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re:source



Kidderminster Baptist Church produces this magazine as a way of bringing people together and to share something of the good news message of Jesus. Re:source is about making connections and offering ourselves in support in whatever way we can to our amazing community. ***Rev Jason Borlase.***

Christmas in Kidderminster

13th Dec
7pm
(Doors open 6pm)

Christmas Carols

with Kidderminster Baptist Church and Grace Church Kidderminster

at The Church Venue, Church Street, Kidderminster, DY10 2AR

Scan the QR code to book your free ticket

20th Dec
5pm

Light Up Christmas

Community Carol Service

at Kidderminster Baptist Church, Franche Road, DY11 5BE

Other services at Kidderminster Baptist Church

13th Dec - 11am - Nativity service
24th Dec - 9:30pm (Midnight in Bethlehem!)
25th Dec - 10:30am - Christmas day service

Registered Charity No. 1196300

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KBC Community Family Project



SUPPORT & ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES IN FRANCHE, MARLPOOL AND HABBERLEY

We can help with: -

- Events and activities for you and your family
- Linking you in with local groups and services
- Suggesting tools and ideas to try with your family
- Support through difficult times, or someone to cheer you on in your parenting journey
- Signposting (help to find and access specialist support or information)
- A listening ear - someone outside of your situation to discuss things with, and work out problems together.

Get in touch

07881 595829 family@kidderminsterbaptist.com

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Tots Time





Tuesdays

Term Time

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Suggested donation £2.50 per group. inc. toddler & parents snacks

TotsTime is for children under 5 and their parents/carers. We have free play, story time, themed sessions, crafts, refreshments and a short song time and bubbles to close.

If you would like to come along please do get in touch – totstime@kidderminsterbaptist.com or 01562 824657.

Kidderminster Baptist Church

EVERY THURSDAY

2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Kidderminster Baptist Church
Franche Road, DY11 5BE



OPEN HOUSE

Refreshments, Games, Conversation, Arts & Crafts

Also each month...

THE WELCOME TABLE

Every 1st Thursday in the month – 1 p.m to 2 p.m.

Food, Friendship & Faith

mail@kidderminsterbaptist.com or 01562 824657 to book in for lunch.

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WYRE FOREST

LITTER PICKERS

Cleaner streets, greener communities!

A cleaner Wyre Forest starts with all of us!

We'll be picking up litter around the Franche and Marlpool area.

2nd Thursday of each month

1:30 p.m.

Meet at Kidderminster Baptist Church

Small steps make a big difference

Free refreshments available afterwards!

Awake the Wonder: Rediscovering the Meaning of Advent

Christmas has a way of arriving before we are ready for it!

One minute it's November, and the next the diary is filling up, the shops are busy, Christmas songs are everywhere and there's a growing list of things to buy, places to be and people to see. Then suddenly it's Christmas Day, and we wonder: Where did December go? And did I actually stop to enjoy it?



This is where Advent comes in. The word simply means "coming" or "arrival". For Christians, Advent is the season leading up to Christmas – a time to pause, prepare and pay attention. It looks back to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, while also looking forward to the Christian hope that Christ will come again.

Advent invites us to make space for wonder

But Advent is about more than counting down the days. It invites us to make space for wonder.

Make space to pause

There is something powerful about slowing down. Advent gives us permission to step away from the noise and remember why the Christmas story matters.

The story begins with a baby, but it doesn't end in a stable. Jesus grew up, taught about God's love, welcomed those who felt forgotten, brought hope to those who were struggling and offered forgiveness to those who had lost their way. His life led to the cross – and Christians believe that even death could not hold him.

The manger is the beginning of a much bigger story.

Make space for hope

At the heart of Christmas is an announcement that still speaks today: "A Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:11)

It is an extraordinary claim. God did not remain distant from the struggles and messiness of human life. Christians believe that in Jesus, God came among us.

Christmas is not simply about looking back at what happened 2,000 years ago. It's also about asking what difference Jesus might make to our lives today.

Could there be hope when life feels uncertain? Could there be peace in the middle of a busy world? Could we discover that we are more deeply loved than we realise?

Make space for wonder

Perhaps this Advent, we could resist the temptation to rush. Before the wrapping paper, parties and Christmas lists take over, take a moment. Light a candle. Listen to a carol. Read the Christmas story. Sit quietly. Make space to wonder.



Wonder at the possibility that the God who created us chose to come close. Christmas reminds Christians that Christ has come, that he is present with us, and that there is a promise of his coming again.

So this year, don't simply count down to Christmas. Pause. Look up. Make space. And awake the wonder.

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Debt help | Money courses | Brighter futures

Kidderminster Baptist Church

CAP Kidderminster is run by Kidderminster Baptist Church.



