Wednesday 3rd and 17th April, starting at 10:30am, please enter via the front door. All ladies' welcome.



Whitton Life Community Hub

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for all of the lovely donations that have been handed in for 40 days of giving, whether they have been at Whitton or at Church. We have had an enormous response, and we will be able to create lots of hampers to give out and we want to thank you all in giving to this.

This is a short week for us this week as we finish our groups on Thursday and obviously lots of chocolate and flowers will be distributed as we break up for Easter. We are using lots of fun and craft things to help tell the story of Easter to our groups, especially the younger groups, and we pray that the real meaning of Easter will go out into their households.

Our groups are all running well, and it is a delight to go along and see them all enjoying their time at Whitton, to see how they are getting along and caring for each other. Each group is so different, and it is lovely to see the place filled with laughter. Our groups are advertised weekly on Church Suite and on social media as a reminder of what is on and when.

Whitton Life will be closed for a week after Easter as we take time to pray and plan for the next term (and take a well-earned rest!) It is always so important that we do this as we continually seek where we are going and who we are doing this for.

We will re-open the week beginning the 8th April, during this week we will have FISH. For those of you who have social media, please seek the FISH page out and see how many venues we now have in Lowestoft providing food in the school holidays, it is so good to see. We are always looking for volunteers across the town who can help set up, cook, or chat at these venues, during the school holidays. If you feel that this is something you are interested in, please come and have a chat to me, and I can tell you all about what that might entail.

As always please keep Whitton in your prayers, for the work we do, the volunteers and the people who come along to our groups. If you would like to pop in and see what we do, the café is open on a Thursday from 11.30-2pm, it will be good to see you.



Kidz Church

A huge thank you to all our volunteers this term for all their hard work as we had some people off sick so joined the two groups together, the children were amazing and have done well settling into the new routine of coming into church first and sitting at their table with weekly activities. Kidz Church have made a commitment by all using a cross bookmark to add stickers for coming to church, being kind, helping others etc and have really embraced this all the way up to Easter so were presented with a devotion book or Bible and certificate. Well-done to all!

[A huge Thank you for all that donated towards this it means a lot to all our children and families.](#)

Last term we have celebrated Mother's Day with Moses, and made flowers and cards. We have also celebrated Palm Sunday with the story, Palm Sunday wreaths, Easter Egg ice cream creating, Easter card making and party food.

Easter Holidays -

Kidz Church will finish for the Easter holiday on the 31st March resuming on the 21st April. During this time activities will be available on the tables in the Sanctuary.

Ferne will be sorting out the Toddler toys over the Easter holidays and replacing anything that is needed as well as planning on updating all groups. If you need anything please contact: Ferne on childrenandfamilies@londonroad.org.uk

Easter Egg donations

A big Thank you to all who donated Easter eggs for this year! We had an amazing number and were able to give out to Children, Youth and Whitton and after the Easter celebration at our Easter trail. Please pray for all our children, families, and volunteers over Easter.





Youth Update

Training and Resources



8 of us shall be attending the One Big Day conference next month and would value your prayers for this. We are excited for a day of teaching, resourcing, and equipping for ministry with children, young people, and families.



You may be interested in signing up for the free digital copy of Youth Scape's quarterly digest THE STORY which shares international research relevant to working with young people. You can find the most recent edition and archived editions at www.youthscape.co.uk/research/story

Prayer and Planning Meetings

If you are involved with CREW, MOTB and PULSE (or would like to be), please be aware of the next planning and prayer meetings for the term ahead:

14th April – CREW (following the morning service)

18th April – MOTB

19th April – PULSE

We shall spend time praying for each other, and the youth groups.



Thank you for the donations of Easter eggs which will be used for KIDS Church and CREW.

Schools Work

I was recently asked to help plan an Easter worship service for a primary school. The school children will be telling the story of Easter using the gospels, in their local church. Whilst this isn't local to us here in Lowestoft, it is so good that school children are participating in the journey of the cross around the country. Let us pray for the Easter events happening between schools and their community churches.

Youth Groups

MOTB has continued to meet in the church building on a Thursday evening. During the half time talks we have been able to show videos of footballers, such as Bukayo Saka, talking about their faith. We have also had a session talking about the Bible, teaching that the Bible is God's word written by many authors, over many years, separated into many different books and that all tell the narrative of God's love through some very epic stories. We introduced the young people to the idea of reading the bible on their phones and suggested following online faith communities and pages that share a passion for football such as Ballers In God. Our last week of term is focussed on Easter, where we shall share Jesus' journey on the cross and enjoy some Easter treats together.

We still don't know where we are with booking a pitch locally. Please pray for this as we try to navigate and plan for the term ahead.

