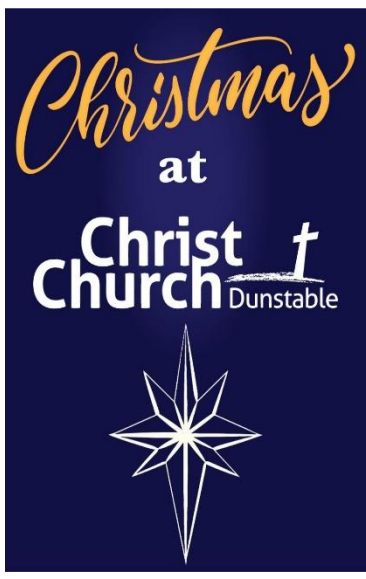


## Welcome to Christ Church Dunstable!






We're delighted you're here and trust you feel at home amongst us. If you are new here, we would love to get to know you better. Please visit [ccd.church/welcome](http://ccd.church/welcome) or use the QR code to provide your contact details.



## OUR SERVICES TODAY

	<b>Morning Services 9.15am &amp; 11.15am</b>
	<b>The King has Come [1]</b> Titus 2:11 <i>'For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.'</i> Gareth Mitchell (Associate Pastor)
	<b>Carols by Candlelight Service 6.15pm</b>
	<b>The King has Come [2]</b> Matthew 1:21 <i>'She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'</i> Mark Lawrence (Lead Pastor)

## CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORK TODAY

	<b>Crèche</b> facilities for under 2's are available in the Church Hall.
	<b>2-4's in the Church Hall (beneath the auditorium)</b> <b>The Christmas Story: The Wise Men</b> (Matthew 2:1-18) Big Idea: Jesus is the one we are to worship
	<b>4-7's in the Lounge (Church Office) &amp; 8-11's in The Way</b> <b>Mary's Adventure</b> (Luke 1:26-38) Big Idea: The Son of God comes to live with ordinary people like us
 	<b>Nano is for 11-14's and Frontline is for 14-18's</b> <b>Nano:</b> on Christmas break <b>Frontline:</b> on Christmas break

# Church Family News

## THIS WEEK

<b>Mon 23</b>		<b>Tiddlers &amp; Toddlers:</b> on Christmas break <b>English Classes:</b> on Christmas break
<b>Tue 24</b>	2:30 – 4:30pm 4:15pm	<b>Art:</b> on Christmas break <b>Foodbank:</b> in The Way <b>Children's Carol Service:</b> in the Church Building (see below for further details)
<b>Wed 25</b>	10:15am	<b>Christmas Day Service:</b> in the Church Building (see below for further details)
<b>Thur 26</b>		<b>Boxing Day</b>
<b>Fri 27</b>	12:30 – 2:30pm	<b>Knit &amp; Natter:</b> on Christmas break <b>Foodbank &amp; Drop In:</b> in The Way
<b>Sat 28</b>		<b>Frontline:</b> on Christmas break

### Children's Christmas Eve Carol Service – 4.15pm

We are looking forward to seeing you at 4.15pm on Christmas Eve for our special service which is for the whole family. If you would like to, come dressed in fancy clothes as if you are going to meet royalty!

### Christmas Day Service – 10.15am

On Christmas Day, we have one service at 10.15 and would love to see you there! We would encourage you to arrive in plenty of time so you can be seated comfortably in the main auditorium. The Welcome Team will be directing you to seats and may ask you to move along to ensure rows are completely filled up. This is to make sure that everyone can be safely and comfortably seated before the service starts. If you have accessibility requirements, the Welcome Team will be able to assist you.

## NEXT SUNDAY – 29<sup>th</sup> December

Please join us for our **Morning Services at 9:15am & 11:15am**, and our **Praise & Testimony Service at 6:15pm**.

### Praise and Testimony Service – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

We will have an evening of Praise and Testimony at the 6:15pm service on 29<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to share during the evening, please speak to Mark Lawrence or Gareth Mitchell. The expectation is that the service will finish by 7:30pm so please do prioritise this special evening as we hear testimonies of God's goodness to us as individuals and as a church during 2024.

# Global Mission

## Jonathan & Felicity Carswell, serving with 10ofThose, in the United States of America



Please thank God for sustaining us through the last few months. We're thankful to be back in our home, and are grateful for church family and other friends who give us good community. There have been some big emotions as we've transitioned back, but we can see the Lord providing in lots of ways and are grateful for things feeling more settled and calmer. Praise God for the new CEO of 10ofThose USA starting and for the way in which Jonathan is feeling the impact of sharing the load. Please pray on for the long term fruit of that appointment, and for the Lord to continue to provide all that 10ofThose needs to keep serving in the way they do.

Please pray for our Christmas period over here - it comes at the end of a long stretch and we are all tired. Please pray for some rest, and for the emotions that come with not being with family over the coming weeks. There's a big conference for 18-25 year olds happening to which we are all going to serve on the bookstore, so please pray for fruitful times as many resources go out and for us as a family to enjoy doing that together.

Praise God for our neighbours, Matthew and Devin, who came to an evangelistic concert with us last weekend. Please pray for that relationship to deepen and for spiritual conversations to happen. Please pray for Rufus and Billy - that their kernel of faith would grow, that they'd keep asking questions and that they would see Jesus to be better than anyone or anything else around them. Thank you so much! We loved receiving all the Christmas cards, so kind and thoughtful. We were so encouraged by all the messages.

## Christmas Offering

Our Christmas collection this year will be split between **MAF** and **Azalea**. Details were shared during previous morning services. The church bank details are- Sort Code: 40-52-40, Account Number: 00037278. Please use the reference: *Christmas*. You can also donate by cash, cheque and contactless payment any time between now and **Monday 6th January**.

## The Way Coffee House Christmas Opening Hours

The Way will close on Christmas Eve at 3pm and will re-open on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 8.30am.

## 2025 Daily Bible Readings

Details of the plan for 2025 was shared during the services this morning. The Daily Bible Reading booklets and the accompanying book, 'Prayer, Praise and Promises', are available in the Foyer for £10. The e-book is available on-line for purchase.

An electronic copy of the 2025 Daily Bible Reading booklet will also be available at [ccd.church/dbr](http://ccd.church/dbr) from 1<sup>st</sup> January. The 2024 booklet is currently on this link.

## Church Diary

Paper copies of the Church Diary for 2025 are available in the church foyer. The electronic diary can be found at [ccd.church/diary](http://ccd.church/diary)

# Sermon Notes