Bringing Hope and Freedom from Debt

CAP Kidderminster – supporting our community towards a brighter future

A new chapter for Kidderminster

We are delighted to announce the launch of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Kidderminster, a new initiative dedicated to supporting individuals and families across Kidderminster and the wider Wyre Forest area who are struggling with debt and financial hardship.

With the rising cost of living, managing household finances has become increasingly difficult for many people. For those already facing financial pressures, debt can quickly become overwhelming, affecting not only their finances but also their mental health, relationships and sense of hope for the future. Many people feel isolated, embarrassed or unsure where to turn for help.

CAP Kidderminster aims to change that by offering practical support, compassionate guidance and a fresh start.



Working together

We are working in partnership with Christians Against Poverty, Bridgnorth, to provide a welcoming, non-judgemental service where people can receive support to tackle their debt and begin rebuilding their financial stability.

Proven support

CAP is a national charity with a proven track record of helping people facing problem debt. Through its established debt help service, trained Debt Coaches work alongside clients to understand their circumstances, develop a manageable plan and support them throughout the journey towards becoming debt-free. The service also helps people develop greater confidence in managing money and making informed financial decisions.

Learn and grow

Alongside individual debt support, CAP Kidderminster hopes to offer CAP Money Courses, helping people learn practical budgeting skills, manage their money more effectively and build greater financial resilience for the future.

Our vision

Our vision is to see people across Kidderminster and Wyre Forest move from financial anxiety towards stability, confidence and hope. We recognise that behind every financial difficulty is a person, a family and a story. Our commitment is to treat everyone with dignity, compassion and respect, offering support without judgement.

Growing our reach

As a new service, we will initially be working with a small number of clients while our team develops its experience and capacity. Over time, we hope to extend our reach and help more people in our community.



More than just financial support

Behind every financial difficulty is a person, a family and a story. We're here to listen, to support and to walk alongside people as they take positive steps towards a brighter future.

Together we can

Together, we can help bring hope, restore confidence and support people towards a more secure financial future.

Could you help make this possible?

As we establish CAP Kidderminster, we are looking for people who would be willing to support this work through a regular monthly donation. Even a small amount each month can make a real difference, and if you are a UK taxpayer, please consider completing a Gift Aid declaration alongside your donation. This enables us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 donated, at no additional cost to you.

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Your support, multiplied.

Maybe The Times Could Change

For a while now, I've felt an increasing concern about the challenges facing people in our communities. I've always cared about these things, but the longer we go on without any real sense that they can be addressed, the more I find myself thinking that something has to change.



One random act of kindness at a time

Small acts. Real difference

As a church, our heart is for our community. We believe in a God who cares, who grieves at the mess we have made of his perfect creation, and who is still at work in our world. How much worse would things be without him?

We also believe God has given us the ability and resolve to make a difference. Yet so much of society seems to believe that change is in the hands of others. We look to the next government, local councillors or budget, hoping someone will put things right.

Back in 2010, David Cameron spoke about "The Big Society". The idea resonated with me: shifting power away from central government and into the hands of local communities, individuals and voluntary organisations.

Underlying it was the belief that we each have a responsibility and the ability to make a difference. We don't have to accept the status quo; we can help change the culture of a place.

In the film Evan Almighty, Evan Baxter is asked to build a modern-day ark to save his community. In one scene, God asks him, "How do you change the world?" The answer? "One Single Act of Random Kindness (ARK) at a time."

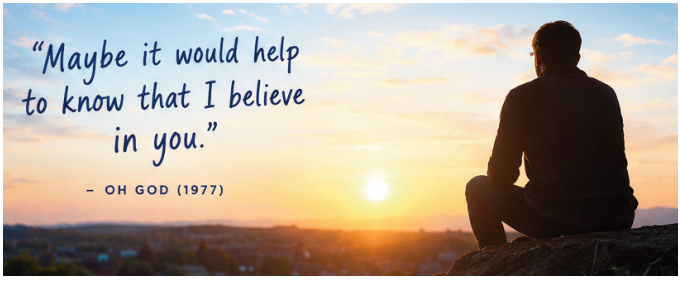
That really speaks to me as we think about New Year's resolutions. Often, these focus on ourselves and what we want to change. But what if, in 2027, we resolved to commit to ARKs in our communities — through our attitudes, our responses to others and our determination to make things better? What acts of kindness might begin to change the world around us?

Recently, I came across a clip from the 1977 film "Oh God". I haven't watched it all, but a few lines stopped me in my doom-scrolling! The film follows an assistant grocery manager who encounters God, appearing as a good-natured old man, and is chosen to be his messenger to the modern world. Towards the end, these words are spoken:
"I know how hard it is in these times to have faith, but maybe if you could have the faith to start with, maybe the times would change, you could change them. Think about it. … Maybe you find it hard to believe in me, maybe it would help to know that I believe in you."

Perhaps that's where we need to start. Not by waiting for someone else to change things, or believing our contribution is too small to matter, but by trusting that God can work through ordinary people like us.