PULSE continues to be very popular, with lots of friends joining. We love welcoming the youth into a safe space, where they can have fun and build friendships. We have had a challenge night and made chocolate Easter nests. Our last week of term will be focussed on Easter, where we shall show a video explaining the journey Jesus took from Palm Sunday, through Good Friday and on to Easter Sunday. There will be easter treats and a Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt.

You may have noticed that there are a few more young people joining us on a Sunday morning which we give great thanks for. **Please do come over and say hello to them.**

CREW has had engaging conversations around prayer and being a Christian in school. We have enjoyed breakfast together, and spent time being creative with Easter crafts.

Thank you to all youth group helpers for every way in which you have served the young people this term.

Prayer Prompts:

- For the 8 people attending The One Big Day conference in April. We pray this will be a good time together, worshipping and equipping for children and youth ministry.
- For the young people as they enjoy their Easter holidays.
- For the youth ministry team as they have a few weeks to rest and reset during the Easter break.
- In March the High School places for September were announced, and there will be a mix of emotions for those this affects. Please pray for those currently in year 6, who are preparing for their SATs in May and looking ahead to High School
- MOTB and booking a pitch.

Half Term Break

Youth groups take a break during Easter Holidays, and therefore there will be **no groups on these dates:**

MOTB – 28th March and 4th, 11th, 18th April.

PULSE – 29th March and 5th, 12th, 19th April.

CREW – 31st March and 7th, 14th April.



The CREW, PULSE and MOTB teams need more helpers to allow these groups to run as they currently are.

We have had to introduce a waiting list for Friday night PULSE, as the group has grown to a size that cannot allow any more young people to currently join us.

On a Sunday morning, we need more adults to help, to lead sessions and to have discussions with the youth in the setting. This will allow us to continue offering the age-targeted group on most Sundays.

Chaplaincy Collective Update

We are continuing to deliver breakfast pastries to our friends in retail alternate Mondays and Fridays, and we love to see how our encouragements and prophetic messages on the napkins we give are connecting with people.

Recently we gave a prophetic word to a lady, and it resonated so powerfully with her, she cried, we prayed, it was a beautiful thing! Please pray for God to change lives through what we do.

On the Fridays, in the cafes, we are supporting people we come into contact with listening, praying, and signposting.

Last week Esther went to Parent & Tots for the day and set up a listening and hand-massage space. The parents really engaged with it and we were able to listen and support them, chat about Jesus, and pray. Please pray people are awakened to Jesus through this partnership. Chaplains will be attending again regularly.

We have been invited to join the Council's 'Wellbeing on wheels' bus in the town centre and so on April 22nd we will be there offering our services.



Wild Church

Our new expression of Church continues to meet 3 times a month – We met on Monday 11th for prayer, dinner and communion, Sunday 17th around the fire to explore how our stories connected with the Easter Story, on Easter Sunday we are meeting on the beach for a meditation before we come to join our usual service.

Our vision is to create an expression of Church community that people who find our current expression difficult to engage with – one that is based outside in nature, is more informal and reflective, and more interactive.



If you capture that vision and know people who would potentially find it helpful, please talk to us about it – we would love a couple more people to join us who want to further this vision!



Weekly Prayer Focus: 24th March 2024

Braintree Baptist Church

Located in north Essex approximately a twenty-minute drive from Stanstead Airport, is the town of Braintree. These days, it is perhaps better known for the Braintree Village (formerly Freeport) Shopping Centre than it is for its historic links to the wool and silk trade.

Braintree Baptist Church is in a central location in the town. Rev Ayi Samson Ake has been the Minister of the fellowship for one year having moved from the West Midlands. Samson is supported by an excellent team of Deacons.

The fellowship is very active in their local community. A Bounce Café runs on the first Saturday of every month and selected school holidays. Using the large hall to house a bouncy castle and café seating, it aims to provide a suitable and safe provision for young families in the town centre. If Bouncy Castles and inflatables are not your thing, you could try the Crafty Café which runs every Monday morning throughout the year providing a warm space and friendly welcome. Both Cafés have given Samson an opportunity to develop his links with the community and provided some ministry opportunities too. Around the Christmas period, the Church were excited to celebrate a service of baptism. Braintree Baptist Church is a growing and vibrant fellowship who give thanks and glory to God for all that is happening in their midst.

To continue building for the future, Braintree Baptist Church is undertaking a renovation project. Replacing boilers that have reached the end of their life and updating toilet facilities present some interesting challenges.

Please pray for:

- The finances for the building project.
- Wisdom for the leadership as they seek God's will for the future direction of the Church.

PRAYER NEEDS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All future events can be found either through our website <https://londonroad.org.uk> or via My Church Suite.

Please remember LRBC events in your prayers.