



CHRISTMAS



with Beauchief Baptist Church

Come and celebrate with us!



FUN FOR ALL-AGES

December 10th, 2-3:30pm



Something for everyone! There will be games, craft, chat, nibbles, and then all together for a spontaneous re-telling of the Christmas story.

Christmas fancy dress optional but encouraged!

CAROL SERVICE

December 17th, 4pm

Join with all ages to sing carols, hear the Christmas story afresh through readings, and pause to remember what it's all about.

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.



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Merry Christmas from Beauchief Baptist Church!

Hello!

I'd like to introduce myself, and wish you a brilliant Christmas. My name is Dave Criddle, and I have quite recently joined Beauchief Baptist Church as the new minister.

I moved here in the summer from just outside London, along with my wife Natalie and our son Jed. (He's grown a bit since we took this picture, and will be 10 months old by Christmas!)



We are really glad to have made the move, and already feel so blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the country. And we can also confidently say we've discovered people to be much nicer here! We're excited to get to know people, and to become more and more involved in our new community.

For us, Christmas is a really special and important time of the year as we spend time with family and friends, enjoy wonderful food and express generosity. All of those are things we see Jesus do a lot of in the Bible, so we believe they are brilliant ways of honouring his birth. But even more than those things, central for us is the fact that God, at Christmas, chose not to stay far away but to come, to get stuck in, and to get close to us, even becoming one of us. My hope is that you would, whether in big or small ways, discover something of that truth too, that Jesus is 'Emmanuel, God with us!'

The new year will also be an exciting time for us as a church. We are setting out in some new directions and doing things differently. That will also be accompanied by a change of name... All will be revealed at our Christmas events overleaf, and you'll also see new signage and things round the building as well. If you're interested to know more, ask for a chat as I'd love to share more.

But for now, Natalie, Jed and I – along with the whole Beauchief Baptist family – wish you a merry Christmas and happy New Year!

Dave (*Minister, Beauchief Baptist*)