



December 2023

Making Jesus Known



Church Notices

Sunday 10th December

Our Services...

Sunday 10th December 2023 at 10.30am:
Morning Service in the Science Centre, Sharnbrook Academy. John will be leading and preaching on Philippians 4 v10-23. This service will include communion. Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service. A recorded version of the service will be available later on in the day on our Sharnbrook Evangelical Church YouTube page.

Sunday 17th December 2023 at 10.30am:
Carol Service in the Science Centre, Sharnbrook Academy. John will be leading and preaching on Luke 1. Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service. **This will be followed by our AGM and Fellowship Lunch, everyone is warmly welcome to come along.** A recorded version of the service will be available later on in the day on our Sharnbrook Evangelical Church YouTube page.

Sunday 24th December 2023 at 10.30am:
Christmas Eve Service in the Science Centre, Sharnbrook Academy. John will be leading and preaching on Luke 2. Tea and coffee will be served immediately after the service. A recorded version of the service will be available later on in the day on our Sharnbrook Evangelical Church YouTube page.

Our **Saturday Morning Prayer Meetings** at Allison and Bernard's Home will continue weekly in the new year, commencing on **Saturday 6th January at 10.15am.** With prayer for the future of our church and for revival.

Please pray...



- For John and Philly as they prepare for their move to Reading in the New Year. For peace and strength at this time of change.
- For Samantha, Myles and Theo as they prepare to deliver 8 RE lessons in Sharnbrook Primary on 18th and 19th December.

Fellowship lunch 17th December

A reminder that following the Carol Service and AGM on December 17th we will be holding a **fellowship lunch**. This will be a special opportunity to say our **farewells to John and Philly**. Everyone is warmly welcome to come along. Please speak to Ruth MacBean or Helen if you would like to join us. And on the day **please remember to bring along your own plates, bowls, cups and cutlery.**

Sharnbrook Evangelical Church AGM

Unfortunately we did not have enough church members present on Wednesday 6th December to be quorate and hold our Annual General Meeting. The AGM has been rearranged for **Sunday 17th December after tea and coffee**, following the morning carol service. This will be a brief meeting and paperwork will be sent to members in advance.

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength." **Philippians 4 v 12-13 NIV**

Sharnbrook Evangelical Church

Sunday 17th December
Carol Service

Sunday 24th December
Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day Service

All services 10.30am in the
Science Centre, Sharnbrook Academy

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All Saints Riseley are holding Carol Services at different times from us. Following our joint meeting in October, you would be very welcome to join with them at any of the following services:
Sunday 10th December: The Contemporary Carol Service 6.30pm.
Wednesday 13th December: Coffee Morning Carol Service 10.30am.
Sunday 17th December: Traditional Carol Service 6.30pm.
Sunday 24th December: The Christingle Service 4.00pm. Midnight Holy Communion 11.00pm.
[All Saints Church, Riseley : Christmas 2023 \(allsaintsriseley.org\)](http://allsaintsriseley.org)

Thank you

A very big thank you to everyone who prayed, baked cakes, supported and served on the stall at the Christmas Fayre. We were able to give out free Christmas books to children and adults and invitations to our Christmas services. We also raised £90 in cake and produce sales in support of The Stables Christian Centre, Bolnhurst. Thank you.

Kay has a plastic container which she collected from Stella, please speak to Kay if it belongs to you.

A national event takes place throughout the country called "Shine Your Light" on 16th December. 50,000 people have signed up to do their bit so in towns & villages everywhere there will be carol singing & telling of the Christian meaning of Christmas. In Bedford it will be in Church Square.
Details on <http://www.shineyourlight.org.uk>



**Lord Jesus, Hope incarnate, we turn to You.
In this season, as many of us are weary,
with heads bowed under the pressure of life,
Grant us grace to see the hope that is in You this
Christmas.
That God has heard,
Christ has come,
Hope is here.
Amen**

Prayer for Advent written by Fred Drummond, director of prayer and Scotland Evangelical Alliance.

Prayers for our Families Work

Uncover has broken up and we said farewell to John, thankful for his faithful and clear teaching which will be much missed. Pray in '24 we would continue to grow in God's grace and encourage one another in truth - meeting at different homes, with Myles and Brian joining us once a term.



Please do give thanks for a great term at JC's Club. It's been helpful to have Nicola helping with the little ones who are all keen to hear about Jesus. We pray their hearts would come to know the gospel.



Please pray for our 8 RE Christmas lessons on the 18th & 19th December. Myles and Theo Junior will be helping, pray we would witness and show our worship in the school context, and win hearts!



Calling partners in the gospel for Roots! With less leaders soon, we need help to encourage the children week by week. It will take preparation, but it's worth it when you see the children understanding God's Word and living it out!



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