

This week @ Worcester Baptist Church

Today	10.30am	Morning Service: God in Our Everyday Rev Darren Smith
	6.30pm	Evening Service Rev Darren Smith
	6.30pm	Youth House Group
Mon	8-1.30pm	Church open for individual prayer
	2.00pm	Kaleidoscope - Crafts, Games and Friendship
Tue	11.45am	Lunch Club
Wed	10.30am	CAMEO ladies' group
	7.30pm	House Groups
Thu	8-1.30pm	Church open for individual prayer
	10.00am	Little Angels Toddler Group
Fri	6.30pm	Lightbox - Young Peoples' Drop In Café
Sat	6-8pm	Love the Arboretum
Next Sun	10.30am	Morning Service: God in Our Everyday Rev Darren Smith
	6.30pm	Evening Service - Rev Darren Smith
	6.30pm	Youth House Group

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10th February 2019

A warm welcome ...

This morning, we continue with our 'God in our Everyday' series, with Darren Smith, our minister, sharing. He will also be speaking at tonight's evening service, when we will be particularly praying for next Saturday's 'Love the Arboretum' event.

Please feel free to **pray in the transept**, when you arrive, committing this morning's service to God. The worship team will join you about 10:15am.

- Things on your mind and heart? Jot them down & put in **prayer request boxes** in church/hall, and we will pray for them at Start the Week. Everyone is always welcome to join us for this.
- We don't normally take AAn offering as part of our service. If you would like to contribute to the work of WBC, there is an **offering box** at the rear of the church, near the noticeboard. Envelopes are available, if required. If you wish to give monthly by standing order please speak with Mavis Cole who will be able to give you necessary details.
- Items for inclusion in the Bulletin need to be received at the church office by the Thursday. Please be aware that the Bulletin is published on the church website.

'Ignite' Children's Groups (during the morning service)

Sparks (ages 0 – 4) Meet in the church hall crèche room

Flames (ages 5 – 11) Meet in the main church hall

Blaze (ages 11+) Meet in Meeting Room, church hall

Feel free to use the unsupervised crèche area at the back of the church during the morning service.

A Message from the Foodbank

Sadly the need for food is not diminishing, and we still find ourselves running short of the items on our shopping list. We are preparing to cope with a massive increase of about 50% during 2019 following the roll out of Universal Credit. We have already seen a 24% increase! So please do keep up the amazing work!

You may have seen the recent press coverage of the City Council's decision to support us with an annual grant. This is a real answer to prayer. Since moving to the Lowesmoor warehouse our costs have escalated to over £45,000 a year. We can rely on regular financial support of £30,000 so the grant of £15,000 meets our funding gap.

We have an enormous challenge to sustain food supplies and the cash to provide the service. This task is only getting bigger and more difficult in 2019 as we face the biggest hike in demand we have seen. We cannot take our foot off the pedal. There is still much to be done. With your help we are confident that this is possible. You are all amazing and we absolutely appreciate your support.

Grahame, Foodbank Manager

Please take an updated list of items needed, from the back of church today.

Pastoral Team Changes

Over the coming months we will be making a few changes to how the church's pastoral team operates to make sure everyone is looked out for. More details of that to come but in the meantime we welcome David Parkin to the team which currently consists of Joyce Lewis, Lyn Green, Jill Tattum, Julia Holdsworth and me. Pastor Darren

New copies of Our Daily Bread prayer notes are available at the back of church, today.

Love the Arboretum

6-8pm Sat 16th Feb

Come to WBC at 6pm to collect a map of houses that will be lit up, then walk around to admire all the hard work (there's even a floating display on the canal!)

Then, come back to our hall for refreshments and to get to know our neighbours. There will also be a labyrinth to visit in the church that evening, and a family treasure hunt. This is a great opportunity for us all to make new contacts and friendships.

This Week

Prayer Corner ...

Please remember the following in your prayers -

⇒ **Min Chisnall**, who is recovering from a nasty fall during the week

⇒ **Love the Arboretum'**

At this evening's service with will spend some time praying for the 'Love the Arboretum' event and more generally for the Arboretum and the community who live there. Please do try and come along at 6:30pm as it would be good to cover the event in prayer together.

⇒ **Ann Ford**

Thank you for all your encouragement over recent months. I know that your continued prayers for comfort, strength and peace for the times ahead will be a huge help. May I ask, though, that you continue to treat me as normal; please don't avoid chatting, but it helps not to be continually asked how I am, or for an update. I know you will understand what I mean. Thanks again, Ann

⇒ **Marjorie Smith**

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Marjorie Smith last Sunday. Marjorie had been a church member for over 70 years and was a well loved figure in the church. Please be in prayer for her family, especially her niece Janet whom she was very close to. The funeral will take place at Worcester Crematorium on Thursday 28th February at 12:15pm.

⇒ **Uganda Trip**

Please pray for Rob and Julia Holdsworth and Malcolm Rankin who have just started a two week visit to Uganda, visiting Soroti Baptist Church and other people and projects we are linked to. Specific prayer needs are for good health and travel, and that it might be a time of real blessing for all, leading to a stronger relationship between us, in Jesus.