



Hi,

This Sunday at 10.30am Peter Wade will be starting our new series titled 'Our Purpose', preaching from Matthew 22:37 - 'Worship'

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.

Coffee & Chat after the Service

Sunday from 11.45am
Join us on zoom for coffee and chat

Follow the link on our [website](#).

We are re-introducing the coffee and chat on zoom after the service. Please join us to help make this a great time of fellowship.

ALPHA

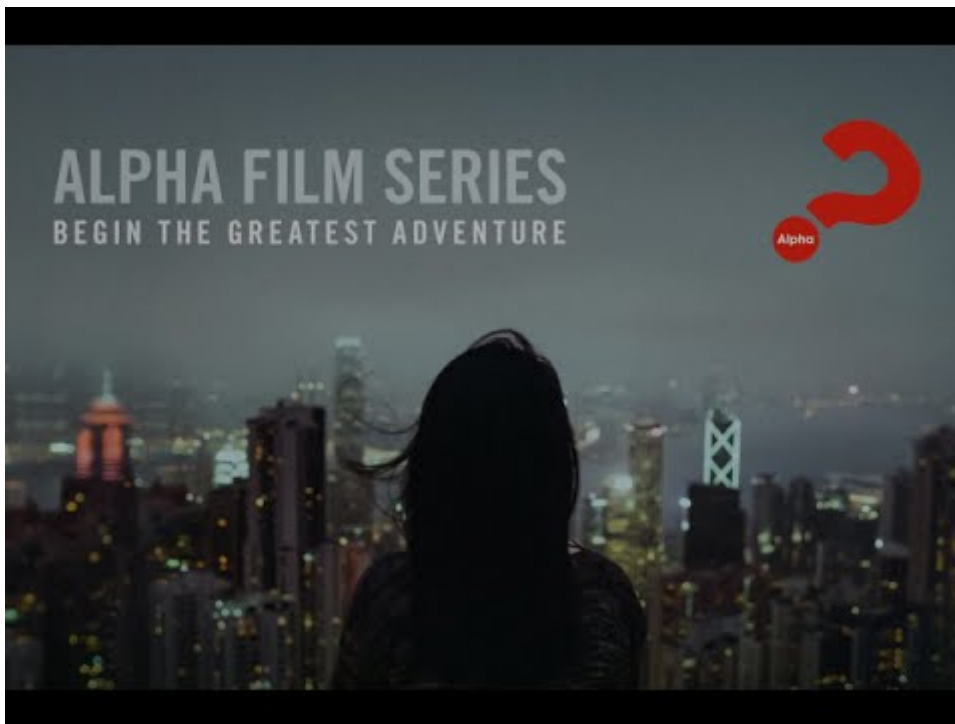


An Alpha course will be running weekly from Wednesday 26th January through to Wednesday 6th April in the Church Hall. This group will be meeting face to face, we can cater for those who would like to join on zoom.

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).

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



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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" runs every year from the 18-25 January. [Churches Together in Ross](#) have made the decision that this year, due to the current Covid concerns that they will just meet in person on one of those days.

Saturday 22nd January

12 noon

In the Prayer Room (accessed from the back of church)

This will be a hybrid meeting, so that those who are not confident about meeting in person can still join.

A zoom link will be available on our website.

Click [HERE](#) for more information on this worldwide event.

Youth

The week before Christmas might seem a long time ago now, but in the Youth Work the groups were still happening.

On Monday there was a Uni student meal. 4 had recently had close Covid contacts so were not able to attend, but 8 of us gathered for food and games. The 19 Uni

students we are connected to receive a bi-weekly text and have gatherings at Christmas, Easter and in the Summer. Please pray for them as they start the new term.

On Wednesday 21 young people, including 2 guests, watched a Christmas film whilst enjoying popcorn and snacks. A great time was had by all. (See photo, sorry it is not very clear)

On Christmas Eve 6 young people gathered for Christmas Eve together. We played games, enjoyed snacks and exchanged £1 Secret Santas before heading to St Mary's for Christmas Eve Communion. It was great to see the arrival of Christmas Day with the young people.

Youth work returned last Sunday, 2nd January, with Kudos2 and almost all of the young people returned on Wednesday and Thursday for their usual groups.

Thank you for your prayers for the Youth Work. Please pray that God's spirit moves powerfully in the youth work in 2022 and that we continue to grow in number too.



What's on next week

All details of upcoming events are on our website calendar.

Please note the following events have been cancelled due to covid:

Horizons - cancelled during January

Sunday at 4 - cancelled January & February

Coffee morning - cancelled during January

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.

Blessings,

Steph Ray
Administrator



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