

ROOTHERHAM

Evangelical Church

Sunday 18th January, 2026
Baptism Service

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WELCOME

We hope you enjoy your time with us & learn more about Jesus Christ. If you are visiting, there's more info about REC on the table as you enter the building. Also, make sure to collect a welcome pack, fill out the **connect card** & leave it with a leader. This program should answer some practical questions & guide you through the service.



Refreshments are served every Sunday from 3:45pm. As an extra treat, there will be cake and coffee served after our service this afternoon. Please do join us for that time so we can get to know you better.



Toilets & a baby-change station are located across the corridor and can be accessed through the door at the rear of main hall. Please also make use of the space and toys front lounge if your child/baby needs a quiet spot.

What's on at REC?

This Week

Sunday

Core Seminar 'Living the Sabbath'

The Proctors' House | 10am

Worship Service

Broom Church | 4:15pm

*Refreshments served from 3:45pm

Care Home Ministry

Broom Lane Care Home | 6:15pm

*See Jane Jones for more information

New Sermon Series Starts Sunday 25th January

'Kingdom of the Crucified'
Luke Ch9-13

Communion & Church Members' Meeting

Tuesday 27th January

Wellgate Chapel | 7:30pm

Core Seminar Living the Sabbath

Sundays 25th Jan, 1st, 8th Feb

Venue tbc | 10am

ORDER OF SERVICE

Song: All My Boast is in Jesus

Welcome & Call to Worship

Ian Jones

Song: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Interview

with the baptism candidates

Baptisms

Song: In Christ Alone

Prayer

Ruth Robinson

Bible Reading

Isaiah Ch35 (p.720)

Song: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Sermon

Born to Bless - Hope

Elliot Hyliger

Song: Jesus Christ, My Living Hope

Close



Isabella

My name is Isabella, and I am 13 years old. I am growing up in a Christian family, and I am still learning more and more about God every day. However, there was a time when I struggled with my faith.

We moved to England when I had just turned seven, and at that point I had been home educated my whole life. Because my mum was pregnant, I had to start school. I struggled without many friends and because at that age I was always very direct and open about everything and anything with other children at school. Later, I made friends, but they weren't Christians. When I talked about God, they asked hard questions like, "If God loves the world, why is there so much pain and suffering?" I couldn't answer, and it made me doubt my faith.

I took many of these questions to my grandma, and she almost always had a perfect answer. But I still wondered if maybe God chose certain people to be extra close to Him, like my parents or grandparents, and that maybe He didn't care about me.

At the beginning of Year 7, I started home education again. My parents encouraged me to read Christian books. I wouldn't admit it at the time, but they helped me understand what I thought about Jesus. One book really touched me. It was about a young woman coming to Christ after seeing her father's life change when he was baptised. That made me realise I wanted to let Jesus into my life and follow Him. I wanted to feel wanted and cared for, and I knew I always would through Christ.

God sent His only Son to die on the cross for my sins. I don't deserve His mercy, but He loves me and wants me to be with Him. Through Jesus, I am forgiven and can live with Him forever, and so can you.



Esther

Hi, my name is Esther, I am sixteen years old, and I have grown up in a Christian family.

I have always grown up hearing about Jesus and how he died for our sins on the cross then defeated death so that we can have eternal life in heaven with God.

I've been thinking about baptism for a long time, but I wanted to be sure that it was my faith, not just what my parents believed. Going on camps like Yorkshire Camps has helped me to further understand what I believe. Christian friends and having the chance to talk to older Christians, especially Amelia, have developed my faith.

I love Jesus's compassion, forgiveness and mercy and the knowledge that he is always there for me.

Following Jesus helps me to always know that God has got this and he has a plan for me that I have no idea about but I can trust. I'm now confident that my faith is my own. I truly know that I am a sinner and can only be saved by the grace of God, given through Jesus who died on the cross for me.



Evangeline

My name is Evangeline and I'm 10 years old. I'm growing up in a Christian family, and I'm home educated. We do family devotions every day, and I read my Bible and do personal devotions most days.

One day I was reading Luke chapter 18, and it says, "*Let the children come to me.*" I felt this was speaking to me and felt a strong urge and call like God wanted me to follow Him and be a part of His family. I've always believed that Jesus is real, ever since I can remember, and as I've been growing up, I've been wanting to follow Him more, and now I want to learn even more about Him. I know and understand that Jesus loves me and that He came to die for my sins. To me, being a Christian means that I want to follow Jesus and put my trust and faith in Him.

