

# THE SCANDAL OF CHRISTMAS

## PARENTAL GUIDANCE RECOMMENDED



Matthew's Gospel gives us a PGR-version of the Christmas story: the complex sexual histories of women among Jesus' ancestors; Joseph's rage and distress at Mary's pregnancy and his courage in the face of danger and humiliation; the so-called 'wise men' who foolishly imperil the child they seek to worship; Herod's murderous rage, Joseph fleeing with his family to Egypt (a refugee story) and Herod's subsequent massacre of other innocents in and around Jerusalem.

### Our Services

- 9:30 am 27 Nov Hope in hard places
- 9:30 am 4 Dec Peace in a violent world
- 9:30 am 11 Dec Joy in anxious times
- 9:30 am 18 Dec Love in exile
- 7 pm 18 Dec Festival of Lessons and Carols**  
with festive supper to follow
- 9:30 am 24 Dec Christmas Day; Scandalous Good News  
with celebratory morning tea

# CHRISTMAS 2022 @ EAST DONCASTER BAPTIST

## What to Expect?

### Advent Services

Services start on time and last approximately an hour. They include responsive liturgy, carols and hymns, lighting the advent wreath, readings, prayers, an offering and a reflection.

Guests are not expected to contribute to offerings. Your presence with us is a gift in itself!

Morning tea with conversation over a cuppa and light refreshments follows each service. We'd love to meet you if you choose to stay!

We collect money for Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Project on November 27 to purchase presents for children whose parents are incarcerated.

### Festival of Lessons and Carols

A festival of carols, readings and prayers lasting about an hour.

A festive supper with sparkling drinks and Christmas nibbles follows. Non alcoholic drinks shared by all with a glass of sparkling wine for adults only.

### Christmas Day

An hour's celebration of God's love and Jesus' birth through carols, readings, prayers and a short reflection.

Gifts to support Baptist Word Aid's work with communities contending with poverty and injustice will be collected. Guests are not obliged to contribute.

All welcome to linger after the service for conversation over a festive morning tea. Alternatively, feel free to leave immediately if you prefer less company or have other commitments.

