

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. **There is a crèche for children under three.**

Intense Vital

Also on Sunday mornings, a group for older children and young people – P7 to S4. Intense Vital 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 Lifeline

A Wednesday evening group for young people (aged P7 – S4) held at a different house each week. Intense Lifeline is an opportunity for young people to meet together for games and discussion about their faith. For further info: dbcyouth@hotmail.com www.facebook.com/DBCintense

Girlzone (at Newall Terrace)

Girls meet Wednesday evenings at 6.30 pm. This is an activity based group enjoying games and craft followed by an opportunity to learn about the Christian faith through short talks.

Toddlers

Meeting at Newall Terrace three days each week: Monday 1pm; and Tues 10am. This is for all parents, grandparents or carers of children under three to come along with their children to enjoy a coffee and a chat while the children play, listen to stories, sing etc.

Also, on most first Saturday mornings in the month, 10am – 12 noon, 'Who let the Dads out?' For dads and grandpas to come along with children under 10. A chance for dads to chat or read the papers etc with toys, crafts and games available for the children. Refreshments provided.

For **'Who let the Dads out?'** dates, check with the church office or the church website.

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

How to find us

Dumfries Baptist Church is located a few hundred yards from the town centre on the corner of Newall Terrace and Catherine Street, just opposite the main council office car park which can be used outside office hours Monday to Friday and all weekend. On a Sunday morning the church service is usually located at the High School, Marchmount. Take the Lockerbie Road, (A709) from the town centre, eastwards for about a half a mile, then turn left into Bane Loaning, just after the pedestrian crossing. You will see the High School on your right. Directions can also be found on the church website.

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Welcome

Dumfries Baptist Church

Created to Worship | Commissioned to Reach | Compelled to Serve

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 been meeting in Newall Terrace for over a hundred years. Recently we have had to move to hold our Sunday Morning Service in the High School, Marchmount, due to increased numbers. Most other meetings are still held in the Newall Terrace building.

Sunday mornings at DBC (usually held in Dumfries High School)

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 hall where we hold the service, and take a few minutes to look around, you will probably notice that the hall 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 young people's activities)

Evening Worship: 6.30pm

On most first and third Sundays of each month we have a **Communion Service** at the end of the morning worship. On most second and fourth Sundays of each month (and fifth if there is one) 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, both in the Newall Terrace building and in other venues around the area. 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 a course called '**Christianity Explored**' which seeks to answer the 'what is it all about' question. This is an informal course for people who'd like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics. It explores 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 which provide a good place to study the bible and pray together and to get to know others in an informal setting. On the first and third Thursdays each month, our senior friends meet at Newall Terrace at 2pm for '**Friendship Hour**'. There are also a range of other group activities, for example - craft evenings or meals at a local restaurant for the ladies; and for the men – golf, cycling etc.