



Leyland Baptist Church

# News and Views

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## Prayer Points

- The side building is now watertight and decoration will start soon. The scaffolding is up in preparation for phase 2 to repair the front of the church. Please continue praying for the contractors involved, and God's will for the new space.
- Rebecca, one of the staff members at SLEAP whom many of you will know, and her husband Andy, welcomed a baby boy in March. We give thanks for this new life.
- Please continue to pray for Joyce, Maureen's Mum, who continues to need ongoing care in hospital. Please pray for appointments to actually happen and are not rearranged. Also pray for Barry, her husband, and for Maureen, Graham and the rest of the family as they continue to visit to provide care and support.
- Following the rejection of their application for refugee status we continue to pray for Sahar and Ali as they prepare their appeal. Please also pray for Home Office officials carrying out the interviews, that they will have a better understanding of the Christian faith.
- Danny would appreciate prayer as he has investigations into an issue with his liver.

## Something to say?

News and Views needs your input!

Please send all items to [pastor@leylandbaptist.org.uk](mailto:pastor@leylandbaptist.org.uk) or leave them in the offering basket in the worship area.

## Easter 2025

**Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday**  
**Gift Day and Fellowship Meal**

The Fellowship Meal is a time when we each bring food to share. Please write your contribution on the sheet in the worship area. (That way we don't end up with 400 sausage rolls and nothing else!)

**Thurs 17th April Maundy Thursday**  
**6pm Meal**

If you intend to be present at the Maundy Thursday meal, please add your name to the list in the worship area. We want to make sure there is enough food. The meal will be pitta bread, roast lamb, salad, feta cheese, and tzatziki. Donations to cover the cost of the food can be made on the night.

**7.30pm Communion** followed by an opportunity for a time of personal prayer.

**Friday 18th April Good Friday**  
**10am Worship** at church.

**Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday**



**5.50am Sunrise**  
**Service and Communion**  
with other local churches,  
top of the hill behind the  
Green Man, Buckshaw

**10.30am**

**Easter celebration**

## ***Gift Day and Fellowship Meal***

***Sunday 13th April  
Palm Sunday***

Over the past few months and church meetings we have been looking at the need to become a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). Fundraising and grants to pay for the side building work has increased our income above the level set by the Charity Commission and we must now become a CIO.

To ensure this is done correctly and legally, with no repercussions in the future we need to instruct a solicitor. The cost of this is £4,620.

We do not have this amount of money available to us and so we are holding a Gift Day to cover these costs.

Becoming a CIO is a legal requirement for us now and not a decision made without good reason.

God has blessed us abundantly in providing for the side building and we trust that provision will continue as we comply with the law. Please consider how you can contribute to this.

You can make your gift through online banking - please put Gift Day as reference. If you prefer to gift a little more physically, there will be small brown envelopes on the table in the worship area. Please mark them 'Gift Day' and put in the normal offering basket.

As part of our sharing together, we are also having a Fellowship Meal after worship on the same day. More details about this are on the front of this newsletter under Easter 2025. For those who are willing to help with setting up and washing up there is a sign up sheet in the worship area.

## **Renew Wellbeing**

Quiet shared spaces  
where it's OK not to be OK

Renew Wellbeing is a project we have been thinking about getting involved with for a few years. In particular, it is something we are considering for our new space in the side building.

Renew Wellbeing is a weekly drop-in session open to anyone, but particularly those who are experiencing mental health difficulties. Renew Wellbeing is not about fixing people but coming alongside them and being with them.

There are times of intentional prayer when people are invited, but not pressured in any way, to move into a quiet prayer space. The time is led by one of the volunteers and takes place at the start and end of the session.

Hobbies may be brought, shared or taught by volunteers or attendees. The kettle is always on and a warm welcome given.

Please pray about whether this is the right thing for our new space and about who will volunteer and host Renew Wellbeing.

**Being Present • Being Prayerful • Being in Partnership**

**THE LORD IS  
MY STRENGTH  
AND MY SHIELD;  
MY HEART TRUSTS IN HIM,  
AND HE HELPS ME.  
MY HEART LEAPS FOR JOY,  
AND WITH MY SONG  
I PRAISE HIM.**

PSALM 28:7