

# ROSS BAPTIST CHURCH

## Weekly Headlines

1st February 2026

### Welcome to our Sunday Service

This Sunday Martin Thompson will be speaking on Matthew 8:18-22, 'The Cost of Following'.

We will be sharing communion during the service.

Please join us downstairs after the service for refreshments.



#### Family Fun Week 2026

This year's Family Fun Week will run between Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 10am to 12 noon.

Please save the date to either come and help or to invite your neighbours, friends and family along.

The programme is as follows:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Perfect Puppets at The Venue and in the church

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Super Circus Skills at The Venue

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Spectacular Sports at Ross Rugby Club

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Thrilling Theatre at The Venue

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Incredible Inflatables at Ross Rugby Club

More details to follow and flyers will be available soon that can be used as invitations.

Please pray for the week and look out for other notices that may ask you to collect certain items for us.

Many thanks

Karen and Jane

#### **Ian and Clare - Trip to Kenya 2026**

Ian and Clare are visiting Alan and Pauline to celebrate the work of Africa Inland Mission (AIM) in Kenya.

Here's an outline itinerary so that you can follow and pray as we go.

Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb: Alan & Pauline's Farewell Service – Ian to preach

Mon. - Wed.: more visits and exploring the areas around Nanyuki

Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup>: Travel back to Nairobi

Fri. 6<sup>th</sup>: Journey by train through Tsavo National Park to Mombasa.

Sat.-Mon.: Some days at the beach!

Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> 11am: Flight back to Nairobi

Wed. + Thurs.: Exploring Nairobi

Thurs. 11pm: Flight back to Heathrow. Arrive back in UK Fri at 6am.



If you are visiting us today, a warm welcome to you. Welcome cards are available if you would like to fill one in.

#### **Kingdom Crew**

##### **(Pre-school to Year 6)**

Families and children meet in church at the beginning of the service. Please look out for the slide prompting you to take your child to the Venue for their Kingdom Crew session.

#### **Youth Work (Y7+)**

Please go across to the Venue for your group. Ask the welcoming team for directions. The young people will join us later in the service for communion.

Visit [rossbaptist.org](http://rossbaptist.org) to find out more about us.

Follow us on Facebook

**Ross Baptist Church Ross-on-Wye**

Follow our children and families Facebook page

**Ross Baptist Church for Families**

Visit our YouTube channel

**Ross Baptist Church**

*If you have a prayer request you would like shared confidentially with a dedicated prayer group contact Judith Reynolds - [prayer@rossbaptist.org](mailto:prayer@rossbaptist.org). Email Judith if you would like to join this group or call the church office and they will pass on your prayer request.*

If you have any pastoral issues please contact

Dave Berry, 07711 067807

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We are committed to the safeguarding of children and adults at risk and ensuring their well being.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY PRAYER MEETING

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2pm** - Online using Zoom

Join us in prayer for the work of Christians Against Poverty, Wye Valley Debt Centre. Visit our website to join the Zoom meeting.

### BOARD GAMES EVENING

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 5-7pm** - King Charles, Broad Street

Join us for an evening of fun, friendly competition, and lots of laughs at our Board Games Evening!

We'll provide a selection of board games, (please feel free to bring your own favourites along!). This event is open to everyone aged 11+ (under 16s must be accompanied by an adult).

### AFRICA INLAND MISSION PRAYER MEETING

**Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> February 7pm** - Zoom & at Peter & Dot's home

Join us to pray for Alan and Pauline's work in Nanyuki, Kenya. Visit our website to join the meeting on Zoom.

### SUNG EUCHARIST WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 7pm** - St. Mary's Church

Ash Wednesday service. All welcome.

## REGULAR DIARY EVENTS

Mon	<b>COMMUNION</b> 10am Prayer Room	<b>KINGDOM CLUB</b> Years 1-6 3.30-4.45pm The Venue
	<b>PRAY4KIDS</b> 1.00-1.30pm Online	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b> Years 6-9 After school - 5.30pm The Venue
Tues	<b>ART CLUB</b> 10-12pm Church Hall	
Wed	<b>COMMUNION</b> 10am The Venue	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b> Years 7-11 After school - 5.30pm Church Hall
	<b>HORIZONS</b> 10.30am- 12 noon The Venue	
Thurs	<b>PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE</b> 10am Prayer Room & online	<b>YOUTH GROUP</b> Year 10+ 6.30-8.30pm Church Hall
Fri	<b>TODDLERS</b> 9.30-11.30am The Venue	<b>PRAYER TIME</b> 7pm Online



