

olton baptist  
**church**

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018

A prayer for each day of 2018:

I am no longer my own but yours. Lead me to those to whom I may proclaim you. Give me both words and courage to speak.

*We warmly welcome you to our service today. If you are a visitor or newcomer to our church, please introduce yourself and join us after the service for coffee (usually about 12pm).*



# TODAY

**Sunday Service** – an all age service on 2 Timothy: 1, led by Bernice, George and Penny, Flori is leading our worship

**Gear Up** (sch yrs 4-6), 3.45 – 5.15pm at Tudor Grange Park

**Pioneers**, (sch yrs 4-6), 6 – 7.30pm at the Clark's house

**Rooted** this evening 6 – 7.30pm at The Branch, an opportunity to worship more freely and study more deeply

**YOBS** this evening, a bonfire at The Russell's house

## This week .....

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup>** **WEaT** – Walk, Eat & Talk, meet at the Tudor Grange Leisure centre at 11am, lunch at 12.45 at Field House Pub

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup>** **NO SERVICE THIS MORNING.** Instead, we meet in our Sunday Out groups. Please see Sharon Peters if you want to connect with a group  
**Safeguarding training**, 5-6.30pm at The Branch

# Weekly activities .....

## MONDAYS

**Toddler Group**, 9.45 - 1.15am, at St Margaret's church, see Jenny for info

**Knit and Natter**, 7.30 - 9.30pm, at The Branch, see Yvonne for info

## WEDNESDAYS

**Prayer meeting**, 7 - 8am at the Fergusson's, see Jo for info

## THURSDAYS

**Craft Club**, 7.30 – 9.30pm (8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov), at The Branch, see Maggie for info

## SUNDAYS

**Rooted**, 6 – 7.30pm, at The Branch

# Coming up over the next few weeks.....

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup>** **Guitar Live** at the Happy Heart Café 'Laura Goldthorp & Alex Fergusson Live' from 8 to 10pm

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup>** **Beau Campbell's funeral** will be at Shirley Baptist Church at 11am, followed by a cremation at Robin Hood Crematorium at 2pm. Tim is looking for support for this day – up to four people who can arrive early to act as stewards and at least three people who can serve tea and coffee and cake at Shirley Baptist Church if there is time between the service and the cremation. (Because of the number wishing to take part in the funeral, the service is of indeterminate length!) Please can you contact Tim if you can help

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup>** **24 Hours Of Prayer** at The Branch from 10am until 10am on Sunday, there will be 24, see insert for details, please do come along

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup>** **Sunday Service** – 'Working for the gospel' (2 Timothy: 2), Tim is speaking & Bernice is leading worship

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup>** **John Lenox Event** – see insert for details

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>** **WEaT** Afternoon tea, good company, a quiz or game, 2.30—4.30pm open for all seniors and retirees,

**Sun 25<sup>th</sup>** **Sunday Service** 'Preaching through persecution (2 Timothy: 3) Neil is speaking and Wendy is leading worship

## CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

Can you write in 100 words. 'What Christmas means to me', Prose or poetry acceptable, Please give/email Mary by 11th November ready for the next edition of Branching Out. We want to have a Christmas flavour to the next issue which I hope will be ready for December 2<sup>nd</sup> (start of Advent). Any other stories on the theme of **Simply Christmas** appreciated.

# OLTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



**FRIDAY 23rd  
NOVEMBER**

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**

**SUPPORTED BY  
OLTON RESIDENTS'  
ASSOCIATION,  
OLTON CHURCHES  
AND LOCAL  
BUSINESSES**

**5.30pm** PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR MULLED WINE AT  
OLTON LIBRARY

**6.00pm** LIGHTS ON WITH  
HELP FROM THE MAYOR!

**6.10pm** REFRESHMENTS,  
CAROL SINGING & SANTA  
ACROSS THE ROAD AT  
ST. MARGARET'S  
CHURCH HALL

## THE JAMHOUNDS

This Way Up are holding a fundraising concert with The JamHounds on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, at the Oliver Bird Hall, 7:30 -10:30pm. Tickets are £12, available from Teresa Morse, or This Way Up, for more details, see the poster on the info table

### Church Meeting

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30 for a 7.45 start, at Casey Joes

We strive to help all to participate in our worship. Bread for communion is gluten free, and 'wine' is alcohol free; there is wheelchair access to our worship space and coffee area. We can also make large print songs sheets available on request. If we can help you with any of the above or in any other way, please do not hesitate to speak to someone on our welcome team.

