



WELCOME

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CAROL & NATIVITY SERVICE 21st December 2025

Welcome Song (see below)

Entrance

506 Once in royal David's city

Carols

626 The first Nowell

35 Angels from the realms of glory

397 Little donkey

497 O little town of Bethlehem

468 O come all ye faithful

580 Silent night, holy night

733 While shepherds watched their
flocks by night

364 Joy to the world

574 See him lying on a bed of straw

Offertory

130 Ding dong! merrily on high

Communion

272 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Recessional

620 The angel Gabriel from heaven came

WELCOME SONG

Happy to share, happy to share,
Our blessings with one another.
That's why we are here.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Janet & Jason and we pray for those who have
recently died, and their families:.



COLLECT

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of
your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin
Mary to be the mother of the promised
saviour: fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy
will and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES!

25 December at 10.00

Christmas Day Service



PRAYER & OUTREACH GROUP

There is a prayer meeting at the church on the **first Tuesday of every month** at 10:30. The next one will be **Tuesday 6 January 2026** at 10:30.



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

We restart **Wednesday 21 January 2026**. You are very welcome to join!

Meeting ID: 849 2977 1613

Password: 356850



CHILDREN IN CHURCH

Children can go to the sensory chapel after the Collect. They should return after the intercessory prayer to join the service for the Peace. They may choose to sit at the back or rejoin their parents, except on the first Sunday of each month when they will co-lead and remain in the main church throughout the service.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 22 December

Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Tuesday 23 December

Hall: 18:30 - 20:00—Pilates

Wednesday 24 December

Hall: 12:00—1:30 - **Food bank**

Thursday 25 December

Church: 10:00 - Christmas Day service

Saturday 27 December

Hall: 09:00-17:00 - 7th Day Adventists

Sunday 28 December

Church: 10:00 - Communion

Hall: 13:00-17:00 - I AM Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 25 December

Church: 10:00 - Christmas Day service

Tuesday 6 January 2026

Church: 10:30 - Prayer & Outreach group

Wednesday 7 January 2026

Hall: 12:00—1:30 - **Food bank**

Wednesday 21 January 2026

Online: 17:00 - Bible study

The Old Testament Reading

*The Old Testament reading is from: **Isaiah 7: 10 - 16***

¹⁰ Later, the LORD sent this message to King Ahaz: ¹¹ “Ask the LORD your God for a sign of confirmation, Ahaz. Make it as difficult as you want—as high as heaven or as deep as the place of the dead.”

¹² But the king refused. “No,” he said, “I will not test the LORD like that.”

¹³ Then Isaiah said, “Listen well, you royal family of David! Isn’t it enough to exhaust human patience? Must you exhaust the patience of my God as well? ¹⁴ All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God is with us’). ¹⁵ By the time this child is old enough to choose what is right and reject what is wrong, he will be eating yogurt and honey. ¹⁶ For before the child is that old, the lands of the two kings you fear so much will both be deserted.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

*The Gospel reading is from: **Matthew 1: 18 - end***

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew**.*

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁸ This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

²⁰ As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. ²¹ And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet:

²³ “Look! The virgin will conceive a child!

She will give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel,
which means ‘God is with us.’”

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.