

諾定咸華人基督教會

Nottingham Chinese Christian Church

2025 Church Theme:

Pursuing spiritual growth, experiencing renewal through prayer

14 th Dec	English Service 1pm	Christmas Gospel Sunday Chinese Service 2:45pm	
Title	The Wise Men	Love - Brings us home	
Scripture	Matthew 2:1-12	Luke 15:11-24	
Speaker	Pastor Angus Chow	Rev. Joseph Mark	

21 st Dec	Combined Christmas Carol Service 2pm	
Title	God's unexpected plan	
Scripture	Selected passages	
Speaker	Rev. Rachael Burn	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome and greetings to everyone, especially to newcomers who are with us for the first time. We are happy to welcome you to our services, meeting together as the family of Christ.

Please visit and help yourselves to the reading materials on the bookshelves at the back of the Sanctuary. You may take home to read or to distribute to friends and families. All are FREE!

Advent and Christmas Devotional Books

'Advent is a season of expectation and preparation, as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming (adventus) of Christ in his incarnation, and also looks ahead to his final advent as judge at the end of time.'

(www.churchofengland.org)

WBBC have some Christmas devotional books placed at the back of the sanctuary. If you are interested, please donate £2 per book and the money can go in the collection boxes there.

Quarterly Church Meeting – Summary

At last Sunday's meeting, we gave thanks and shared about the progress made in the ministries in different divisions following the launch of the new governance structure approximately half a year ago.

Ministries:

Chinese division – Adult Sunday school sessions were well attended and new sessions will launch in the new year.

English division – There has been stability in the size of the congregation in the English service. Youth Alpha went well and there is further development planned for next year (See below).

Administrative division – Safeguarding policy is being reviewed. New initiatives will start in the new year to raise awareness in supporting our missionaries and partner organisations. A working group will look at enhancement and management of church website and other digital platforms.

Finance:

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3 rd quarter report	Income	£23,753.08
	Expenditure	£22,654.56
	Profit	£1,098.52
Budget 2026	Income	£101,445
-	Expenditure	£111,678
	Deficit	(£10,233)

The expected increase in expenditure in 2026 is due to an overall expansion in our ministries, notably in youth and students work, missional activities associated with the 55th anniversary celebration, and joint investment with WBBC to enhance AV and PA facilities.

How can you help?

We give thanks for the expansion of ministries but at the same time please pray for the financial needs. Please donate using Gift Aid (See below) if you are eligible, which will significantly increase the church's income.

2nd Joint Christmas Gathering by NCCC and WBBC! Saturday, 20th December, from 5 – 8 pm

If you have registered, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday. We <u>still</u> need your help in preparing food for the event. If you are able to contribute, please contact Brenda.

Special Arrangements for Sunday Services in December

Date	Time	Special features
21st December	Combined service	All-age carol service
	starting at 2pm	Please bring some puddings to
		share after the service to
		celebrate Christmas!
28 th December	Combined service	End-of-year thanksgiving service
	starting at 2pm	

Youth Group (Year 7-11) Parents Meeting

In the new year, we would like to gather parents of our youth (year 7-11) to join us for a parents' meeting. We want to 1) share with you our new plans and vision in the new term, 2) hear from your questions and thoughts about how we can partner with you to raise our young people as followers of Jesus, 3) how you may contribute and involve. Last but not least, we would love to pray together for our youth, your family, and the youth ministry together. We encourage you to save the date to make either one slot:

- Sunday 4th Jan after combined service 4:00-4:45pm (in-person at WBBC);
 OR
- Monday 5th Jan 8:00-8:45pm (ZOOM online)

New Six-Form Group Launch

As part of our Student Alpha this term, we started a Six-Form group to engage with the older youth in high school (year 12-13). We decided that we would like to continue this Six-Form youth group as part of the Student Fellowship on Wednesday nights. This will therefore enable the Sunday youth group to focus on serving the younger youth in year 7-11, and at the same time create a better space on Wednesday nights to journey with the older youth in Six-form. We hope this will also smoothen their faith journey transition from high

school to university in the future. If you know of any young people in Six-Form, you're more than welcome to invite them to join us in the Student Fellowship!

Student Fellowship (University & Six-Form Students) - Wednesday nights,
 7.00pm at WBBC, resume on 7th Jan

Seating Arrangement

Praise the Lord! Our congregation size is increasing and we nearly reach capacity in combined services. Therefore we kindly request you to sit towards the middle and the front when you arrive. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Hymn of December - O Great God

This is a modern hymn written by a team from Sovereign Grace Music in 2006.

