

Welcome to Guiseley Baptist Church!

If you are visiting us today, we give you a warm welcome and trust you will feel at home with us. If you'd like to know more about us and what we do, please help yourself to one of our leaflets, which can be found in the foyer.

Tea & coffee will be served at the end of our service.

Phillip Hatton will be preaching today.

An Advent message from our Minister in Training, Gill Thurgood ~

Hi there... I was reading this week that someone now owns a \$450Million painting of Jesus. A 500 year old work of art, thought to be by Leonardo Da Vinci.

I'm baffled that anyone has £450Million to spend on a painting, but I'm also struck by the contradiction: In the gospels we learn that Jesus had no hoard of money, no position of power, no friends in high places, no luxury mansion, but came to earth as a baby, born in very humble circumstances so that we might know God more. This Jesus who had nowhere to lay his head on this earth, who gave up all the glory, prestige and riches of heaven to become nothing for us, has become the subject of a \$450Million painting.

With Christmas approaching it's easy to get swallowed up in the merchandise, the giving and receiving of gifts, the sparkle, the parties...

Let's remember that what we already have in Jesus is priceless.

Table Tennis Club ~

Both groups will recommence from 1st December onwards.

Dates for your diary ~

Please make a note of the following events that will be taking place in December:

17th - 9.30 am	Children's Nativity
17th -11.15am	Normal service
17th - 6.30 pm	Contemporary Carols Service
24th - 11.30pm	Midnight service
25th - 10.00am	Short Christmas day service

Would you like someone to pray with you after the service?

Members of our GBC Prayer Team, wearing badges are available to pray with you in strict confidence, whatever your request or need. Please come to the prayer space at the front of the worship centre.

Guiseley Christmas Market & Light Switch-on ~

From 2 - 6pm, the people of Guiseley come together as a community when Town Street is closed to accommodate a Christmas street market, culminating in the switching on of the Christmas Lights. It promises to be a great afternoon of fun for all the family, with stalls, and live entertainment from local groups—come on down and embrace all that it has to offer.

Harvest Appeal ~

Once again, as a Church, your generosity has been humbling.

So far we have raised £730 for our Harvest Appeal, Charitywater—a charity whose mission it is to see that every single person on the planet has access to clean water.

Our attention was drawn to this cause through Amanda Connor, who was made aware of a young person who was carrying out fund raising activities to support this worthwhile charity.

For more information please speak to Amanda, or visit the Charitywater website: www.charitywateruk.org

It's not too late if you would like to contribute to this worthy cause... envelopes are still available in the foyer.

Connections ~

Our coffee mornings in December will be :
Saturday 9th & 23rd from 10.15 to 11.30. Please come and join us to relax and have fellowship away from the busyness of Christmas shopping.

Church Directory update ~

Please update your directories with Chris Eddison's new address:
72 Westfield Avenue, Yeadon, LS19 7NG

CAP Job Club Drop-in session ~

On Tuesday 28th November, the CAP Job Club that is run at GBC will be holding a drop-in session at church from 10am—noon, to help with CV's, job searches, applications and interview tips.

There will probably be only one more session after this before we break for Christmas.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

As an interim measure, but for the odd exception, we have moved back to one service on Sunday mornings at 10.30. One such exception is the morning of Sunday 17th December—the Children's Nativity will take place during a 9.30 service, and a more typical service will take place at 11.15.

More information

Please tick the areas you are interested in, detach this form and hand it to the Minister, or send it to the Church Office (address on back of this leaflet)

Please give me more info on:

- Finding out more about the Christian faith
- Church Membership
- Baptism/Dedication
- Newcomers Tea
- House groups
- Older people's work
- Children's/Youth work

Other:

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I would be interested in getting involved with:

- Welcoming/Stewarding
- Hospitality
- Children's/Youth Work
- Sound-desk operation
- Community Action
- Prayer Teams
- Practical help with church building