### ACTS435 at Ross Baptist Church

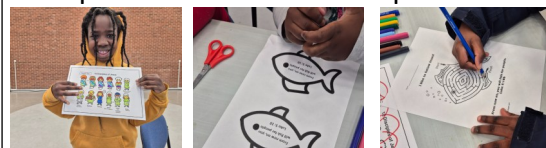
Acts 435 is a giving website that allows people to give money directly to others specific needs, and 100% of what is donated via Acts 435 goes directly to those in need. (All administration costs are covered by Gift Aid.). Do you know anyone in need who would benefit from financial support for a specific reason (max £100)? If so please contact Irene Rothwell ([irene@rossbaptist.org](mailto:irene@rossbaptist.org)) – Ross Baptist Acts 435 Advocate. All requests are dealt with in the strictest confidence. You can make a difference to someone in need today by donating via the ACTS435 website.

See [ACTS435.org.uk](http://ACTS435.org.uk). Leaflets are available on the landing table.

Ian and Karen Purcell have visited Maddy in Pattaya, Thailand. They have bought a copy of 'Tamar's 20th Anniversary!' book, and donated it to the library in the church hall.

Here is a description of the book. *Every life counts: Read the incredible 20-year testimony of how God has used and continues to use Tamar as a ministry to bring hope to the vulnerable and lost in Thailand. You can read amazing stories from our team as well as from some of the beautiful women who have stepped through our doors at Tamar.*

**Kingdom Crew (Sundays during the service)** Last Sunday, Kingdom Crew considered who Jesus chose as his disciples. We can be his disciples too.



**Kingdom Club (Mondays during term time 3.30-4.45pm)** This week, the children at Kingdom Club looked at the wise and foolish builders.



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### What is happening in the Youth Work?

**Sunday** - We continued looking at the Psalms of David, this time Psalm 56. After games, we looked at this lament, David's call to God, why me? Then, "but when I am afraid, I will put my trust in you (God)." He realised all that God has promised to him. He realises that as long as he has his trust in God, he does not need to be afraid. We finished with 3 questions: Have you asked Jesus into your life to be your Lord and Saviour? Will you walk in Jesus' way? Do you continue to walk in the way Jesus wants you to walk?

**Monday Youth Group (years 6-9)** - Kingdom Club started with pool, table football, table tennis, and table-top games before we looked at the wise and foolish builders. In teams, they built towers, 3 on unstable foundations, 1 on the floor. Those who built on the floor won every time. In our small group, we asked how we can build our lives on Jesus. Those from the older youth groups who are doing the Duke of Edinburgh's award with us did really well, getting involved and helping the children.



**Wednesday Youth Group (year 7+)** - On 21 and 28 January we continued our series on the gifts of the spirit. On 21st, we looked at the fact that we don't all have the same spiritual gifts, they are given by God so we can help each other, and he decides which gift every person has.



On 28th we started with cards between limbs game and then went on to talk about the body of Christ and how we serve each other. We listed the gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 and then looked at what we have. The young people prayed for each other to use the gifts God wants for them. We ended with a game of World Domination.

**Thursday Youth Group (year 10+)** - We continued our series from the Fusion Student linkup box, talking about those first weeks of life after leaving home, being yourself, and being Church. As always, we started with dinner and ended with a game

**Weekend Socials** - Thank you for supporting our amazing youth team for the Burns Night and Ceilidh. It was a great time. The leaders gathered at 2pm, and worked really well. The youth joined in from 4pm and were excellent at preparing the room, cooking, and serving. The dancing was fun, and all went home with smiles on their faces. Thanks to all who put so much work into the very successful evening.



Thank you for your love, support and prayers. Please keep praying.

Please email Steph in the church office if you would like to receive these Headlines electronically. ([admin@rossbaptist.org](mailto:admin@rossbaptist.org))



If you regularly attend the church, you can use the car park at the back of the church. Ask a member of the welcome team for a parking permit form. Parking permits must always be displayed when using the car park.



### Freecycle

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2.30-3.30 (helpers 2-4pm)**

Please start collecting things you don't want to be given away to anyone in our community. The donations **MUST** be portable, clean and re-saleable as St Michael's have to pay to get rid of things that we pass on to them that they can't sell.

*And what does the Lord require of you?*

*To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)*



We partner with **Christians Against Poverty**, a debt counselling charity determined to reduce poverty in the UK caused by debt, and run the Wye Valley CAP Centre offering free debt help to anyone. *Leaflets are available on the landing table.*

**Prayer Before the Service, from 10am in the Prayer Room.** The prayer room is through the left hand door at the back of the stage. *All are welcome.*