

## Welcome...

Joining us for the first time...? You are very welcome!

During the 11am service our children & young people will enjoy time together with their leaders. **Please collect your children from the downstairs of the Christian Centre at the end of the service.**

***‘When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said,  
“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.”’***

John 8:12

## Today...

**Sunday 14 December - Third Sunday of Advent | Joy**

9.15am: Morning Worship  
He Shall Be Called... Jesus, Light of the World | Kay Boulton

Refreshments will be served in the church foyer between the services

11.00am: Morning Worship (as 9.15am)

7.00pm: Beer & Carols at Arcado Lounge



## Next week...

**Live Streaming** - If you can't join us in-person, we'll be live streaming the 11am service on our YouTube Channel: [www.youtube.com/c/ChristchurchBaptistChurch](http://www.youtube.com/c/ChristchurchBaptistChurch)

**Monday 15 December**

1.00pm: Deeper- Bible Study For Mums

**Tuesday 16 December**

7.30pm: Sharing the Journey | Renew: Fitness and Faith

**Thursday 18 December**

10.00am Linkup Café

**Friday 19 December**

5.00pm: All-Age Carol Service (With Christingles)

7.00pm: Carols By Candlelight

**Sunday 21 December - Forth Sunday of Advent | Love  
ONLY ONE SERVICE**

11.00am: Morning Worship - He Shall Be Called... 9 Lessons & Carols  
Chris Brockway & Kay Boulton

## More news...

**Giving To The Work Of Our Church** - If you would like to give a cash offering for the work of God's Church, please place it in the box on the stage, in the foyer or use the offering bags which will be circulated during our opening worship. We also have two contactless giving points which you can use. For more information about giving to the work of Christchurch Baptist Church please visit our website where you can also download Standing Order and Gift Aid forms: [www.christchurchbaptist.org.uk/giving](http://www.christchurchbaptist.org.uk/giving). If you are a visitor with us today, please do not feel any obligation to give.



Scan the QR code  
to give online via  
ChurchSuite

## More news...

**Birthday Celebrations!** - A very Happy Birthday to Mark Woolterton who celebrates his birthday today (14 December).

**Beer & Carols At Arcado Lounge** - TONIGHT (Sunday 14 December) is our popular community event on 7pm-9.30pm. Please do come along if you can and join our worship group in singing some carols & sharing the true meaning of Christmas to all those gathered.

**Carol Service at Fairmile Grange** - If you would enjoy singing Christmas Carols why not join a team of us who are going into Fairmile Grange Care home on Monday 22 December at 2.30pm to share a Christmas Carol service. If you are interested please contact Kay Boulton - [kay@christchurchbaptist.org.uk](mailto:kay@christchurchbaptist.org.uk).

**Sunday 21 & 28 December** - There will only be **one service** on at 11am on Sunday 22 & 28 December. Youth & Children's ministry will be happening during this service, but please can they go straight to the Christian Centre or Youth Room for 11am.

**Old Stamps For New Works!** - As all your Christmas cards come in the post, please don't forget to save the used postage stamps from them. Cut (don't tear) them from the envelope, leaving a small margin and put them in the basket in the foyer by the welcome desk.

**Linkup Café** - Linkup will take a break over Christmas and New Year, the last Thursday will be 18 December. From January Linkup is going to open once a month on Second Thursday of the month (January 8 February 12 March 12). Same place, same time, same Linkup just once a month!

**Gift Bags Needed** - Medium size gift bags are needed for Debs & Malc Marshall to use on Christmas Day for those who will be receiving a Christmas Day meal. They need to be a medium size (about 10 inches). Please pass any bags you may have going spare to Debs & Malc.

**Message From Christchurch Foodbank+** - Thank you for all your faithful support, especially at this busy time of year. Thank you for all those who have brought in 'Reverse Advent boxes/bags' we are truly blessed by our community. Our needs are UHT milk cartons, fruit squash/juice, tinned carrots and sweetcorn and tinned pies. Thank you and blessings in advance from all the team and all we serve, God Bless.

***'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things  
were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.***

***In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.***

***The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.'***

John 1:1-5

## More news...

### Praise God:

- For sending Jesus, the Light of the World, to shine into every place where darkness tries to reign and that in Jesus, no darkness can overcome us, because His light is stronger than all fear and confusion.
- That the light of Christ guides our steps and keeps us on the path of righteousness and that His light brings hope into situations that feel impossible or overwhelming.
- That through Jesus, we can reflect His light to others and be beacons of hope in our world and that His light brings healing to broken places spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

### Please Pray:

- For Kay Boulton as she shares God's Word with us this morning.
- For the children, youth and their leaders as they enjoy time with each other and explore more of God today.
- For the light of Jesus to shine into every dark area of our lives, bringing truth and freedom and stronger faith to walk confidently in the light, even when circumstances feel overwhelming.
- For spiritual awakening across nations, that many would see the light of Christ and turn to Him.
- For the persecuted believers who must celebrate Christmas in secret.
- For our overseas mission partners as they serve God around the world. **Dave & Michele Mahon & family** working in Peru with BMS World Mission, **H** who is serving God in Asia, **Smile Charity Uganda** - Alex Gift Ngabonziza and family, **Esther Boulton** working with Ekisa Ministries (Uganda) and **Stephanie Darling** at the Evangelical Bible College in Malawi.

## Staff team...

**Rev Chris Brockway** (Team Leader)

**Rev Kay Boulton** (Minister)

**Jackie McGregor** (0-18s Ministry Lead)

**Julie Dynan** (Administration)

Church Office is closed on Wednesdays

## Creation Care Challenge...



Look for Fairtrade chocolates and items with minimal packaging.