

Youth and Children

The following activities are run on a weekly basis in term time, unless otherwise stated.

For more information see the church website.

Discoverers

On Sunday mornings, while adults participate in the service, Discoverers is a place where children aged 3 to 10 years can grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith. A dedicated team of volunteers use a range of activities to teach the children in 4 age-specific groups – Sparklers: Preschool (from 3 years); All Stars: P1 - P2; Trailblazers: P3 - P4 and Lasers; P5 - P6. Activities include drama, games, craft, music, bible reading and quizzes. Crèche facilities are available for children under three.

Intense

Also on Sunday mornings, a group for older children and young people – P7 to S4. Intense encourages young people to explore the bible together through a range of activities, helping them to learn, discover, share and demonstrate their Christian faith.

Intense also meet on Sunday evenings in The Loft and sometimes in the Sports Hall from 6.30-8pm for games and discussion about their faith. For further info email: kristoff@dumfriesbaptistchurch.org.uk or go to www.facebook.com/DBCintense

Elevate / Girlzone / Impact (primary ages)

Elevate - Monday 3.15pm; **Girlzone** - Weds @ 6pm; **Impact** - Thursday @ 6.15pm. Activity based groups enjoying games and craft followed by an opportunity to learn about the Christian faith.

Toddlers

Meet twice a week in the Sports Hall: Tuesday and Thursday at 10am. This is for all parents, grandparents or carers of children from birth to pre-school to come along with their children to enjoy a coffee and a chat while the children play, listen to stories, sing etc.

*All Youth and Children's Activities are carried out in accordance with Scottish Child Protection regulations. Please read our **Safeguarding Policy** on our website, or a copy is available from the Church Office on request.*

How to find us

Dumfries Baptist Church

Dumfries Baptist Church, Gillbrae Road, Dumfries, DG1 4EJ
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01387-268926 www.dumfriesbaptistchurch.org.uk or email secretary@dumfriesbaptistchurch.org.uk



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Welcome to.....

Dumfries Baptist Church

We want Dumfries Baptist Church to be a place where everybody feels welcome. If this is your first visit to DBC, we are delighted to have you with us; we hope you will feel at home and enjoy your visit.

About Dumfries Baptist Church

We are a 'family' of God's people, followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, who wish to serve in our local community. Although we are a Baptist Church, we welcome all who love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to worship with us, from any denominational background or none.

Dumfries Baptist Church has met for almost 150 years in the town. We moved to Dumfries Baptist Church Centre in Gillbrae Road (next to the Gillbrae Medical Centre) in 2018.

Sunday mornings at DBC

You need to arrive in time for a 10.30am start. There are always a few friendly faces at the door to welcome you and, if you are new, to show you where everything is. As you sit down in the Auditorium where we hold the service, and take a few minutes to look around, you will probably notice that it is quite full. There's a real mixture of ages and people, some smartly dressed and others more casual, so whatever you are wearing you won't feel uncomfortable.

We try to make the service itself varied and interesting, as we want it to be enjoyable for people

of all ages and backgrounds. It's lively, without being wild or weird! There's a mixture of traditional hymns and modern songs.

The whole point is to help us to get to know God better, so that we can appreciate Him more and discover more about how He wants us to live. We take some time to listen to what the Bible says, and what it means to live as a Christian in the modern world. You will not be embarrassed or put on the spot and we will not ask you for money.

The service usually finishes around midday which gives you an opportunity to chat with friends over coffee before you go home for lunch.

Sunday service times

Morning Worship: 10.30am (including crèche, children's and youth activities)

Evening Worship: 6.30pm

On most first and third Sundays of each month (and fifth if there is one), we have a **Communion Service** at the end of the morning worship. On most second and fourth Sundays of each month we have a Communion Service at the end of the evening worship.

We don't just meet on Sundays!

Our goal is to serve the church family and the people of Dumfries and the surrounding area through the different ministries and events which take place each week. You will, of course, be warmly welcomed at all of these. You can find out more from our weekly bulletin which is distributed at our Sunday morning and evening services.

If you would like any more information about us, or about events and activities; please visit our website at dumfriesbaptistchurch.org.uk or email enquiries to secretary@dumfriesbaptistchurch.org.uk.

If you prefer you can ring and speak to someone in the church office Mon – Fri, 9am – 1pm on 01387-268926.

Finding out more about the Christian faith

The Christian faith has existed since the time Jesus Christ was on earth. Followers of Jesus have had different understandings about many things, and this has led to a lot of confusion around what exactly it means to be a 'Christian'. Here at DBC, we regularly run '**Alpha**' and '**Christianity Explored**' courses which seek to answer the question 'what is it all about'? These are informal courses for people who'd like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics. They explore who Jesus is, what his claims are and what it means to follow Him. The evening includes refreshments, a talk/DVD, and small group discussions.

Other activities

There are midweek activities for all ages. We have a number of **Small Groups** meeting at various times in people's homes, or in the church, which provide a good place to study the bible and pray together and to get to know others in an informal setting. On the second Tuesday each month, our senior friends meet at 2pm for '**Friendship Hour**' and on the fourth Wednesday of most months at '**Encore!**' lunch club from 10.30am. There are also a range of other group activities for all ages, details of which are available from the church office.