



Rediscover Christmas with Burslem Elim Church

Welcome to our Christmas E-Letter.

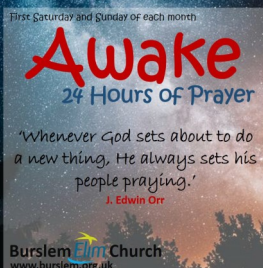
This year has continued to be a strange and different year. As a church we have been blown away by people's resilience and faith in adversity. This Christmas is going to be and feel very different from previous Christmases. However, we are still going to connect together, having fun, laughter and community whilst rediscovering the real meaning of Christmas. We would encourage you to join in with as many of the different activities as you can. There will be a lot of different things happening this month, so make sure you read through this newsletter so that you don't turn up at an event at the wrong time or, worse still, miss it.



But as well as our Christmas activities, we are still keeping prayer at the centre of everything we are doing. So from 3 p.m. on Saturday 5th December to 3 p.m. Sunday 6th December, we are having our AWAKE 24hours of prayer. To do this we are asking you to sign up for an hour prayer slot (or more if you want), to pray specifically for people to encounter and be transformed by God this Christmas. You can sign up at www.timetosignup.com/burslemelimchurch/sheet/1303612. We also would like as many people as possible to pray and fast each Monday. Again, you can do this wherever you are, fasting from whatever you choose. It has been great hearing the stories of how members of our family are engaging with this.

Finally, can we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

P.s. make sure you don't miss page 2!



Meetings in the Church Building

6th—Sunday Gathering 3 p.m.

13th—Sunday Gathering 3 p.m.

20th—Click'n'Brick Christmas Service 5.30 p.m.

25th—Christmas Day Communion 9.30 a.m.

27th—NO SERVICE

Tuesday Bible Study

10:30 a.m.

1st—Hannukah

8th—John the Baptist and Jesus

15th—How well do you know Christmas?

Financial Giving

If would like to support the church financially (unfortunately the bills haven't stopped).

Go to www.burslem.org.uk/giving for various options to give, e.g. standing order, bank transfer, gifts aid or debit card.

However, if during this time you are struggling financially, please be wise with your giving and do not feel pressured to give.



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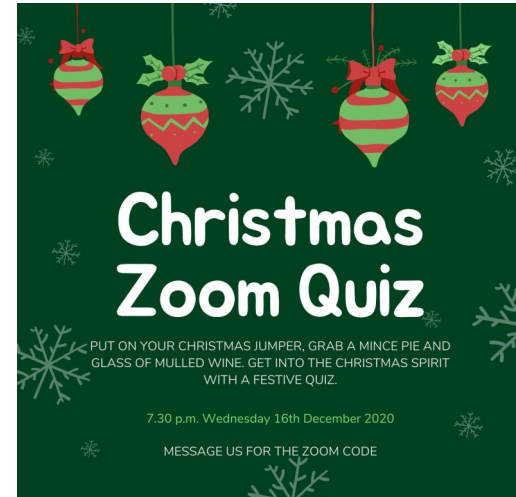


We are very aware that this year Christmas may feel lonely and hard for many people. So throughout the festive period we are hosting our C4 Gatherings on Zoom. It's a chance to have a chat with others and connect. The dates for these are

10:30 a.m. Tuesday 22nd December

5:30 p.m. Sunday 27th December

10:30 a.m. Tuesday 29th December



Sunday 20th December at 5:30 p.m.

Test your Christmas knowledge and win a prize.



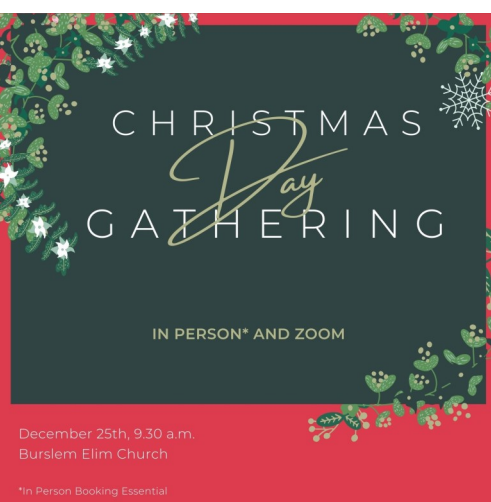
Sunday 20th December at 5:30 p.m.

This year our Christmas Services will feel very different. Join for our Click'n'Brick Christmas Service, either through Zoom or in person at our Church building. We will be having lots of different people involved and maybe even a surprise or two! (Please note, if you if want to join us in church for this evening you must reserve a set in advance.)



Wednesday 23rd December at 7:30

Join us on Zoom for a Christmas evening of stories and reflections.



Friday 25th December at 9.30 a.m.

Start Christmas Day by remembering the 'reason for the season' as we share communion together and have a chance to wish each other a Merry Christmas. (Please note, if you if want to join us in church for this evening you must reserve a set in advance, so we can plan which room to use for the service).