Christmas is approaching! The concept of Emmanuel is not only about God being with us in human flesh. When Christ was born, He occupied a lowly manger. More importantly, He wants us to let Him occupy our hearts.

The writer starts the song by asking the great God of highest heaven to "occupy my lowly heart". To have Jesus the Word of God occupying our hearts is to have His law of love and His teaching occupying our intentions, thoughts, words and actions. To have Jesus the Son of God occupying our hearts is to have His forgiveness, salvation and grace lived out and testified through us.

Having received Jesus by faith, He also sends His Spirit to occupy the whole of our being as our helper and power source so that we may live a life that is dependent on His grace bringing glory to His name.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOPbanJKWE8

Mandarin Ministry in Nottingham – Partnership with COCM Nottingham Chinese Gospel Church, at St Mary's Church, Wollaton Hall Drive, Lenton, Nottingham NG8 1AF. COCM has a church plant to support the need of Mandarin ministry in Nottingham and nearby region. They have regular Sunday service and fellowship gatherings. If you have friends, colleagues or families who are interested to attend, please invite them. For details, please visit www.nottinghamcgc.org.uk

PRAYER NEEDS

Let us continue to pray for all people who are caught up in conflicts of all forms in all parts of the world, including those in Ukraine.



- Christmas is approaching. Let us pray for opportunities to share the good news about the birth of Jesus!
- Our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the recent huge fire in Tai Po, Hong Kong. Please pray that they may receive appropriate and adequate support to rebuild their lives, homes and community following this tragedy.
- ❖ The funeral service of Yuk Wa Wu, Kwok Leung's mother, will take place in Hong Kong on Saturday 20th December. May this be an opportunity to remember and give thanks for her life! Please remember as Kwok Leung and Loretta travel to and spend time in Hong Kong.

If you would like to post any notice or prayer items, please contact the church administrator at enquiries@nottinghamccc.org.uk by Monday evening for inclusion in the following week's bulletin.

CHURCH OFFERINGS – METHODS OF GIFTING

In addition to making your offerings during Sunday services, for convenience, you can also use online bank transfer for the general fund, details as follows:

Sort code: 40-35-18, HSBC Account No: 15373468, Name: Nottingham Chinese Christian Church

GIFT OFFERINGS (as collected during Sunday service)

7 December 2025 General Fund £398.60 T Prilll Mission £219.38

UK tax payers can donate to NCCC using Gift Aid. The church will then be able to claim 25% of your donation from HM Revenue & Customs. This may also be counted towards the personal allowance for your income tax. Please complete a form obtainable from the Treasurer or on

https://forms.gle/8vxY2LDfuoAfPJ7w7



NCCC website, Facebook Page and YouTube channel

Please visit the website <u>www.nottinghamccc.org.uk</u> where you can access information about the church. All the latest news can be found on our Facebook page.

Herald UK Newspaper

You can view the newspaper online at www.herald-uk.org

Sunday Service Schedule

Sunday Service	Date	Time	Location	
Combined Service & Holy Communion	First Sunday of the month	2:00pm	West Bridgford Baptist	
English Service	All Sundays except first Sunday of the month	1:00pm	Church, Melton Road, West Bridgford,	
Chinese Service		2:45pm	Nottingham, NG2 7NF	

Fellowship Groups

We welcome adults to join one of these groups below for study and discussion of the applications of Scripture, prayers and some social activities. Please contact the coordinators on the list for details.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Saturday
Morning			[Enoch Fellowship] 1100-1230 [Cantonese] Fung Chi Sheung		
Afternoon		[Joy Fellowship] 1300-1500 St Nic's Tower room [Cantonese] Wing Fong Tang			[Saturday Fellowship] 1400-1600 St Andrew's [1 st and 3 rd Saturdays] [Cantonese] Kennes Ng

Evening	[English Fellowship]	[Student Fellowship]	[GraceNotts Fellowship]	
	2000-2130	1930-2130	1930-2130	
	Zoom	Beeston Free	West	
	[meets online	Student	Bridgford	
	every other	fellowship	Baptist	
	Monday]	[Cantonese/	[1stand 3rd	
	[English]	English]	Fridays]	
	Wai Yee	Rev Chau	[Cantonese]	
	Chan	Angus Chow	Erica Chau	
	Angus Chow	Maggie Woo	Kevin Yeung	
	Maggie Woo			

CONTACT DETAILS

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