I want to be baptised to show all my family and friends that I am a follower of Christ, and that He washed away my sins, so that I can be forgiven and live with Him in eternity. Also, I want to tell all my family and friends about Jesus, so that they can also follow Him, and that I will see them there in heaven.



Eve

What do you love about Jesus?

The thing that I love most about Jesus is probably that he died for me, taking away my sins, so that I can come to heaven. He gives this as a free gift so that we can be in heaven with him and know him now. He came to earth as a baby, as a human, went through life being mocked and hurt and cast out and yet he never stopped loving us.

Who has helped you to know Jesus better?

Definitely, my family, they've been so supportive. Also my mum coming to me at bedtime and talking to me about God and answering my many questions!

How has following Christ begun to affect your life?

I have become more aware of my sins and every time I'm about to do something that's not what is right I think about what God would want me to do.

Why do you want to get baptised?

I would like to get baptised because I believe that Jesus Christ died for me on a cross to give me a free gift taking away my sins so that I could come to heaven if I believed in him and I would like to take that free gift and go to heaven and one day be with God.

How can we pray for you as you grow as a Christian?

Pray that there is no doubt in my mind that God is real.



Laszlo

In the past I never found lasting happiness and I felt like I didn't have a purpose. Every time I achieved the goals that I was working hard for and that I was motivated for, I felt emptiness.

God brought me to the point of trusting Christ for myself by patiently growing my faith and deepening my knowledge of who Jesus is. Through learning about his life, his teachings, and his sacrifice, I began to understand not just what he did, but why he did it.

Pastor Janos Takaro and pastor Karoly Takaro from Kelenföld Reformed Church, W.O.R.D Bible school Hungary, *GodsVoiceToday* podcast, Heaven Encounters with Randy Kay have all helped me to know Jesus better.

I love that he loves everyone, even the ones who don't believe in him. He came to Earth he lived a perfect life and he died on the cross for us that's how much he loves us. I can always count on him, even if I make mistakes he loves me. If I fall 1000 times he is there 1000 times for me, helping me to get up. He always looks after me, even when I didn't believe in him. I have often thought that I'm a lucky person when good things happened to me, now I know that he helped me. He is the one I trust, he is the one who knows what's best for me, Jesus knows me better than anyone else, even better than myself :) He is awesome.

Following Christ has begun to change my life. I think generally I became a more caring, honest person. I'm not worried about the future anymore. I know that no matter what I'm doing in life, Jesus is always looking after me. I found peace and purpose in knowing that.

I want to get baptised because I would like to declare my faith in Jesus, and I would also like to express my love and commitment to Jesus. You could pray for my faith and knowledge in Jesus to grow and by praying for me to be able to walk as close to Jesus as possible on the path where he wants me to walk.



Molly

When I was at my lowest point and feeling lost, God Came and showed me that, by reading his word and living by his standards, God showed me that by reading is word. Ephesians 2:8 '*for it is by grace you have been saved through faith- and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift from god*' I fully trust in the Lord and the path he has for me.

God introduced me to REC which I had heard about through a very close friend (Victoria) as she has been coming for a few years at the time, and with me been at my lowest point in my life, my mum suggested to come to church with Victoria and while I have been listening to the services and reading the bible my heart and mind opened more.

When I was in secondary school there were people who came into school who were Christian, they spoke about their faith and it opened me up more to knowing God. My Nan-nan also attended church and would take us to some local church events around Christmas time.

Now I have been reading the bible, I have a better understanding of it and I feel I have grown closer. I learned how much Jesus has done for us by being born and then dying on the cross and then being resurrected for our sins. I like to read the word of God daily as it makes me feel at peace.

Reading the bible, talking to friends, speaking with family and coming to REC have helped me to know Jesus better. I have also been attending Nick and Claire Lovell's life group

I love Jesus because he showed me his love for his people. Also, because he is there for me every day and loves me for who I am even though at the time I felt I don't deserve it. Following Christ has made me feel I want to become a better person every day, and I want to set an example to other people and to the younger generation and it also makes me see and do things differently in life.

