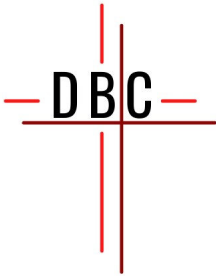


Dunchurch Baptist Church

Welcome!



OUR MISSION

*is to share
God's Good News
in a way that
people can
understand,
encouraging them
to know God better,
become devoted
followers of Jesus
and serve
others.*

See, God has come to save me.

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

*The Lord God is my strength and my song;
he has given me victory.*

Isaiah 12:2 (NLT)

Week beginning 26 November 2023

Services are held at DBC unless stated otherwise.

Sunday morning services are live-streamed at

www.dunchurchbaptist.org.uk/services

Sunday

10.30am

Rev. Mike Asbery – "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" (Daniel 6:1-28).

Monday

9.30-11am

27 November

Noah's Ark.

Thursday

9.30-11am

30 November

Noah's Ark.

11.45am

Sainsbury's Social.

Saturday

9.30am

2 December

Ladies' Walk.

Sunday

10.30am

3 December

The service will be led by Mat Sheffield.

The Prayer Team will be available after the service.

4pm

Open Air Nativity in The Square.

7pm

Communion service via Zoom; if you would like to join in please have some bread and wine or juice ready.

www.dunchurchbaptist.org.uk
www.facebook.com/DunchurchBaptistChurch

Notices & requests

- We are once again supporting **Angel Tree**, which sends Christmas presents to children of prisoners. To **donate money** towards the cost of presents and postage, please put it in the offertory box in an envelope marked Angel Tree. We also need volunteers at the **present wrapping evening** on Monday 4th December between 6.30 and 8pm – come for all or part of the evening, any help is welcome!
- This year we will again produce a **DBC Christmas Greetings** sheet to send our Christmas messages to one another. Please send your message to ilke@a7c.co.uk or place it in the offertory box by Sunday 10th December. If you would like to donate some or all of the money saved by not giving individual Christmas cards to friends at DBC, this year's suggested charity is **Rugby Christmas Cracker** (<https://wp.rugbycracker.org.uk/>). You can give by putting an envelope marked Christmas Greetings in the collection.
- If you would like to receive the **newsletter** by email, please let Ilke know in person or drop her a line at ilke@a7c.co.uk
This is also the address to use if you want to send comments or items for the newsletter; please **don't click Reply** to the newsletter email, as messages to that address get seen only once a week at most.
- **Rugby Foodbank** has more families than ever relying on their help. The nearest collection point for Dunchurch is Sainsbury's. This week's **most needed items** are tinned rice pudding & meat, washing up liquid and good quality carrier bags; they are also **running low** on savoury crackers, tinned snack meals and squash.
Or join their **Christmas Reverse Advent Calendar** :
<https://rugby.foodbank.org.uk/christmas/>

Donations and regular giving

- Bank transfer: account name “Dunchurch Baptist Church”, sort code 08-92-99, account number 65362097
- Cheques payable to “Dunchurch Baptist Church”
- Cash put in the collection

Please let John R know if your donation can be Gift Aided.

For specific donations (e.g. the Building Fund, Refugee Fund, Support Other Churches or the Crisis Fund) please put this as a reference on cheques, transfers, or envelopes-in-the-collection.

Building Fund

We are grateful to have our wonderful new building, but many loans that helped to build it still have to be paid off, so if you have any **fundraising ideas**, please speak to the Trustees.

Dates for your diary

- *Monday 4th December, 6.30-8pm* – Present wrapping for Angel Tree at DBC (details in Notices).
- *Sunday 10th December, 4-5.30pm* – Connect @ DBC. A lively youth group for young people years 6 and up, meeting up for fun, games, snacks (and a little prayer).
- *Friday 15th December, 10am-12* – **Cake & Craft** at DBC.
- *Tuesday 19th Dec, 9.30am-12* – **Route 41** Community Café at DBC.

2024

- Rev. Ali Jones will begin his ministry with us on 1st January, so his **first Sunday service** will be on *7th January*. His **induction service** will be on *Saturday 3rd February*.

Our **Small Groups** meet regularly via Zoom and/or in person for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. See the Elders for more information about joining, hosting, leading or starting a Small Group.

- *Wednesday Morning* – 2nd & 4th, 10.30am at DBC. Contact Phil or Ilke. We are happy to help arrange lifts.
- *Wednesday Evening* – 1st & 3rd, 7.30pm via Zoom. Contact Ilke.
- *Thursday Early Evening* – 30th November, 6.30pm face to face for coffee or online from 7pm; contact Katie W.
- *Thursday Evening* – convenient Thursdays, 7.30pm; meeting at Chris' who is also the contact for this group.
- *Friday Evening* – 2nd, 7.30pm, various locations. Contact Steve.

Volunteering at DBC.

We are still looking for:

- **AV team** members – speak to John
- A **Social Co-ordinator** – speak to one of the Elders
- A **Website Co-ordinator** – speak to one of the Elders
- Someone to produce the **newsletter** as Ilke will step down by the end of this year; speak to her if you would like to offer, or want to ask for more information first.
- **Sunday School leaders and helpers** – Volunteers to lead or help, either on a regular basis or as occasional back-up, are always welcome!

Many thanks to all those who have recently joined rotas, for sharing in these ministries! We've now got quite good coverage in many of the rotas but it's always good to have extra people available, in case of holidays, illness, or simply to spread the load – the more the merrier!

Church family news, prayer & praise

- Please pray for the Christmas services that are being planned, that they may be welcoming and God-filled.
- Please continue to pray for Ali and Gillian as they complete their current ministry and prepare for their move to us; and pray for the church they are leaving as they start their search for a new minister.
- Please continue to pray for those coping with bereavement, health problems, or worries about the cost-of-living crisis; and for those caught up in war, conflict or natural disasters.

If you have an urgent need for prayer, please contact Katie W who will activate the DBC **prayer chain**.

If you wish to be part of the **e-mail prayer chain** please tell Katie W.

Once a month the DBC **Prayer Team** offers prayer after the morning service to anyone who would like it; feel free to share as much or as little as you are comfortable with about your prayer (or praise!) need.

3rd December: Vicky, Claire DG

Christmas services

Sunday 3rd December, 4pm –

Open-air Nativity, The Square

Sunday 10th December, 10.30am –

Sunday School Nativity

Sunday 17th December, 5pm – Carols by

Candlelight followed by refreshments

Sunday 24th December, 9.30pm – Christmas

Eve Communion via Zoom

(midnight in Bethlehem)

Monday 25th December, 10.30am – Christmas

Day service (no tea & coffee afterwards)



Responsibilities

Keyholder & Duty Steward

Today: Chris

Next week: Jules

Welcoming

Today: Claire & Gillian

Next week: Sue & Brian

Counting the offering

Today: Sue W, David

Next week: Barbara, Claire S

Communion Steward

17th Dec: Peter & Elizabeth

Refreshments

Today: Natasha, Mell

Next week: Alan & Sue

AV

Today: A – Rich

V – John

Next week: A – Sam

V – Joel & Clara