As we look towards 2027, what might God do through the kindness we show, the people we encourage and the needs we respond to? We may not be able to change everything, but we can change something.

Perhaps, with a little more faith, a little more kindness and a willingness to act, we might discover that the times really can change — one random act of kindness at a time.



Brownies have it all sewn up.



Brownie leaders Sarah & Sue with minister Jason Borlase receiving sewing machine & cheque.

For more than 40 years, the 11th Kidderminster Brownies have been making memories, building friendships and having plenty of fun in the community hall at Kidderminster Baptist Church.

The group welcomes girls aged 7–11 and provides a place where they can learn new skills, try new things and, perhaps most importantly, simply enjoy being children.

Each term brings a new challenge, with the girls working towards badges covering a wonderfully wide range of subjects. Over the years, they have explored everything from animal welfare, fire safety and online safety to sport and the Winter Olympics.

Their most recent badge took them closer to home as they discovered more about the history of Kidderminster. The girls visited the Town Hall and took a walk around the town, learning about some of the historic buildings and landmarks that are right on their doorstep.

But while badges and activities are an important part of Brownies and Guides, the leaders are keen to make sure on thing never gets forgotten — having fun!

There is plenty of learning, but there is also plenty of laughter, friendship and time simply to enjoy being together. After all, sometimes the most important thing children can learn is how to have fun, make friends and feel confident being themselves.



More Than Badges: 40 Years of Fun, Friendship & Adventure

A little helping hand

Earlier this year, Kidderminster Baptist Church was delighted to support the group by raising more than £500 to buy a new sewing machine. The machine will enable the girls to work towards their sewing badge during the autumn term, while the remaining funds have been put towards future activities and resources.

It is just one small way in which the church is pleased to support a group that has been such a valued part of the local community for so many years.If you run a group in Marlpool, Franche or Habberley, do let us know how we can support you.

We are incredibly grateful for the commitment of the 11th Kidderminster Brownies and Guides leaders, who give their time and energy to create such a positive environment for the girls.

A particular mention must go to Louise, the group leader, who has given many years of dedicated service to the group. Her commitment, along with that of the whole team, is helping to give another generation of girls opportunities to learn, grow, laugh and discover what they can achieve.

We are proud that Kidderminster Baptist Church can provide a home for the group and look forward to seeing what adventures, badges and memories the next 40 years might bring!

If your daughter is aged 7–11 and would enjoy making friends, learning new skills, trying different activities and having lots of fun along the way, why not find out more about the 11th Kidderminster Brownies?

30 Years of Slimming World Russ!

For many people across Kidderminster, the name Russell Poyner will not be familiar. But mention “Russ from Slimming World” and chances are, you’ll know exactly who we mean!

For an incredible 30 years, Russ has been running Slimming World groups at Kidderminster Baptist Church, supporting hundreds of local people as they work towards healthier lifestyles and positive change. That seemed like something worth celebrating, so we wanted to say a very big thank you by presenting Russ with a few goodies to mark this amazing milestone.

Of course, Slimming World is about much more than losing weight. Making lasting changes to our health and wellbeing can be a real challenge, and information alone isn't always enough. What often makes the difference is encouragement, friendship, accountability and having people around you who understand the journey.

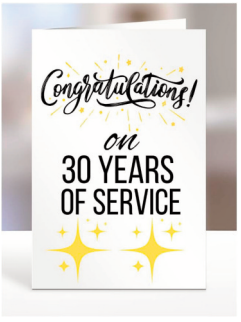


Celebrating 30 years - Slimming World Russ with minister Jason Borlase.



And that’s where Russ has made such a difference over the years. With his unique blend of encouragement, humour and, when needed, a gentle nudge in the right direction, Russ has helped countless people stay motivated and achieve their goals.

So, from everyone at Kidderminster Baptist Church, and from the many people whose lives you have touched over the past 30 years…



Thank you, Russ — and congratulations!

CAN WE HELP?

Re:source aims to help connect our community and be a space to share what is going on in our local community. We would welcome notices, community adverts and good news stories.
Please do get in touch if we can help in any way or if you wish to include something in our next edition.

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The Church Venue

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER

DOORS OPEN 6PM

LIVE MUSIC & SING-ALONG CAROLS
AT A BAR LIKE NO OTHER

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET

CHURCH STREET KIDDERMINSTER, DY10 2AR

BEST START IN LIFE

FAMILY HUBS

Healthy Homes : Supporting Families to live well

Healthy Homes with Kidderminster Baptist Church - supporting communities



Monday 21st December 2026 - 11 am to 1.30 pm

Kidderminster Baptist Church, Franche Road, DY11 5BE

Join us and other services for FREE, fun event with lots of practical advice and guidance around making healthier lifestyle choices for you and your family

Father Christmas will be making an appearance to add festive fun!

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