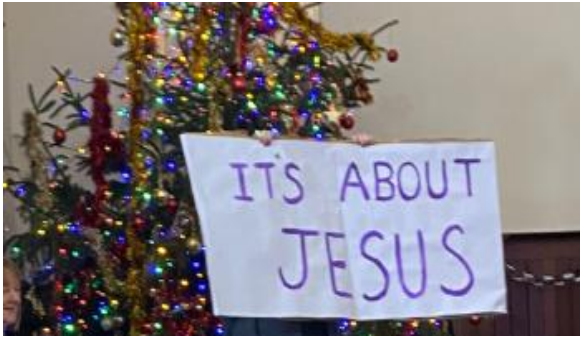


LAST WEEK



ALCESTER BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO OUR

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

21st DECEMBER 2025

Led by our Minister
Rev Alison Mackay

OUR TEXT FOR 2025

THEREFORE ENCOURAGE
AND BUILD ONE ANOTHER
UP, JUST AS YOU ARE
ALREADY DOING.
- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome and Notices:

Opening Carol: Once in Royal David's city

Lighting of the Advent Candles

First Reader: Today, we come face to face with the scandal of Advent: Mary, the unmarried mother; God Incarnate growing in Mary's womb as a vulnerable baby; Joseph contemplating leaving Mary because of her pregnancy; God's love at work in ways that society and propriety could not understand; God calling Mary and Joseph to faithfulness despite the fear of disgrace.

All: With Mary and Joseph, we choose to wait, watch, and listen for the way of Love instead of responding in fear to the world's judgment.

Second Reader: We light this candle of love as a sign of our faithfulness as we seek, find, and follow Emmanuel, God with us.

Light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath.

Carol: O come all ye faithful

Prayers & The Lords Prayer

Bible Reading: Isaiah 9 - Prophecy

Carol: See amid the winters snow

Bible Reading: John 1: 1-14 - The Word Became Flesh

Poem: Who walks when you walk in darkness?

Carol: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came

Bible Reading: Mathew 1: 18-24

Carol: While Shepherds Watched

Bible Reading: Luke 2:8-20 - The Shepherds and the Angels

Talk: At the heart of Christmas

Intercession:

Carol: Hark the Herald Angels sing

Benediction



Tea/Coffee and Christmas sweet treats will be served in the hall. Please do go through and enjoy them and a chat too.



Wednesday 24th December



Thursday 25th December

**CHRISTMAS DAY
Service at 9.30am**



Sunday 28th December

10.30: Morning Service led by Lynne Thompson