



WESTER HAILES BAPTIST CHURCH BULLETIN

SUNDAY 14th December 2025
3rd Sunday of Advent



"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'"
(Luke 2 v 10)

This Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Sunday School Nativity Service

Speaker: Pastor Craig Dowling

6.00 p.m. Evening Devotions and Fellowship

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Tuesday: 1.30 p.m. Dove Centre Carol Service

Wednesday: 7.30 p.m. Bible study and Prayer Meeting led by Pastor Craig Dowling

Saturday: 4.00 p.m. Christingle event

Next Sunday: 10.30 a.m. Morning Worship Service including Holy Communion

5.30 p.m. Candlelight Carol Service

NOTICES

Prayer meetings: Please note that there will be no Monday prayer meetings for the month of December.

Stewarding Team Recruitment: I am looking for some young and not so young helpers for our Sunday morning stewarding teams. No uniform required, just a warm smile and a friendly welcome is all that is needed. If you feel you can offer these whatever the situation, then have a word with me in the next two weeks. No opening or locking up required, just your presence for two Sundays in every six. Thank you, Sandy.

Christmas events:

December 16th: Dove Centre Carol Service, 1.30 pm. Please come along. This is an opportunity to enjoy time with the service users and to share the love of Jesus.

December 20th: Christingle service, 4.00 pm. Please invite friends and neighbours and come yourself!

December 21st: 10.30 am morning service, then 5.30 pm Candlelight Carol Service.

December 25th: 10.00 am Christmas morning service.

There will be no evening service on 28th December or 4th January, and no Wednesday meetings on 24th or 31st December.

SU Camp: Paul Brown will be among the leaders for a camp for P6 and P7 children to be held from 27-29 March, 2026. The cost per child will be £140. If you can help sponsor a child to go, even a small contribution would be welcome. Please put cash in an envelope in the offering bag, marked "SU camp", or donate directly to the church bank account, using "SU camp" as a reference. Bank account details are available in the vestibule.

Bulletin: Items for the next bulletin should be emailed to Gerald (gerald@whbc.uk) by next Thursday.

Pastoral Care: If you have any pastoral issues/ prayer needs, please contact one of our Pastors, Craig Dowling (07443 489431, email: craig@whbc.uk), or of the Elders – Gerald Kenny (01506 202617) or Paul Brown (0131 445 1007). Ladies are welcome to contact our pastoral care worker, Karen Ross (07916 392078, email: care.westerhailes@gmail.com).

PRAYER GUIDE

"Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day."
(1 Kings 8 v 28)

Please use the following daily pointers to help direct your prayers, trusting in God to answer:

SUNDAY: Worship: Pray for our services and our speakers today. Thank God for His provision for us and ask for His continued blessing. Pray for the worship, ministry and outreach of the church.

Pray for the health of: Bob and Liz, Bill, Val.

MONDAY: Leadership and Pastoral Team: Thank God for our pastor, Craig Dowling, and pray for him and his family, and for his ministry. Pray for the Elders, their families; our Deacons; our pastoral care worker, Karen, and leaders of church ministries; ask God to raise up more harvest-workers, and leadership for church ministries.

Pray for the health of: Karen F., Mike and Sheila H.

TUESDAY: Community and Evangelism: your contacts, friends and family you wish to be saved. Pray for God's work in and around the church, that the Holy Spirit would move in lives in this area, touching homes and families. Pray for Kid's Matter, fruit from the Fun Day and Jesus: The Evidence, and that God would use us to reach out through these and the upcoming Christmas celebrations. Pray for the Dove Centre, our governments, and the witness of churches throughout the UK. Pray for Coalition for Marriage and the Christian Institute and the important work they and similar organisations do.

Pray for the health of: Ruby, Pat, Ella.

WEDNESDAY: Church family: Ask for love and unity amongst us, and pray for spiritual growth and for people willing and able to serve God in our church. Pray for those who are unwell, recently bereaved (remember Margaret McH and her family), lonely, finding it difficult to cope, with financial or relationship problems etc. Pray for single people, couples and families, the elderly, those needing long-term care, and all involved in caring.

Pray for the health of: Audrey, Maureen, Jean McP.

THURSDAY: Mission: Pam & Simon (MAF), Robert & Phillippa (Botswana/ Faith Mission), Andrew and Grace (Lincs), Sandro and Gislene (Middle East), Jane and Edgar (Spain), Yasser and Claudia (Egypt), Paul C. (SASRA), Armond (Peru), Paul J-G (Edinburgh); the Mission Committee. Pray for situations around the world, including the war in the Ukraine and the situation in Israel, and especially persecuted Christians.

FRIDAY: Young People: Pray for children in Sunday School and CREW, for the teachers and helpers, those who came to WoT?, children dedicated in the church and local schools. Pray that they would remember what they have learned and continue to grow in faith. Pray for the kids and parents who come to Munchkins. Pray for the children who came to the Holiday Bible clubs, last year and this, and for their families. Pray for the appointment of a Youth and Community worker. Ask for growth in the youth and children's ministry.

Pray for the health of: Jean, Ian

SATURDAY: Church and Local Ministries: stewards, music, multi-media, building maintenance, cleaning and refurbishment, finance, and admin. Pray for the homeless and the Edinburgh Street Pastors, Care Van, Bethany Trust and Edinburgh City Mission.

Pray for the health of: Graham, George.