

QE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH NOTICES – Week of 13th April 2025

Sunday 13th April (Palm Sunday): **Sunday Worship** 10:30 - 11:45am. Speaker: Kate Whiting- **Baptism Service**

Monday 14th April: **Muddy Boots Walking Group** 10 – 11.30am. Meet outside QE Park Centre. Contact Jeanette or email nature.walks@qepbc.org.uk for details.

Tuesday 15th April: **Morning Prayer** 9 - 10am. in the Prayer den. All welcome.

- **Renew QE Park** 12 - 3pm. in the ground floor room.
- **Tuesday Life Group** 6.45 - 8.30pm. Contact Tim or Rachel.

Refresh café will be closed Friday 18th – Monday 21st April inclusive.

Friday 18th April (Good Friday): **Service of Reflection** 7.30-8.15pm, led by Mark Whiting in the ground floor room at the Centre.

Saturday 19th April: **Bible, Blokes & Bacon** 8.15-9.30am. Bacon rolls served at 8.15am, Bible-based discussion from 8.30am in the ground floor room.

Sunday 20th April (Easter Day): **Easter Celebration, with breakfast at 9.30 am. 10:30 - 11:45am.** Speaker: Kate Whiting. Please let Rheanne know at admin@qeparkbaptist.org.uk if you would like breakfast. There will be breakfast rolls with sausage, bacon and/or egg; and hot cross buns. Gluten free and dairy free options will be available.

FURTHER AHEAD

There will be no Muddy Boots walking group or Diddy Disciples toddler group this week.

Tuesday 22nd April: **Morning Prayer** 9 - 10am. in the Prayer den. All welcome.

- **Renew QE Park** 12 - 3pm. in the ground floor room.

Thursday 24th April: **Thursday Life Group** 7-9.30pm. Contact Pam or Ray Giles

- **Ladies' Life Group** 7-8.30pm in refresh. Contact Sheila or Lauren

Friday 25th April: **Cake Club** 7.30-9pm in Refresh.

Saturday 26th April: **Lego Church** 3-4.30pm. Contact Louise on church.events@qepbc.org.uk if you are able to be there to help/mingle.

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EXTERNAL EVENT NOTICES

“Open Hands” (local ministry for adults with learning disabilities) Easter celebration service at QEP church on Easter Saturday, 19th April. We start with tea and chat at **4pm** and then continue with our lively and informal worship service, finishing at **6pm**. We always love to see new faces at OH and anyone from the QEP congregation who happens to be free would be very welcome to join us. **For more details, please contact Paula Bell at openhandsguildford@gmail.com**

The Passion of Jesus: Good Friday, 18th April, 12 noon and 3.15pm, Live in Trafalgar Square, London. No tickets or booking are required, the 90-minute performances are completely free of charge – a gift to Londoners and visitors. Supported by the Mayor of London, one hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to this iconic location in the capital. The production is open air with visibility maximised using a large screen. There is a realistic interpretation of the crucifixion so parental guidance is advised. British sign language interpretation is provided.

This event is very popular – please arrive 40 minutes before your chosen performance. For those who cannot make it to the Square the performances will be livestreamed on their <https://www.facebook.com/Wintershallplay>.

First Aid course: Wednesday 23rd April, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Where - in Christ Church, Waterden Rd, Guildford GU1 2AZ. Free parking available.

What - Level 3 "emergency first aid at work" (NB: you don't have to have done levels 1 & 2 to attend this course). You get a certificate valid for 3 years

Who's delivering the training - "First Response Training", a company known and previously used

What do you need to bring - tea and coffee etc provided but bring a packed lunch and wear comfortable clothes as there is some practical work.

Contact: Paula Bell at openhandsguildford@gmail.com

New Engaging & Empowering Older People: Saturday 26 April 2025, 9.30am-1pm - led by Louise Morse.

What does life hold for us as we get older? How can we continue to make a difference, stay involved and keep well? Led by Louise Morse, a Christian Cognitive Behavioural Therapist, author, and speaker and trainer for The Pilgrims' Friends Society, the morning will cover: God's purpose for older people Faith in later life Christians supporting older people Empowering communities to care How to develop resilience in later life – physically, spiritually and psychologically Please reserve a place, with payment of £8, by Friday 11 April: pollard3@hotmail.co.uk

Baptist Ministry for the Gospel in the 21st Century. Monday 28th April, 10am - 4pm at Walderslade Baptist Church, Catkin Close, Chatham, KENT ME5 9HP. A study day for ministers and church members, organised by Walderslade Baptist Church.

