

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 24

This Sunday morning in our 11am service Willie will be preaching from our series in Matthew and we'll share communion together. Sunday School, Bible Class and creche will meet in their usual slots during the second part of the morning service.

In the evening at 6.30pm, we will meet back upstairs when Derek continues our Zechariah series with a look at chapters 12 and 13.

Remember that you can join us earlier in the day as we have our Sunday Morning Prayer time at 10.30am, through in the side hall, with tea and coffee being served from 10.15am in the atrium.

Then after the morning service you are welcome to have a cup of tea or coffee downstairs in the Conference Room until 12.45pm.

Sunday lunch for students and young adults will be served in the atrium after the service on Sunday this week and next week, then there is a break until after Christmas. All who class themselves in those categories are welcome to stay!

All mid-week groups and Home Bible Study Groups run in their normal schedules this week – any changes will be communicated by group leaders - and choir rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Service continue on Monday evening at 7.30pm.

The Hebron Choir has been invited to sing their current set of songs and lead some carol singing at a Christmas event in The Marcliffe Hotel on Sunday 8th December from 3pm. There is a cost of £10 for guests, which will include a festive drink and snack. You may want to use this opportunity as a special activity with friends who might not be able to come along to our full Carol Service on Sunday 15th in the church at 6.30pm.



The Love Aberdeen project aims to deliver a gospel of John to every household in the city. We have a large supply of them in Hebron and would encourage everyone to take a few to deliver. You can check which streets and homes are still waiting online using the loveaberdeen.prayerwalk.app

The app shows which streets have been done, marked in blue, which streets are in the process of being visited in red and any areas needing done are unmarked. You'll need to create a log in, then select "add prayer walk" then you can click on a street to show you will cover it, and it will turn red. Don't forget to go back and turn it blue once you've delivered the gospels.

The first batch of Gospels will be available to pick up from the church on Sunday.

**Doctrine in a Day** on Tuesday 10th December with Aberdeen Ministry Training Academy: The heart wants what it wants

(The doctrine of sinful desire) See full details in last week's newsletter – available on our website if needed.

Do continue to pray for Jonny - and Dudley from AIM who he is travelling with – as they make their way to meet up with one of our mission partners and pray for Kirsty when they visit the area where she works.

We were delighted to welcome Pat Ware and Jim & Margaret Lee as formal members of Hebron last weekend. Do say hello when you see them on Sunday!

## **Diary Dates:**

Some Christmas dates for your diary

- Online Advent Calendar opens each day from 1st December
- Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 6.30pm
- Nativity Service on Sunday 22nd December at 11am
- Sunday evening service on 22nd at 6.30pm
- Christmas Day Service on Wednesday 25th December at 11am
- Sunday morning service on 29th at 11am.

We've attached 2 Christmas Flyers to this email which you may want to save to your device and then send to friends if you are inviting them along to our Christmas services.

This year's online advent calendar will make use of the same material as we are using with the children each week in Sunday School: The Biggest Story. The Advent Devotional has been designed to walk us through from the very beginning of Genesis to the birth of Jesus, with a different story each day. The Biggest Story Devotional includes a Bible passage to look up, a video to link to, a brief thought for the day and an ornament to cut out if you click through to the printable page. Each family in Sunday School will receive a printed copy this weekend and we have a few extras printed if any of our creche families, or those with limited internet access would like a copy! You can follow along online on our website under Christmas 2024, on the church app under What's On or go straight to the link here: <a href="www.hebronaberdeen.org.uk/christmas">www.hebronaberdeen.org.uk/christmas</a>

After Christmas we will be running the <u>Hope Explored</u> course, on three Thursdays from 16th January. Please be thinking and praying about who you could invite to come along to the course where they can find out more about the Hope we will talk and sing about at our Christmas events.

It still feels early but here goes:

- In preparation for our Carol Service we will be collecting mince pies and apple pies to serve afterwards. Look out for tickets in the foyer next week which you can take to help us collect what we need.
- If anyone would like to send a Christmas Card to the church, rather than to lots of individuals, you can pop your card in the Hope Explored post box and we'll add it to the string in the big windows where everyone can read them.
- We will aim to decorate the church for Christmas in the week after 1st December. If anyone is keen to help out in any way please get in touch with Sally.

Every Blessing,

