

# Christmas NewsLetter 2025

**FERNHILL HEATH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**O'Keys Lane WR3 8RL (alongside the Post Office)**

Do you know the real reason why birds fly south for winter? Apparently, it's too far to walk.

Last August I was out walking with my nephew Mark on the Malvern Hills. We were chatting and taking photos of any birds that we spotted.



We came across a Stonechat. I had never seen one before, never mind trying to take a photo. Yet we managed to capture some good pictures.

It dawned on me recently, since taking a little interest in wildlife photography and especially birds, I've seen more varieties of birds than ever before. Of course, the reason is that I'm out looking for them. The birds have always been there; I just never took the time to look.

I was on official duty at Sixways in November for Worcester City FC's time of remembrance. The two minutes silence was observed impeccably by all the supporters. Before the game I was stood by the



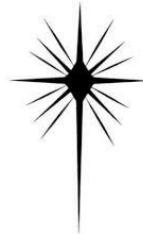
British Legion stand as people bought their poppies. Like many Baptist Ministers I don't usually wear a 'dog collar' but on this occasion I did.

Everyone at the game were their usual chatty selves, but one person came up to me and said "I don't believe in God", to which I replied, "that's ok... God believes in you." You see we might not go looking for God, but he is there and here is an amazing promise; in the bible God says in Jeremiah 29:13

*When you search for me, you will find me;  
if you seek me with all your heart,*

Christmas is an amazing opportunity to look for God, because at Christmas, God in his son Jesus has come close to us. Why not make this Christmas a time to genuinely seek God... you may be surprised to find he's been waiting for you all along.

May God bless you and your family this Christmas  
*Jeff Porter (Minister)*



A very warm welcome to you to join us for services this Christmas

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**11.00am Carol Service**  
at the Memorial Hall

**Christmas Eve**

**6.30pm**  
**Carols by Candlelight**  
Please note earlier time

**Christmas Day**

**10.00am**  
**Christmas Family Praise**  
All the services will be led by our minister Rev Jeff Porter



**The Sunday Message**

from FHBC is livestreamed at  
**11.00am** each Sunday.

Previous recordings are also available via YouTube.

See the church **facebook** page for updates on church life

[www.fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk](http://www.fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk)

## Carol Service at the Memorial Hall - 11.00am on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> December with the Worcester Salvation Army Band.



St Richard's  
Hospice  
Caring for life

Everyone will be very welcome to come and enjoy singing Christmas carols together and there will also be mince pies & non-alcoholic mulled wine.



All donations will go to St Richard's Hospice who every day support more than 1220 patients, their loved ones and those who have been bereaved.



### Turkey Baps will be available on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> December

to collect from the church between 11.30am-12.30pm with all proceeds (after expenses) going to the Christmas Appeal. Pre-ordering is essential - by phone 01905 451293 or by email: roymitchell72@gmail.com £4 for turkey bap + crisps + mince pie (payment on collection). Orders taken until 6pm on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.

The church will also be open on the Saturday for Christmas Snack & Chat.

Cakes, mince pies, marmalade etc: Orders can be placed with Margaret in the next couple of weeks - please telephone 01905 457696 if you're interested. Margaret is happy to deliver items to homes within the village.



Donations will be added to the Christmas Appeal for **Baptist Home Mission** and will help to support a wide variety of projects where Churches are reaching out to local communities - youth clubs, lunch clubs, workplace chaplains, coffee shops, football projects, community workers... as well as the ministry of small Baptist Churches.



Completing the security hut for the well & pump

### Uganda Well

Thank you for donations of £188.50 for tea/cake at Songs of Praise.

Championed by our Green Team, and together with other gifts, £1336 has been raised during 2025.

The Well Project at Emmanuel Cathedral Primary & Nursery School can now be completed before the Dry Season and will bring many benefits for both the children and the wider community.



### **Snack & Chat**

10.30-12.30 Saturdays

*The Church will be open for people to drop in and take the opportunity to chat over a coffee and snack on Saturdays once a month.*

**Look out for dates on the church board for the New Year  
Everyone is very welcome**

**A huge thank you** too for supporting the **Harvest Appeal** which focused on a Welcome Hub in Cyprus as it supports displaced people seeking to build a new life. The total raised from the sale of Ploughman's Lunches, Cakes, Marmalade & Chutney plus Donations was well over £800.

### **Fernhill Heath Baptist Church**

*There's a warm invitation to join with our regular activities - details at  
[www.fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk](http://www.fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk)*

We hold services at 11.00am every Sunday and these are also available via YouTube. There is Junior Church and a Creche for younger children.

Prayer, Bible Study & discussion groups are held on most Wednesday evenings.

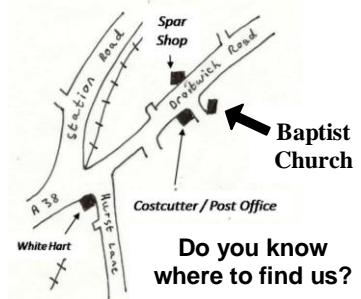
Ladies Keep Fit is held on Wednesday mornings at 10.15am - with the opportunity for a cup of coffee & a chat afterwards.

The Grumpy Men's Club meet fortnightly for activities & games - Fridays 7.30-9.00pm.

Thursday Diners meet last Thursday of month. 2-course lunch: £5.00. Booking essential.

Fernhill Heath Toddler Group meets Tuesdays (termtime only) 9.45-11.45am.

SHAPE (Self-Help Achievement & Personal Empowerment) meet most Tuesdays 4.00-6.00pm.



Do you know  
where to find us?

We are a  
**Fairtrade**  
church

