



Hi,

This Third Sunday of Advent at 10.30am Karen Purcell will be preaching from Luke 1:26-38, 'The Annunciation'.

The service will be broadcast live on our [YouTube channel](#) and the preach will be available as a podcast on our [website](#) next week.

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### **Notice from the Trustees**

Whilst the Covid-19 risks are on the increase, we request that people wear a mask on entering the building, and whilst moving around and talking to each other. This is for the protection of other people and yourself. Thank you.

**Christmas at Ross Baptist Church**



**Sunday 12th December**

**Sunday at 4 - Christmas Miscellany**

Come and join us for our Christmas celebration.

**Sunday 19th December at 10.30am**

**Nativity**

A much anticipated performance of the Christmas story. Afterwards everyone is invited for a buffet lunch in the Venue. Please sign up on the sheet on the landing indicating a buffet dish you can bring.

*This service will not be broadcast on YouTube.*

**Sunday 19th December at 6.30pm**

**Carols by Candlelight**

Our worship group will lead us in an hour of Christmas Carols & readings followed by mulled fruit juice and mince pies.

*This service will not be broadcast on YouTube.*

**Christmas Day at 10.30am**

**Family Service**

**Sunday 26th December at 10.30am**

**Boxing Day Family Walk followed by soup in the church hall.**

Rosemary will be leading a walk around Ross highlighting some of its' history. Please sign up on the sheet on the landing so we know how many to cater for. Non-walkers are very welcome to join us in the church hall at 11.30am for soup (please sign-up).

*Christmas service leaflets are available from the landing table.*

**Christmas Cards**



***Inspired by the Christian faith, Spurgeons mission is to improve the lives of families and children who are struggling to cope and give every child the***

***opportunity of a hope filled life.***

Please use the pegs on the display on the stairs for your Christmas cards to our Church Family. If you would like to make a donation to Spurgeons this Christmas then either make a bank transfer (details below) or place money in one of the envelopes on the landing table.

Church Bank Details:

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account number: 00017105

Account name: Ross on Wye Baptist Church

Clearly mark your donation for Spurgeons

**ALPHA**

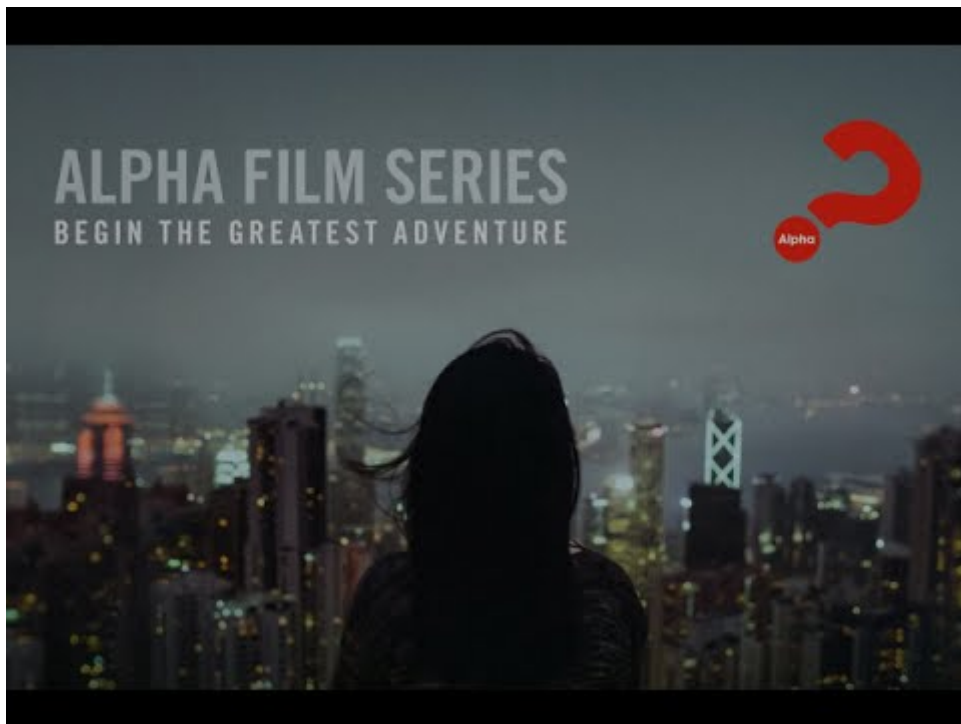


**An Alpha course will be running weekly from Wednesday 26th January through to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April in the Church Hall.** This group will be meeting face to face, we can cater for those who would like to join on zoom.

Please would you pray for this course and consider inviting family and friends along.

Martin Skirrow will be leading the course. He needs our support - please prayerfully consider if you could be a facilitator or could you cook an evening meal for the participants? Please speak to Martin for more information or to offer your support ([martin@rossbaptist.org](mailto:martin@rossbaptist.org)).

Visit our [website](#) to register an interest in joining the course.



Why Alpha? Click on the image to play a short video.

### **AIM Prayer Meeting**



### **AIM Prayer Meeting**

**Tuesday 14th December at 7.30pm**

**In the Church Hall**

We will have time for prayer & hearing about Alan & Pauline's work in Marsabit, Kenya & their vision for the future work. Please bring a plate of nibbles to share.

### **Youth**

Thank you for all your prayers and support for the Young People.

On Saturday 4 December we went on a night hike, around the John Kyrle walk and then diverting in to Homs Green. There were 11 of us walking and we all did well. Unfortunately the photos didn't really work. We met back at Pete and Miriam's home

for hot dogs, smores (marshmallows inside chocolate biscuits) and hot chocolate. A good time was had by all, the weather was fine but cold.

On Wednesdays we have just finished our series on War. We looked at various War situations in the Bible, David defeating Goliath, Gideon seeing God's deliverance and we also looked at Spiritual War, should a Christian go to war? and Just Wars. We had guest speakers, Mike Spencer who shared on the conduct and heroes of war and Wilki, an ex-Royal Marine who served in Afghanistan. He really helped us see why he, as a Christian, went to war in Afghanistan. It was a very interesting and challenging evening.

Some of the group really like acting, the picture show some of the group acting out the first temptation and the first sin.



Pete

### **What's on next week**

All details of upcoming events should be on our website calendar.

### **Visit our Calendar**

### **Gifts and Offerings**

For your regular gifts and offerings please continue to give online or by standing order. If you would like to give to the church the details are Ross-on-Wye Baptist Church, CAF Bank. Sort code 40-52-40; Account number 00017105.

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Blessings,

Steph Ray