



10th December 2017

Orchard Baptist Church

...receiving and reflecting God's transforming power

Whether this is your first time here or you can't stay away from the place we are really glad that you are here, it just wouldn't be the same without you. We gather together to learn more about what following Jesus means and to meet with Him and one another. If you have any questions or you want to know more then please ask.

Services

Sunday 10th December at 10:30am

There's Something about Mary
Mary's Maternity Suite

Sunday 17th December at 10:30am

There's Something about Mary
Mary the Mother of Jesus

- ◆ If you find it helpful to organize your **regular giving** to the church using weekly or monthly envelopes, can you let Brian know what sort of supply you need and whether you want a set of monthly envelopes for the Manse fund?
- ◆ This month we are launching our **Pastoral Network**. We have a list of people in the church who are willing to help with various tasks. If you feel in need of some help, please contact Anne Jonas (01206 540955 or djonas@lineone.net) & she will try to match your need with someone on the list.
- ◆ **Who could you invite** to our Christmas services and events?

Coming up

- **St Peter's Guesthouse:** Beacon House and St Peter's Church are working together to provide a bed and a hot meal for 12 people who would otherwise be rough sleeping in Colchester. The project is starting on December 14th and will run until the end of February. If you would like to know more or be involved please speak to Hilary, Jan or Shonaidh.

- **Christmas events at OBC:**

Sunday 17th December at 4pm

The First Christmas

A fun and family friendly service looking at the life changing Nativity Story

Thursday 21st December from 10am-12pm

Family Fun Morning

Christmas Eve: at 4pm

Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Day at 10am

Family friendly service

Large-print copies of the song words are available on request from the music team

Please ring the church office on **500346** with any pastoral needs.
Please email anything for the next bulletin to orchardbaptistchurch@gmail.com by **11am on Thursday**

Our Weeks Ahead...

Wed	1:15-2:45pm Daytime Homegroup 8pm Homegroups
Thurs	9:30-11am Little Pips Toddler Group 12.30pm Afternoon Fellowship (at Rita's)
Fri	7:30pm Table tennis

Please pray for other groups using the church:

Mon	9am-1pm Colne Stroke Group
Tues	7:45pm Hope Church Worship Group
Wed	9:30am-12:30pm Stroke Association
Thu	7-10pm The Gideons (serving hatch room)
Fri	10-12.30pm Singing for the Biran
Sat	7-9pm Church in use

Washing up rota
10th Dec Vicky Richard
17th Dec Jan Tosin

A prayer bulletin is emailed around each Wednesday. **If you don't currently receive it & would like to** then email orchardbaptistchurch@gmail.com Please submit any requests by Tues afternoon

If you would like someone to talk and pray with at the end of the service, please speak to our pastor, Graeme who will arrange this.

Sermon notes...



Please pray

- For healing for Donna, Susannah, Keith, Andy (Fran's son) and John & Christine's granddaughter Lucy
- Please could we pray for April and her family. Her Dad has heart problems and is in hospital, as he is swelling up due to fluid retention. Her Mum is at home on her own, and April and her sisters will be caring for her and visiting their Dad in hospital. April needs strength to keep going, and hopefully she won't get any headaches.
- For the final two helpers we need for the Sunday School Rota.