

31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023

# Weekly News



Welcome to GBC.  
We are so pleased you could join us today!

If it's your first time, be sure to chat with some of the team and consider filling out our connect cards or our connect form online.

We'd love to spend time with you today, so be sure to stay after service for some simple refreshments and time of fellowship in the Backroom Cafe.

We're loving the new way of viewing announcements, called the [GBC Preview, and you can watch it, and other previews here!](#)



Join us for our 9:30 am Hymnal Praise service: a simple time of prayer, scripture readings and traditional hymns for those who enjoy the more traditional.

Today's service will be led by Pastor Adrian

If you're not able to join us in the building, you can watch live or catch up later via our website, our YouTube Channel, or via our Facebook page (be sure to link up with us on all the socials).



Join us for our 10:45 service, for a time of contemporary worship, teaching, and ministry.

Today is an all-age service, and Pastor Adrian is finishing our advent and Christmas series, Light Shines in the Dark and Molly Roberts will be leading us in sung worship.



Do you know someone who has questions about faith, Jesus, life or the universe? Well, why not invite them to come to Alpha! Alpha group will be starting back up on Tuesdays, starting January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

For more info, to sign up, or to offer help with cooking and advertising contact [alpha@gbchurch.org.uk](mailto:alpha@gbchurch.org.uk) or visit churchsuite.



The youth team are excited to host their first ever Christmas Lectures, with 3 different guest speakers, exploring what it's like to lead lives lived for Christ.

This is for all year 7-13, during the youth sessions Sunday Mornings.

For more info contact [youth@gbchurch.org.uk](mailto:youth@gbchurch.org.uk)



**PLEASE NOTE: The Backroom Cafe will be closed Monday January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

We love being able to serve in the Backroom Cafe, and welcoming folks from all walks. Might you want to meet a friend for coffee? Or do some work using our highspeed internet? Whatever your situation, we'd love to welcome you in every Monday from 9:30 – 3:00.



The GBC Family has been growing rapidly, and with it, there has been great growth in need for teams to grows. As such, we will be hosting a Sign Up Sunday on **February 4th**. This will be an opportunity for you to find out a bit more about many of the different ministries, and signing up to join a team.

Can we invite you to be thinking and praying about where you are feeling called to serve. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Adrian.



At GBC we believe that Small Groups are an essential part of our journey and discipleship as Christian brothers and sisters.

There are 5 different small groups to choose from, two online and three in person (**PLEASE NOTE, that Homegroups will be taking a break over the Christmas holidays**)

**Tuesday Morning - 10:30 am - Online Zoom**  
You can join Sally who leads this small group by following [this link](#).

**Tuesday Evening - 8:30 pm - Online Zoom**  
You can join Amanda and Adrian who lead this small group by following [this link](#).

**Wednesday Evening - 7:30 pm - The Backroom Cafe**  
You can join Adrian who leads this small group at the Backroom Cafe. Simple refreshments will be available.

You can join Sarah and Mike who lead this small group at the Backroom Cafe. Simple refreshments will be available.

**2nd & 4th Saturday Morning - (Ladies Only) - 10:00 am - The Backroom Cafe**  
You can join Linda who leads this grouping the Backroom Cafe.

**Thursday Evening - 7:30 pm - The Backroom Cafe**



For parents with under 3's, we have our Nurture Space located in the Backroom Cafe. A space with toys and rugs for the little ones, as well as comfortable seating, hot drinks, and snacks.

There is also a live feed to the service, so you don't have to miss a thing.



At our 10:45 service we have a specific group for our 3-11's. Part way through the service, after sung worship, our children's team will take the GBC Kids out for age-appropriate games, stories, crafts, and snacks, all related to the bible so that the children can grow their faith in Jesus.

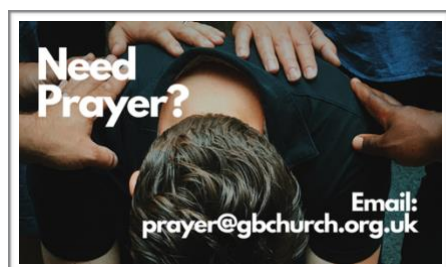


At our 10:45 service we have a specific group for our 11-18's. Part way through the service, after sung worship, our youth team will take the GBC Youth out for age-appropriate activities for them to grow in their faith in Jesus.



The best way to keep up to date with all that is happening at GBC, is to join the mailing list. You can do this by simply emailing [connect@gbchurch.org.uk](mailto:connect@gbchurch.org.uk) or you can head to our website and click the next steps icon on the bottom right-hand corner and click on 'I'm New.'

Following that, you will have access to our ChurchSuite database, and can even download the free app, to have all contact information and communications available easily, at your fingertips. Be sure to keep your information up to date.



At GBC we firmly believe in the power of prayer, and as such, have a prayer chain of members of the fellowship, ready to be praying for all requests that come in.

If you are in need of prayer, simply email [prayer@gbchurch.org.uk](mailto:prayer@gbchurch.org.uk) or head to our websites and follow the next steps icon on the bottom right hand corner, and then click on 'I'd like some prayer.'



As a Baptist Church we are *fully* funded by tithes and offerings of the congregation. If you are led to partner with us in all that God is doing at GBC, there are several ways you can give.

1. You can give by direct debit. Get in touch with Sally our treasurer, and she can give you all the details
2. You can give online: [gbchurch.org.uk/giving](http://gbchurch.org.uk/giving)
3. You can give in person at the end of service either by putting an offering in the basket on the way out or using the new contactless card reader. Simply tell us how much and tap away.

In addition, if you are eligible for gift-aid, you can fill out a form by visiting [gbchurch.org.uk/giftaid](http://gbchurch.org.uk/giftaid) We are very thankful for all your support, as we continue to follow God in all the things He is calling us to.