If you would like prayer after the service, please go to the front right hand side of the church & one of the pastoral team will pray with you.

## Furniture Wanted

Rasha is in the process of decorating his new flat but has no furniture with which to populate it! If you have any items of furniture that you no longer need, please can you see Ann Mason or David Peters to see if the items are still on the 'wanted' list. Alternatively, if you wish to make a financial gift for Rasha towards some furniture then please see Ann.

## Sticky Faith – Save the date

How do we build lasting faith in our children and young people?

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 at 7.45pm

Two evenings for all OBC parents to discuss how we can work in partnership to nurture the faith of our children. But, it's not just for parents. Nurturing our children is the responsibility of everyone in the church family, so the hope is that the whole of OBC will support this meeting by attending & taking part in the discussion, or maybe by offering your baby-sitting skills to those who would otherwise not be able to make it.



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Are you new to Olton Baptist Church and would like to find out more?  
Please fill in the details below, tear off and place in the collection plate:

Name:

Email:

Phone number:

Would you like to receive our weekly email with details about what is coming up in the week at Olton Baptist Church? Yes  No

How can we pray for you?

**Helping Lesvos refugees** - Many of you will remember Lesley's moving presentation about her trip with Agape to the refugees camp on the Greek island of Lesvos. The situation there has only deteriorated since her visit and GAIN (Agape's 'Global Aid Network') are collecting for a shipment in early December. They are looking for: Sleeping bags, camping tents, winter coats (all ages/sizes), warm clothes for adults & children, gloves and scarves, nappies (all sizes), baby wipes, sanitary pads, new underwear and socks. **We will act as a collection point at our service on Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>.**



### **Cosmic Chemistry: Do Science and Christianity Mix?**

Birmingham Town Hall, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

An evening with John Lennox, Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University. John is a well-known speaker on the interface between science, philosophy and religion. If you have friends who challenge the validity of Christianity on the basis that science has shown it to be unreasonable, then this is the event to invite them to. If you want to get tickets, please go to the Chaplaincy Plus website. If you enter the discount code, OBC1, your tickets will be reduced to half price! (£7.50 each.)



## **24 Hours of Prayer**

**17-18<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

<b>Time slot</b>		<b>Topic</b>	<b>Leader</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10-11am</b>	Introduction and general prayer	Bernice
	<b>11-12am</b>	Early Years	Jenny
	<b>12-1pm</b>	Health Service	Kate
	<b>1-2pm</b>	Creative prayer - aimed at children	Penny
	<b>2-3pm</b>	Prayer	Jo P
	<b>3-4pm</b>	Families - all families & children welcome	Janice/Nina
	<b>4-5pm</b>	Older people	Mary
	<b>5-6pm</b>	Prayer	TBC
	<b>6-7pm</b>	Employment and unemployment	Bill
	<b>7-8pm</b>	Asylum seekers and refugees	John & Wendy
	<b>8-9pm</b>	Prayer	TBC
	<b>9-10pm</b>	Chaplaincy to the local Olton shops	Tina
	<b>10-11pm</b>	Human Rights	Jon
<b>11-12pm</b>	Business	Ian	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12-1am</b>	Universities and students	Alex & Charis
	<b>1-2am</b>	Young people	George
	<b>2-3am</b>	Christian leaders	George
	<b>3-4am</b>	Missionaries	Alex & Kara
	<b>4-5am</b>	Politics	Tim
	<b>5-6am</b>	Persecuted Church	Joanne A
	<b>6-7am</b>	Prayer	TBC
	<b>7-8am</b>	Prayer	TBC
	<b>8-9am</b>	For the excluded and on the margins	Sharon/Michelle
<b>9-10am</b>	Prayer for OBC	Bill	