

Dear HBC family,

We had such a wonderful time taking part in Streets of Light this year!

Once again Hertford had the most decorated street in the whole of the UK, and it was really encouraging to have two schools taking part, as well as several families from our Toddler groups, as well as a good number of people who come to CAMEO.



It has been so good to have the whole church involved in Streets of Light, working together to extend God's kingdom and share the good news of Jesus with our neighbours around Hertford and the surrounding areas.

Next year, Hoddesdon Baptist Church will be joining in too, as well as six other Baptist churches across Hertfordshire. God loves unity, and it is wonderful to see this expressed through Streets of Light.

Our family event on 31st October was well received, and we headed out on the streets, not only looking for window displays but also to bless those who were trick or treating by handing out goodie bags.

We connected with around 30 children and families whilst we were out, and this prompted some good conversations about what we were doing, and why we wanted to show God's love to others.

We know that many people in our church family have had similar conversations with friends and neighbours about why they were decorating their windows with a message of Light, Love and Hope.

Now Streets of Light is over, we are excited about how these community connections and opportunities to build relationship will spill over into our Christmas plans – both at the gala and markets, as well as the Christmas gatherings.



[This week – 17th November – 10.15am – Communion](#)

In our morning gathering we continue our new series 'Generosity'

This week our topic is: 'Jesus and money'

The Bible passage is: Matthew 6: 19-24.

What's happening in the next 2 weeks.....

Hertford Gala and Christmas Markets



A huge thank you to everyone who has come along to help stuff bags, paint stones, or wrap Christmas presents. The preparations are coming along really well for our stall at the Gala and Market.

If you haven't had a chance to come and help do pop down today - Thursday 14th November – at either 2-4pm or 7.30-9.30pm. We have 1800 bags to get ready, and many hands make light work!

We also need people to help on the stall, and to hand out goodie bags and chocolates during the day on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheets in church this week or email the church office.

Calling all worshippers!

Do you love to spend time in the Lord's presence, worshipping Him? Do you want to be involved in the worship life of the church? If so, then Friday nights are for you!

We want to meet with anyone who has a heart for worship – you don't have to sing or play an instrument but if you do, please bring it along. We will be meeting every third Friday of the month at 8pm to pray, learn and worship together – our next session is on **Friday 15th November!**

You don't have to be in an established band, or even want to join one – it is a time to play and worship together in an environment where we can all learn together, whether you play Grade 8 or know 3 chords!

For more information, please contact the church office or speak to Clare Macpherson.

Church Members Meeting – Tuesday 26th November 7.45pm



We would love to see everyone at our next Church Members Meeting, as we come together to worship, pray, and seek God together.

These evenings are such an important part of our life together as a church family, particularly as we pray for our new staff appointment, for the events and gatherings over Christmas, as well as our financial position moving into 2025.

There will also be some treats to eat!

Coming up soon.....

Christmas!



God with us

Advent Reflection
1 DECEMBER AT 7:30PM

Family Nativity
8 DECEMBER AT 4:30PM

Contemporary Carols
15 DECEMBER AT 6:30PM

Christingle
22 DECEMBER AT 10:30AM

Carols by Candlelight
24 DECEMBER AT 6:30PM

Christmas Celebration
25 DECEMBER AT 10:00AM

Hertford Baptist Church, Port Hill, Hertford
www.hertfordbaptist.org.uk/christmas
Facebook: hertfordbaptistchurch
Instagram: hertfordbaptist

Christmas publicity is available to collect from church this Sunday, so you can start inviting friends along and putting leaflets through letterboxes on your street.

You can also share the details with people via the dedicated Christmas page on our website. This will have more information added to it shortly:
www.hertfordbaptist.org.uk/christmas/

Each of our main Christmas gatherings will also have their own event on Facebook, so this is another way that you will be able to share this information with others and invite people to join us.

Do think and pray about who you are going to invite to church this Christmas. We are excited by all that God is going to do, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus – God with Us.

Advent Craft Afternoon – Saturday 30th November 3-5pm



Hertford Baptist Church

Advent Craft Afternoon
For kids aged 3-10

Saturday 30th November
3-5pm
Only £2 per child

Use the Chambers Street entrance

Join us as we have fun sticking, gluing, creating, designing, colouring and making all sorts of Advent and Christmas craft activities!

Plus festive snacks and refreshments too. There will also be a small play area for younger siblings, who might be too little to do the crafts.

So much to do for all the family – and for the bargain price of £2 per child.

We would love to see you and your friends there – use the step free entrance on Chambers Street.

Hollybush School Christingle - Tuesday 3rd December 1.30pm

We are delighted to be welcoming around 200 students, staff and parents from Hollybush Primary School on Tuesday 3rd December for a Christingle service.

For the event to run smoothly, we need several people to be welcomers, and to provide tea and coffee for parents and carers who come along.



We will need people to be around from about 12.30pm through to 2.30pm. If you can help, please contact Helen, via the church office. Thank you!

CAP Update

We continue to be busy - we now have clients booked in for January and we were the first centre in the pilot of the new system to get a client debt free! We also had another two clients go debt free in October. Speaking to them afterwards and hearing of the relief of the huge weight being lifted is a real encouragement.

Recently, we hosted several clients for hot dogs and hot chocolates, before walking to the Ware Fireworks display, as we had been kindly gifted tickets for our clients. We will also be packing about 30 hampers to bless our clients with at Christmas - more details to follow.

If you'd like to find out more about the work of CAP or get involved do get in touch with Debs Thompson (debsthompson@capuk.org)



Weekly and Monthly Planner

November 2024

Men's Prayer Breakfast	Saturday 16 th November 8.30-9.30am
CAMEO	Thursday 21 st November 2.00-4.00pm
Hertford Gala and Christmas Markets	Friday 22 nd – Sunday 24 th November
Members Meeting	Tuesday 26 th November 7.45pm
Family Advent Craft Afternoon	Saturday 30 th November 3-5pm

December 2024 – Christmas events are on our website & social media

Lisa Kerry – Regional Baptist Minister	Sunday 1 st December 10.15am
Cross Links	Sunday 1 st December 3.00-5.00pm
Edward House Service	Tuesday 3 rd December 3.30-4.45pm
Golden Lunch	Thursday 5 th December 12noon
Men's Ministry Breakfast	Saturday 7 th December 8.30am
Edward House Carols & Readings	Tuesday 17 th December 3.30-4.45pm
CAMEO	Thursday 19 th December 2.00-4.00pm

Every week

Times of Prayer	Tuesday 7am on Zoom and Wednesday 1.30pm
Toddler Group	Tuesday 10.00-11.30am term time
HBC 0-3s Group	Wednesday 10-11.30am term time
Wednesday Welcome	Wednesdays 2.00-4.00pm
Baby Group	Fridays 10.00-11.30am term time
Re:fresh – Young Adults' Group	Sundays 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Our Tuesday prayer time is held on Zoom at 7.00am. Meeting ID: 972 4792 8944 Passcode: 493793	