

What's on at Hebron?



We have a weekly Sunday Club during school term time for children aged between 4 and 11. We hear stories, sing songs, play games and do lots of other activities that help us learn. We start at 10am and finish at 10.45am, but if you come by 9.45am, you get breakfast for free.



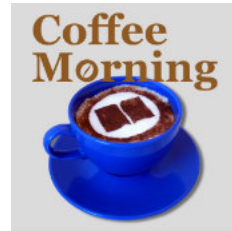
Our English Conversation Class began in November. We meet every Monday at 1pm. It is a non-technical session, providing opportunity for those developing their English to practice their conversation. All are welcome.



Pre-school children? Join us at Toddlers during school term time, every Monday and Wednesday at 9.30am. We enjoy a free time of open play and chatting, and at 11am children gather on the carpet for singing, news, birthday celebrations and birth announcements.



For 11-16 year olds, Friday Nighters meet every Friday during school term time at 7.30pm until 9pm. There are games, table tennis and pool. All are welcome.



Fancy a cuppa? On the first Thursday of every month, there's tea, coffee, cake, conversation and friendship at 10.30-11.30am. Join us.

Sunday Services

Why not join us every Sunday? We're a congregation of ordinary people from in and around Dowlais. Our Sunday services are at 11am and 6pm. We sing hymns, read from the Bible and hear it preached. If you don't already attend a church, why not come along? You would be very welcome.

For more details about any of our activities, please visit our website and get in touch.

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Hebron News

FROM HEBRON EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DOWLAI

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Pastor: James Allan

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THANKS ^{BE} TO God
FOR HIS
Indescribable
GIFT! 

Join us at Hebron
this Christmas

*She will bear a son
and you shall call his
name Jesus, for he
will save his people
from their sins*

Join us for one of our Christmas Services

Thursday 19th December
Community Carol Service 6pm

Sunday 22nd December
Advent Services 11am & 6pm

Wednesday 25th December
Christmas Day Service 10am

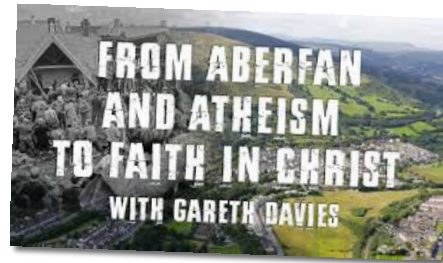
Wednesday 1st January
New Year's Day Service 6pm
(Ian Middlemist from Hill Park Evangelical Baptist Church, Haverfordwest)



Why not join us for us for community carol singing on Saturday 21st December? We will meet at the chapel at 6pm, make our way up High Street and back down Station Terrace. Wrap up warm!

From Aberfan and Atheism to Faith in Christ

An evening with Gareth Davies on Saturday 25th January 2020 at 7.30pm.



2020 Calendar

Look out for our 2020 calendar, featuring scenes from around Dowlais and Merthyr.

If you did not receive one with this newsletter or would like additional free copies to give to family and friends, please contact us.



A Time for Giving and Receiving

by Peter Milsom

The weeks leading up to Christmas are very busy. There are cards to write and send and presents to find and buy. It is an exciting time, especially for children. Christmas is a time for giving and receiving. At Christmas we want to give special gifts to those we love. This need not involve great expense. We want to express our love in a gift which has been carefully planned and which we know they will really like. Christmas morning is eagerly awaited, and not only by the children!

At the first Christmas God gave a very special gift to the people of his world. It is the greatest gift ever given. Then, as now, the world was

a sad place with many troubles. The Roman Empire dominated many nations, including Israel, and most people were poor. Jesus came, not to solve the problems of the day, but to solve the biggest problem we all face – our sinful hearts and lives.

The message of the angels to the shepherds was, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you, he is Christ the Lord!"

perfect life and death on the cross. The name Jesus means "Saviour!" God, against whom we have all rebelled, took the initiative by giving his only Son to be our Saviour.

Opening a present from someone we love brings great joy. Parents enjoy watching their children opening their present and seeing their

delight when they see what it is. The child's instinctive response is to give their parents a hug and tell them they love them. Have you ever responded to God's gift of Jesus like that? Do you love him for giving you such an amazing present?

It brings great joy to God when anyone receives Jesus as their Saviour. This Christmas, like the shepherds, why not take time to receive Jesus, God's gift to you, and to thank him for his love to you?

JESUS CAME TO BRING RECONCILIATION THROUGH HIS PERFECT LIFE AND DEATH ON THE CROSS.



Our sins spoil our relationship with God and separate us from him. Jesus came to bring reconciliation through his