

Welcome to Christ Church Ramsbottom

Where all are welcome to worship God

If it's your first time here we hope you enjoy being with us - please make yourself at home and relax in God's presence.

Today - 1st February - Café Church All age service with Susan at 10:30am.

PLEASE NOTE - There is a members' meeting after this morning's service.

Next Week - 8th February @10:30am - morning praise and worship with Junior Church - led by Stephen

Ask and it *shall* be given
Seek and you *will* find
Knock and it *shall*
be opened to you

Matthew 7:7

Regular Weekly Activities

Tuesday - 'Pantry, tea, toast and a warm space' from 10am. To 11:45am.

Wednesday - 'Little Stars' Toddler Group from 9:15am - 11:15am Term Time only.
- please ask Judith Duckworth for details.

Thursday morning Café in conjunction with the 'Pantry' from 10am - 12noon (soup and a roll from 12noon to 12:30pm October to Easter) See Susan for details.

Upcoming services / events

February 2026

8th February - Morning worship and Junior church at 10.30am with Stephen.

15th February- Morning worship, Communion and Junior Church at 10:30am. With Stephen

22nd February - Morning worship 'Stories behind the Songs' with Junior Church at 10:30am. Led by Stephen

The 'Memory Club' is holding its next meeting this Tuesday - 3rd February at 1:30pm in church. Please see Jean Pound for more details.

Come and join with us for our fortnightly 'Mid Week' Bible Studies - usually the 2nd Tuesday and the 4th Thursday of the month - in church at 7pm starting with a brew and biscuit. The next Bible Study will be Tuesday February 10th. You're all welcome.

SO, you've been a Christian a long time but realise that most of the time this has involved attending church - but not necessarily growing in your faith. **BUT** now, you want to deepen your faith. **OR maybe** you're new to the Christian faith - and have already discovered that it's not all about just attending church - **BUT** that you can have a deeper and more meaningful relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

The best way to know and understand more about the Saviour Jesus, is to read about Him in the Bible.

To read the Bible effectively, ensure you have a relatively modern version of the bible - NIV, ESV, NLT, Good News etc and begin with the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) to understand Jesus' life. Set a daily, consistent time for reading, focusing on context rather than just individual verses, and use tools like study Bibles, daily guides or apps.

Key methods include praying for understanding, journaling, and using the SOAP method (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer).

Try to avoid using Google / similar for searching for understanding as these can be very opinionated and often misleading—and of course when you can read God's Word for yourself, why would you want to Google? In fact, join our fortnightly Bible Study to help you along.

Whichever way you choose to read your Bible I pray that God will richly bless you with understanding as you grow closer to Him through Jesus.

TODAY, please pray for the following people.

- Matthew, Sarah and family after Matthew's recent trip to hospital and ongoing tests.
- Edith - as she contends with health issues.
- Christine, as she too contends with recovering from ill health.
- All the groups that meet throughout the week.
- Those recently bereaved.
- Others too who have different needs - if you feel it appropriate, without saying a lot, just let people know you're praying for them.

ALSO - as Paul asked the church in Colossae for prayer then pray to on his words for the church here at Christ Church - **"²Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.³Pray for us, too, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about his mysterious plan concerning Christ - That is why I am here in chains.⁴Pray that I will proclaim this message as clearly as I should. Colossians 2**

During the period of Lent - from 'Ash Wednesday' 18th February to the beginning of the Easter Weekend which begins on Maundy Thursday April 2nd, It's hoped we can have a Lent bible Study each week - presenting the opportunity to distribute invitations around town. Please consider making the effort to attend each one / maybe leading the study as some already do as we prepare for Easter.

On Palm Sunday 22nd March at 6pm we'll be repeating the blessing we had last year with **'Palm Praise'** - a great opportunity to invite others to church, maybe for the first time.

Look out for the 'Film Night' we're having this **FRIDAY 6th February**. The film is entitled **"The Fourth Wise Man"** - the fictional story of a fourth Maji (wise men) who can't set off with the other three to visit the birth of Jesus and hopes to catch them up later. The film is only 72 minutes long and will begin at 6pm.

Refreshments provided and it's free! **Please sign up** on the church notice board and bring someone with you.

It's the 'Members' meeting' today during which the members - (those who've applied for and been accepted to be part of the Church governing body), will discern and agree the business of the church both practical and spiritual.

Please note that anyone who attends church reasonably regularly and actively follows the Christian faith can be a 'member' of the church - in fact the more the better. Being a church member is a great privilege as we experience God working in and through our church here at Christ Church. See Stephen for more details.

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Welcome to Christ Church Ramsbottom—We're glad you're here.

As a visitor to our church or if you have moved into the area, we would like to make you feel welcome and at home, so please tell us who you are and if you wish; a member of the church - usually the Minister, will contact you.

Yes, I'd like to be contacted Yes / No (delete) All personal information will be kept confidential.

Name

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Details of all church services, activities and organisations can be found in the church weekly news sheet.

Please hand this slip in to whoever is taking part in the service, post it in the prayer box on the left as you leave church OR post to Rev Stephen Crook, 'Christ Church', Great Eaves Road. Ramsbottom BL0 0PX.