



Jerusalem Baptist Church



Newsletter

January 2026

Leading of Services

Jerusalem Baptist Church
Castle Street
Pentrebach
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Church Deacons

Ann Acock
David Balsom
Diane Price
Stacey Rogers
Casey Ewuzie
Gift Ijomone

Church Services

Sunday Morning:
11am - 12pm

Sunday Evening:
6pm - 7pm

Communion Services

Morning - 3rd Sunday
of every month

Evening - 1st Sunday of
every month

All services will be led by Pastor Matthew Tricker unless stated otherwise below.

Sunday 4th January - Prayer breakfast at 9:30am
Followed by morning service at 11am
- Evening service at 6pm

Sunday 11th January - Morning service at 11am led by
Casey Ewuzie.
- Evening service at 6pm led by
Gerald Ingram.

Sunday 18th January - Morning service at 11am
- Evening service at 6pm

Sunday 25th January - Morning service at 11am led by
Ayo Ogulande.
- Evening service at 6pm led by
Alun Davies.

Weekly Events happening in the Church

Mondays 7pm - 8pm - Prayer Meeting in the Sanctuary,
followed by Bible study

Tuesdays 9:30am - 11am - Mother and Toddler group **(6th Jan)**

Wednesdays 5:45pm - 7pm - Kids Cross Zone

Wednesdays 7pm - 8:15pm - Youth Group (Year 6 and above)

Wednesdays 8pm - 8:45pm - Youth bible study (age 14+)

(Wednesday youth groups start back on 14th January)

Fridays 10:45am - 12pm - Coffee Morning

Fridays 8:30pm - Fellowship and Prayer meeting

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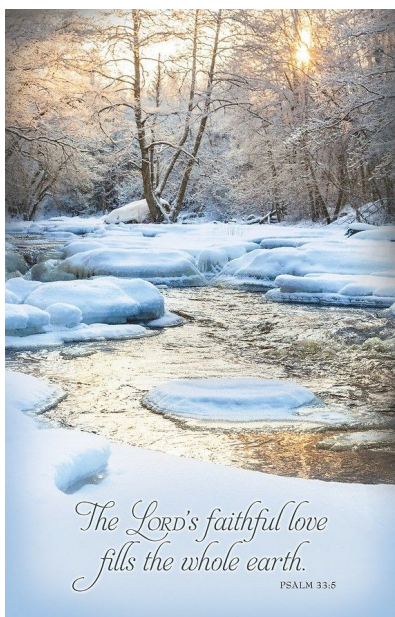
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Events happening outside the Church

House Group - Bible Study and Fellowship Meeting

Every other Tuesday afternoon, 2pm for a 2:30pm start - Ken and Doreen's house. Please see Ken or Doreen for further details.

Other Events taking place this month

Craft and Chat session

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no Craft and Chat session this month.

Esther's Fellowship Meeting

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no Esther's Fellowship Meeting this month.

Youth Link - Saturday 24th January, 19:00 - 21:00

This is an event for 11 - 18 year olds. It will be taking place on Saturday 24th January, 7pm - 9pm, at The Engine House, Dowlais. Please see Ilan for more information.

Other News

Church 125th Anniversary Celebrations - May 2026

Our church is celebrating its 125th anniversary and we are planning to hold a community event in May 2026 as a finale to our celebrations. This will be in the form of an open afternoon, inviting the community of Pentrebach to share in our celebrations - an opportunity for everyone to share their memories of the church. We would love to create a display of memories of the chapel over the years so if anyone has photographs of events such as Sunday school anniversaries, parties and outings or weddings held at the chapel we would love to have them to display.

Susan Pound is happy to help co-ordinate the event so if anyone is able to help with photos etc., please contact Sue - you can email her at pound.susan@gmail.com There will also be a buffet on the day as part of the celebrations.

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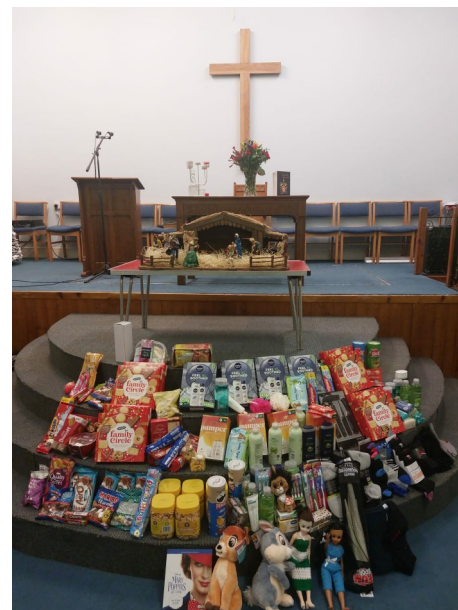
**"The kingdom
of heaven is like
treasure hidden
in a field, which a
man found and
covered up.**

**Then in his joy he
goes and sells
all that he has and
buys that field.**

■ MATTHEW 13:44

Christmas donations for the homeless

A massive thank you to all those who gave donations for the homeless for Christmas. In addition to the many various items gifted, a total of £150 in cash was raised which went towards feeding the homeless on Christmas day.



Payment of tithes and offerings

As a part of our worship we give tithes and offerings to the church for the work of the Lord. There is a box at the back of the church if people want to give cash but there is also the facility to pay online. Here are the church's bank details for anyone who wishes to pay tythes and offerings directly into the church bank account:

Jerusalem Baptist Church
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Please could you put your name as the reference for your online payment as this will help the treasurer, especially with regard to claiming Gift Aid on offerings. Many thanks.

Isobel's Jams and Chutney's Appeal 2025

Isobel raised a wonderful £180 from the jams and chutneys appeal which will be split between Christian Aid, Open Doors and Foodbank. She wishes to offer her sincere thanks to everyone who supported this sale.



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Easy Fundraising



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online, from your weekly shop to your annual holiday, you could be collecting free donations for Jerusalem Baptist Church?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/jerusalemchristianchurch> and join for free - please pass it on to as many people as you can.

2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

It is also possible to raise funds on the site by checking for car/house/travel insurance quotes via compare the market and go compare - look at the compare insurance section - there is no requirement to buy your insurance via the site but you earn around £1 for entering details - only 1 per year per site (but that is for each type of insurance).

There are no catches or hidden charges and Jerusalem Baptist Church will be really grateful for your donations.

*Trust in the Lord
with all your heart,
do not depend
on your own
understanding,
seek His will
in all you do,
and He will show you
which path to take.*
Proverbs 3:5-6

Scripture Verse

2 Corinthians 4: 17 - 18

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.