

GRACE AND TRUTH
GOD MADE KNOWN



Welcome

Sunday 23rd December
Christmas Celebration

Today -

10.30am:

David Gooding will be preaching on "Grace and Truth" as part of our Advent Series with Rob Fraser-Binns

7pm:

Alasdair Black will be doing an Epilogue and Prayer as part of the Carol Service celebration to be held in the Albert Halls.

If you are new to SBC...

Please stop by the welcome area on the middle floor.

Members of the welcome team wear **blue lanyards**. Come and enjoy a coffee and a chat.

The **prayer team** wear **yellow badges** and will be available during our services at the back of the hall.

If you know anyone who would appreciate pastoral support, please contact Rosey McFarlane on 07894 503174. For urgent prayer requests call Janette Buick on 07931 927 414 or email prayerchain@stirlingbaptist.co.uk

News & Events



Carol Service - THIS EVENING

Sunday 23rd December @ 7pm, Albert Halls

Don't forget to come along and join us this evening at the Albert Halls as we celebrate Christmas with this festive service. Enjoy the glorious singing from our SBC Choir with readings, prayer and reflections to lead us into Christmas.

Christmas Eve - Watchnight Service

Monday 24th December @ 11.15pm, SBC

Join us for a beautiful candle-lit Christmas Evening service with carols and a short message, a wonderful way to welcome in Christmas Day.

Christmas Day- Family Service

Tuesday 25th December @ 10am, SBC

Start Christmas Day with a family service as we celebrate the birth of Jesus and we get everyone involved with all the christmas festivities.

NO EVENING SERVICE

Sunday 30th December @ 9.45 and 11am, SBC

We will have a visiting speaker - Scott McIntosh preaching at both our morning services. So please come and join us as we hear from him and reflect on 2018 and look forward to the New Year.

Sunday 6th January

We will be starting a new series as we start the New Year called 'Beauty from Ashes' - A Garment of Praise, instead of a Spirit of Despair. Please come and join us as Alasdair Black begins the series.

Book Club

Tuesday 5th February, 7:45pm
on the Middle Floor

Our next book is UNDIVIDED by Vicky Beeching. It is described as "an incredibly powerful, moving story about reconciling faith and sexuality". Feel free to join us to discuss the book in a relaxed and informal way.

'Just Christmas'

Following the Gift Day on Sunday 16th December, we have raised over £7500, but there is still plenty of time if you were not able to contribute. Please do prayerfully consider whether you can set some money aside amidst the busy festivities to help CAP and all those they support.



BEAUTY FROM ASHES

Under 25s

We have a range of programmes for our 0 -25s throughout the week. Check out the website for more info

KIDS (0 - 12 yrs)

Sun 23rd Dec - Preschool (Lesser Hall)

Sun 30th Dec - Creche available for 0-2's at both services, Bubbles and History Makers in the Taylor Room (9:45am Service only)

Sun 6th January - All children's programme returns to normal. Please speak to a steward if you are unsure about where to go.

YOUTH (12 -18 yrs)

Sun 30th Dec - All youth will be joining the 9:45am service. Jonny will meet you at the back of the Sanctuary.

Sun 6th Jan - Kinect (for P7-S4's) returns, meeting in Level One. Youth Fellowship returns at 8-9:30pm for those in S1-S6.

Wednesday 16th Jan - One for the grown ups! Parent Share 7:30-9pm, Level One.

Community

A lot of our Community work runs from the Family Life Centre (FLC), The Haven and in Callander.

CAP Debt Centre Manager

Stirling Baptist are looking to appoint a Forth Valley CAP Centre Manager in a multi-church partnership. The post is Full Time, 37 hours a week and based at the Family Life Centre with the aim to set up the centre, offer debt advice whilst reflecting the christian faith and maintaining the core values of the charity. Please contact the Rab Donald to request an application pack - rab.donald@stirlingbaptist.co.uk.

Closing date is the **31st December 2018**.



faith at home

Christmas is a great time to create family traditions, these also help to establish family identity, one of the keys to developing Faith at Home.

We would recommend having a look through this list of ideas from Godventure - godventure.co.uk/news/30-ways-to-celebrate-jesus-at-christmas/ and pick a few that you could try as a family this year.

Callander Services

During December services will not be running as per usual times and we will be supporting the various festive services. Normal service will be resumed in January 2019. Please contact Brian Gooding if any queries or for more details.



Start Up Stirling

Food Bank Current Needs:

Long life milk, tinned food (fish, meat, soup, fruit), jars of sauce.



Christmas Appeal: Purchase a gift voucher for a family
See <https://startupstirling.org.uk/donate/> appeal for more info.

A big 'Thank You' to SBC for all your support for Start Up (from Tricia Cumming at Start Up)

Family News

Please continue to remember those in our church family that are recently bereaved and pray for all those for whom Christmas is a challenging time.

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Giving

Stirling Baptist relies on the generous and faithful giving of the fellowship. If you would like more information, please contact our Finance Manager in confidence at finance@stirlingbaptist.co.uk

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