



# Newsletter

## Christmas 2019



### Dates for your diary

Sun 1 Dec 10.30am	All Age Advent service
Tues 3 Dec	First Steps Nativity
Tues 3 Dec 7pm	Christmas Craft Evening
Tues 10 Dec <b>11am</b>	Christmas Party - Last First Steps before Christmas
Thurs 19 Dec 7.30pm	Christmas carol singalong
Sun 22 Dec 10.30am	All Age service
Sun 22 Dec 6.30pm	Candlelit Carol Service
Christmas Eve 8pm	Reflective service
Christmas Day 10am	All Age service
Sun 5 Jan 4pm	All Age service followed by tea
Tues 7 Jan 2019	Clean up of toys
Tues 14 Jan 2019	First Steps restarts

### Christmas Craft Evening for Women

Date Tuesday 3 December

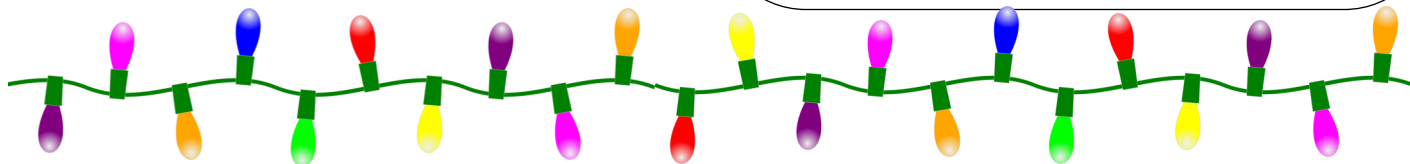
Time 7 - 9.30pm

Cost £5

So many of you say how much you enjoy doing the craft with your children at First Steps that we are organising a special craft session just for the adults!

Come and make Christmas decorations, table settings, cards etc. or just sit and chat. We will start the evening with the accompaniment of carol singing from Quorn Brownies. Later there will be refreshments and a short Christmas themed talk by Melanie Janse Van Rensburg.

Get a babysitter or pass out and come along with friends or on your own - or bring your mum or older daughters! Please buy your tickets in advance from Heather at First Steps.



### Nativity Service

On **Tuesday 3rd December** we will be holding our usual, impromptu **Nativity play**.

We will tidy away the toys a little earlier and then get ready to go into the main church to "act" out the Christmas story. We have plenty of costumes available or you can bring your own if you prefer.

Dads, grandparents, and other family and friends are welcome to come and watch too, and can either join us for the whole morning or pop in to the church around 11am. We aim to finish around the usual time but may be a little later!

### Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be held on **Tuesday 10th December** from **11am to 12.30pm**. The party will be held in the main church, and the tables and food will be set out in the hall where we usually meet.

Please park your buggies at the back as usual and then come to the front entrance of church to sign in as usual.

There will be toys and craft in church, followed by a visit from Santa with a gift for all the children, and a Christmas singalong.

We will then go through to the hall for the food and drinks. **Please bring some food for everyone to share** - there will be a list to sign up so we don't all bring the same thing!

Please do not arrive before 11 as we will need the time to set up. And don't forget your party clothes!

This will be the last session of First Steps for this term.

## Happy Christmas

You are very welcome to join us at any of our Christmas services here at Quorn Baptist Church. The services on Sunday 3rd December at 10.30am, Sunday 22 December at 10.30am and Christmas Day at 10am will be particularly suitable for children and have plenty to keep even the toddlers interested.

The services in the evening on Sunday 22 December and on Christmas Eve will be more adult orientated. On Thursday 19 December at 7.30pm we are having a Christmas carol singalong - a cafe style, informal evening of carol singing interspersed with refreshments and short readings or musical "turns", including music from the QUO (Quorn Ukulele Orchestra!).

We want to be the first to wish you all a very happy Christmas, and look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.

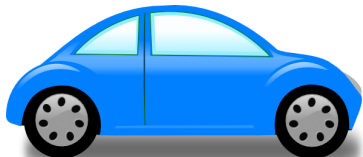


## Safeguarding

Quorn Baptist Church (QBC) has a Safeguarding Policy and Good Practice guidelines for those who work with children and young people. Please ask if you wish to see a copy of this.

All the volunteers who run First Steps hold a current DBS certificate. The procedure for reporting concerns about safeguarding issues is shown in the coloured chart on the board near the entrance to the hall. Any safeguarding concerns relating to anyone connected with First Steps can be reported to Alison Shipway, who is the Safeguarding Contact for First Steps, or to Norma Curtis, QBC's Designated Person for Safeguarding. Contact details are given on the chart.

To keep our children safe, please, please remember to keep the back gate and door to the hall shut.



Contact details:

Church Office 01509 621106

Alison Shipway 07847 490374

Jean Willson 01509 414568

## Parking

If you come by car, please make sure you park legally and considerately. There are bus stops immediately outside the church and Meeting Street is a busy and winding road. Do not park in the bus stops or on the pavement. If possible please park further away from church and walk round. We put the cones outside church to provide a safe place to cross and alert drivers. We want to make sure that everyone is safe - that includes our neighbours and other road users as well as those coming to First Steps. Thank you.

## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts for our Harvest service. These were gratefully received by the Food Bank based at Rothley Baptist Church, which helps families in need.

Thank you to everyone who helped fill shoeboxes as part of Operation Christmas Child. We were able to take 16 boxes in all to the drop off point - 5 from individuals, 5 from the church and 6 from First Steps. Our shoeboxes are destined for Eastern Europe and we will know more specifically where they have gone in the New Year. We are sure they will be greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

The money you give every week at First Steps is used to pay for our running costs, including refreshments, craft materials and a contribution to the church for heating and lighting etc. From time to time we also like to give away some of our surplus funds to charities, especially those which benefit children.

## Clean up of the toys

At the start of next term we will be meeting to clean the toys on Tuesday 7th January 2020 from 10.00 till 11.30am. Please come and help us if you can - children welcome too.

The first session of First Steps will be on Tuesday 14 January 2020.