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### Lliswerry Baptist Church



10.45am Nativity Service

An All-Age service telling the Christmas story

6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve

7.00pm Carol Service

The Unexpected Gift

with congregational carols

Christmas Day

10.00 - 10.45 am Christmas Family Service

For further details of Christmas services and events www.lliswerrybaptist.org.uk





# The Unexpected Gift



You may have seen from some of our Christmas publicity that the title for our Christmas Eve service is 'The unexpected gift.' At Christmas we receive some gifts which we may have been expecting, sometimes gifts that we may not be surprised at, but also some gifts which take us completely by surprise. It has been said many times, that

Jesus was not what people were expecting. The prophecies which had been given suggested someone coming to be the saviour of God's people and it is fair to say many would have had their own ideas about what saving God's people would look like.

We read in Isaiah 9:6 - For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. These words perhaps suggest someone who would become a ruler of the nations. Currently in our own nation there is a lot of uncertainty and people making promises. This nation has a sense of fear about the future and there are a lot of questions and doubts about who we can trust. This question is asked a lot – what can we expect from a leader?

Jesus came into this world in an unexpected way to complete God's plan in an unexpected way. Whatever the future may hold for our nation, whatever uncertainty there may be, we have that assurance in one we can trust. Jesus may have been the unexpected gift and the unexpected king, but he would go on to be the greatest king we could have had.



God bless,

Chris

# Sunday Services

Dec	Morning Service	Evening Service	
1st	Speaker: Chris Tutte 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 'Yours be the kingdom the power and the glory'	Speaker: Robert Anderton	
8th	Speaker: Bill Partington	Speaker: Chris Tutte Ephesians 5:1-7 'Choosing an example'	
15th	Speaker: Chris Tutte Matthew 1:18-25 'Entrusted with riches'	Speaker: Peter Gladwin	
22rd	Nativity service	Christmas Carol service	
29th	Speaker: Jon Pearson	No evening service	
5th Jan	Speaker: Chris Tutte Baptism service	Speaker: Howard Jones	



### The 2019 Lliswerry Snowman Trail

The Lliswerry snowman trail is underway and the finale will be at Lysaght Institute date and time to be announced .

Once again this is a great opportunity for the people of Lliswerry to discover our church and in doing so discover Jesus.

#### Out of the Ashes

Annual "Presentation Day" on Saturday 14th Dec 2019.

Worship lead by Bradford duo Trevor & James, testimonies from Hope House boys and a presentation and update of the ministry of Out of the Ashes.

So come and join us for a day of fellowship and giving thanks to God.

### Advent Tuesday Evening Meetings

This years advent meeting's are taking the theme of different carols. The first three commence with refreshments at 7:00 p.m. and the study to commence at 7:30 p.m.

Week four commences at 7:30, and includes communion followed by refreshments.

Dec 3rd	Second Advent Meeting - Holy Trinity, Christchurch - 'Let the children come' (Stephen Blewett)
Dec 10th	Third Advent Meeting - Lliswerry Baptist Church - 'What baby is this?' (Chris Tutte)
Dec 17th	Final Advent Meeting - St Andrews Church - joint carol service - 'Why this way?' (Linda Batt)

# New Year Prayer Meeting 7.30pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020

Please make every effort to come along as we meet as a church to ask God for guidance and blessing on all the activities that will be taking place at Lliswerry in 2020.

## Xalt Christmas Party

Wednesday 18th December 6.30pm

The Xalt party is open to all children age(6—14) and their parents/guardians

Non Xalt members who would like to join us for the evening are

welcome for an evening of games, prizes and refreshments.

Speak to Sarah for further details.

# Christmas Events

Ladies Christmas Meal
Monday 2nd December at 6.00pm



Xalt Pantomime Trip
Saturday 7th December 5.00pm





Messy Church Christmas Party
Thursday 12th December 3.30pm



Carol Singing at Tesco, Newport Retail Park Saturday14th December 10am—11.30am

Xalt Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December at 6.30pm





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## **December 2019**

# **Lliswerry Baptist Calendar**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 10.45am Morning Service & Bible Club 5.00pm Choir Practice 6.30pm Evening Service & Communion	2 6pm Ladies Christmas Meal	3 9.15am Toddlers Group 7pm Advent Meeting (P.6)	4 9.30 - 11.30 Coffee Drop-In 10.am Bible Fellowship 2.30 pm Afternoon Meetings with Vision of Hope 4.45 Xalt Kids 6.30pm Xalt	5 9.15am Toddlers Group	6	7 5.00pm Xalt Panto Trip— Cinderella (Meet at the Riverfront Theatre)
8 10.45am Morning Service & Bible Club Service & Bible Club 5.00pm Choir Practice 6.30pm Evening Service	9 7pm Ladies Christmas Buffet	10 9.15am Toddlers Group 7pm Advent Meeting (P.6)	11 9.30 - 11.30 Coffee Drop-In 10.am Bible Fellowship 4.45 Xalt Kids 6.30pm Xalt	9.15am Toddlers Group 3.30pm Messy Church Christmas Party.	13	14 10am—11:30am Car Singing at Tesco 12—4pm Out of the Ashes celebration (p.7)
15 10.45am Morning Service with songs by the Choir 5.00pm Choir Practice 6.30pm Evening Service	16	17 7pm Advent Meeting (P.6)	18 9.30 - 11.30 Coffee Drop-In 10.am Bible Fellowship 4.45 Xalt Kids 6.30pm Xalt Christmas Party	19	20	21
22 10.45am Nativity Service 5.00pm Choir Practice 6.30pm Carol Service with songs by the Choir	23	24 Christmas Eve 7.00pm Carol Service "The Unexpected Gift"	25 Christmas Day 10am Christmas Family Service	26	27	28
29 10.45am Morning Service & Bible Club No Evening Service	30	31 New Years Eve	1/1 New Years Day	2/1 7.30 pm New Year Payer Meeting	3/1	4/1