

## Children's and Youth Work at Guiseley Baptist Church

During December our regular activities for children and youth will pause before restarting again in January. Please see below for specific dates:

### Sundays

The last **Children's and youth sessions** will be **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec**. Sessions will restart on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan**.

The last **Youth Alpha** session will be **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec** and will restart on **4<sup>th</sup> Jan**.

On **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec** a space will be available for children and parent's upstairs if required but will be **unsupervised**.

### Midweek

All our midweek sessions will end on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** and will restart on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan**

*All of our groups are led according to our GBC safeguarding policy, which can be viewed on the GBC website - [www.guiseleybaptistchurch.co.uk](http://www.guiseleybaptistchurch.co.uk)*

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## 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov:** The journey through History [Martin]  
With Communion

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** The journey promised [David]

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec:** The journey to Bethlehem [Helen]

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec:**

**Morning:** Nativity service [Joe]

**Evening (6.30pm):** Carols by candlelight – The journey to the stable [Martin]

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Looking back with thanks [Steve]

**January:** Martin will be teaching each Sunday during January sharing his vision for the church. The first Sunday will include communion including families.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our services in the future.

*Audio recordings of previous sermons can be found on our website if you would like to catch up or revisit earlier sermon series*

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## Welcome to Guiseley Baptist Church!

If you are visiting us today, we give you a warm welcome and trust you will feel at home. Do make sure you take a 'welcome bag' they are full of information about the church, and they also have a contact card for you to fill in if you would like to keep in touch with us.

### GUISELEY BAPTIST CHURCH – CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025

This year, we are inviting the Guiseley Baptist Church (GBC) family to support an excellent Leeds-based charity called **Zarach**.



**Zarach** is on a mission to end child bed poverty in England, giving children the opportunity to engage at school and a chance to break the future cycle of poverty.

Please look at their website to get a fuller insight into the great work they are doing: <https://zarach.org/>

#### If you can contribute, please note the following:

**Financial gifts** – to Zarach, can be donated at **any time during December** in any of the following ways:

- For those who give via the bank, please ensure the reference states '**Christmas 2025**'. *(Bank details for GBC are below.)*
- Contactless payments *(using a debit card, credit card, or phone)* can be made via the **Collectin** located in the foyer. Please choose the '**Christmas 2025 – Zarach**' option
- Cash or cheques should be put inside an envelope, clearly marked '**Christmas 2025**' and placed in the offertory bag at church during a Sunday morning service

Many thanks for your support to the work of this great charity.

**Guiseley Baptist Church – Barclays Bank business account:**

Sort code: 20-48-95 Account number: 20444960

### Advanced dates:

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 12pm** – Cornerstone Christmas service and lunch.

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2pm** – small Christmas carol service at Guiseley Manor. All welcome but please speak with Nichola.

**Annual leave:** Martin will be on annual leave from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> December until Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December inclusive.

**Thursdays 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Who'd be a Baptist? 7.30pm till 9pm in the Hub. A 4-week course, open to anyone who wants to explore what it means to be a part of the Baptist family, particularly at GBC. We will explore, vision, structure, governance, membership and more. **Speak to Martin for more information.**

### **Ministry Musings**

As we move into the season of Advent and we begin our preparations for Christmas it is important to remember we are preparing to celebrate the birth of our saviour Jesus. Now is the time to be thinking and praying about who you could invite along to one of our Christmas events.

This year at GBC we want to invite you to journey with us to the stable, to reflect on the journeys that others before us have made to meet Jesus. We want to explore how this event was pre-planned by God and clearly signposted for those who were willing to look. We want to reflect on the impact of individuals, then and now, as they move towards a meeting in the stable with Jesus.

What does the birth of Jesus mean for the world today? What does His birth mean for us and our friends or families?

Let's enjoy all the celebrations of Christmas, the mulled wine, the mince pies, the presents and the food, but let's also explore the journey ourselves and encourage others to meet Jesus at the stable.

Martin.

If you would like to put any information in the church notice sheet, please email

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