Rev Steve Finamore, President of the BUGB 2024-25, and Principal Emeritus of Bristol Baptist College (Principal 2006-23) will lead four 1-hour sessions around the theme above, relating to: Biblical/Theological Foundations, Witness: Evangelism and Serving, Discipleship: Nurturing Spirituality and Maturity, Pastoral Care. Steve will speak for 30 mins, followed by informal questions and discussion. **Please bring your own lunch. Cost £10 per person. Please book in good time, so that the venue can be prepared. All Bookings and enquiries: by email to waldersladebaptist@gmail.com.**

SEBA Partners In Mission (PiM) Day: Saturday 10th May, 10am - 3.30pm at Guildford Baptist Church, Millmead Centre, GU2 4BE. Tickets £10 (5 for the price of 4). **Please let Kate know if you are interested in attending** so that she can book a block of tickets. See [South Eastern Baptist Association : Partners in Mission days](#) for more information.

The Matrix Trust Masquerade Ball: Friday 16th May, 7.30-11pm at Manor Farm Tithe Barn, Manor House Lane, Little Bookham, KT23 4EW. Come to enjoy a delicious 3-course meal, music & dancing with a jazz band and DJ and celebrate the impact of The Matrix Trust and support its future. Tickets £73.30 pp from [The Matrix Masquerade Ball - 25th Anniversary Tickets, Fri, May 16, 2025 at 7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#) 10% discount for bookings of 10 people.

A Mind of Their Own: Tuesday 3rd June, 7.30 - 10pm at Guildford Baptist Church, Millmead Centre, GU2 4BE. Earlybird Tickets £6. **The Care for the Family Team** will share practical and preventative tools with parents, carers and those working with young people to help children build strong emotional resilience and healthy mental wellbeing. [Katharine Hill and Mark Chester](#), featuring interviews with mental health professionals Dr Rob Waller and Dr Kate Middleton, will explore the science of the mind, and why children act and react the way they do. If you're a parent, there can be a temptation to make children's lives as stress-free as possible. Parents can't always remove negative events, but they can pass on skills to help them cope. At **A Mind of Their Own**, topics such as listening and empathising, managing stress together, and looking for life's little wins, will be explored in more detail, highlighting powerful opportunities to build emotional resilience, right in the midst of family life. **For more information and to book, use this link.**

Write to your MP about:

- **The Aid Budget Cuts:** An appeal from Tearfund to ask your MP to take a stand against the cuts. The UK Government's decision to cut aid spending down to 0.3% of Gross National Income (GNI) - a cut of around £5.5 billion - is a devastating blow to the communities Tearfund serves. This will directly affect people living in poverty around the world. Families will go hungry. Children won't be able to go to school. Conflict will continue to ruin lives. You can find more information at [Stand against UK aid cuts - Tearfund](#) and a sample email here: [Email your MP - Tearfund](#)
- **The Assisted Dying Bill:** An appeal from the Evangelical Alliance to express your concerns to your MP. They say "Committee hearings in both parliaments have heard evidence from clinicians, lawyers and academics. Many have outlined the harms each bill would have on the elderly, people living with a disability, women and minority ethnic communities. There are no safeguards to protect patients from a miscarriage of care and both bills must be rejected!" Use this link to [Email your MP](#) stating your opposition to Kim Leadbeater's bill which is due for vote on 16 May. We are aiming for all 330 MPs that voted in favour of the bill at second reading to receive an email of opposition from one of our members ahead of report stage on 25 April.

Myanmar Earthquake Appeal

Tearfund are asking for donations towards their disaster relief work in Myanmar, following the recent catastrophic earthquake. To learn more and to donate visit [DEC Myanmar Earthquake Appeal - Tearfund](#)

Volunteers Wanted to Mentor Children moving from Primary to Secondary School

The Matrix Trust are looking for new School Transition Coaches. Our Transition Coaching programme provides Year 6 children with a trained volunteer coach to walk alongside them through this season. Our coaches take them through a structured programme which builds their emotional literacy and readiness for secondary school. The mentoring continues into Year 7 at their secondary school, for up to 12 months. Free training is provided for all volunteers. Join us in making a difference! Email joshdearden-howell@matrixtrust.com to find out more.

New Calling all Poets: Poetry is a great way to express our Christian faith. Chris Ruddle is working on a compilation of poetry contributions from across the South East. The intention is to have poems from people at Baptist churches, ministers or poets in the congregations. All contributions will be gratefully accepted. Profits from sale of the poetry compilation will go to SEBA. Please email Chris Ruddle with any contributions. c_ruddle@yahoo.co.uk