I want to get baptised because I want to give everything to the Lord and I know that he is always going to be there for me even through any tough times I may go through. This is a way for me to show how much I love him and this is a way for me to show how much I am grateful for him and everything Jesus has done for me.



Mostafa

I thank the Lord Jesus Christ that I am in this church and among you dear ones and I thank you for letting me into your church family.

Before I received the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ I was like a piece of wood floating in the ocean of sins and living in the devil. I was drunk all the nights of the week and spent far from God.

Undoubtedly, the king of my life at that time was Satan, many nights in order to end all the suffering and pain I had not good thoughts.

I had to move forward.

My life changed when Jesus Christ introduced himself to me as Lord and touched my heart and moved me to another direction of life that I had no understanding of until then.

Life in God has been so fulfilling for me that I, who was addicted to alcohol, have not touched alcohol for more than 2 years now, and I ask the Lord Jesus Christ to help protect us all from the evils and demons of this world, so that we can reach our main destination, the eternal courtyard in the presence of God



Norma

How did God show you that you had a problem & needed to be saved?

In the past there were times when I was trying to control events in my life and I was trying to fix things myself. There were also times when I was overwhelmed with worries and fears about the

future that's when I finally put all my trust in God because I realised I didn't have the strength to carry my burdens on my own anymore.

How did God bring you to the point of trusting Christ for yourself?

I went through a series of personal struggles through that time I began searching for meaning and hope outside of myself and trust came through placing my life in the hands of Christ and I also realised that I could go to him with my doubts, wounds and failures without being rejected.

Who has helped you to know Jesus better?

In 2023 I was studying the gospel of Mark with Libby Keen and it really helped me understand the character of Jesus better.

What do you love about Jesus?

I love that his love is unconditional. Even when people deny him, doubt him or struggles to trust him. Jesus remains faithful.

How has following Christ begun to affect your life?

One of the most important lessons Christ has taught me is how to let go of my worries. I found peace, purpose and healing in him which has given me strength. Christ shows up for me in every situation. I went through a lot these last few years but looking back I can see the hardships I went through didn't break me they led me to a deeper relationship with God.

Why do you want to get baptised?

I want to get baptised because I choose to follow Jesus and it also shows that I am no longer walking through life on my own and that now I belong to Jesus.

How can we pray for you to grow as a Christian?

You could pray for me to have a deeper relationship with God by having more hunger for God's word and by having more desire for prayer and worship.



Solmaz

How did God show you that you had a problem & needed to be saved?

Before I found Jesus I was struggling to find peace. My heart was heavy and my brain was clouded with worry. When I was feeling at my lowest my friend introduced me to Jesus and encouraged me to attend church for the first time.

I realised I was missing peace and needed God in my life I did not have enough peace inside of body, my heart or even my brain

What did God do through Christ to solve that problem?

Jesus died for my sins and gave me forgiveness.

How did God bring you to the point of trusting Christ for yourself?

Every Sunday I meet people in church and they are very welcoming to me. After service, we started to sing songs and read the bible and pray. I have had a few meetings with sister Libby, Hannah and Ian. They have helped me to know about Jesus.

Who has helped you to know Jesus better?

After I joined to the church I had meeting with sister Libby and she told me about Jesus like a story and I really excited to know about Jesus and I searched in google and I watched some video and Elliot and Ian was very welcome to me and sister Hannah.

What do you love about Jesus?

I love Jesus because he is the son of God. He shows us how to live better and he is always a best friend for us and we don't need to give anything for him. I like his love and kindness, he always best friend and he love us.

How has following Christ begun to affect your life?

One of most important is my patient and hope, i really like to help people, even without reply.

Why do you want to get baptised?

Baptism is one of the important things for the Christianity, start the new life with Jesus and I like follow the Jesus for ever and it's my pleasure make Jesus happy.

How can we pray for you to grow as a Christian?

Please pray that I grow in faith and trust God more. I really thank God for giving me some Christian friends and inviting me to church and I believe all of them are Jesus' plan to make me calm in my hard step of my life.

*"He chose to give us birth through the word of truth,
that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created."*

James Ch1 v18

SERMON NOTES

Born to Bless

Hope

Isaiah Ch35

Promise Made: Into the wilderness comes a God-sized promise

Promise Kept: Into our world comes a man-sized God