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Festival of Lessons & Carols – 7 pm Sunday 15 December
Christmas Day Service – 9:30 am Wednesday 25 December

About the art—
Safina Stewart's
Nativity Star



What to
expect?

All welcome!

CHRISTMAS 2024 @ EAST DONCASTER BAPTIST

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FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS

A festival celebrating the birth of Jesus through carols, prayers and lessons from the prophet Isaiah and the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and John. A festive supper with non-alcoholic sparkling drinks and Christmas fare follows the service.

CHRISTMAS DAY

A celebration of God's love and Jesus' birth through carols, readings, prayers and short reflections. Gifts to support Baptist Word Aid will be collected. Linger after the service for conversation over a festive morning tea or leave immediately if you prefer less company or have other commitments.

NATIVITY STAR

Safina Stewart's "Nativity Star" (2013) features two shades of blue traditionally associated with the Gospel of John and with Mary: the rich night-sky blue of lapis lazuli and the greenish ocean-blue of turquoise."

Safina tells the story behind Nativity Star: This painting is meant to be simple. It is simple in order to give a clear focus to the magnificence of the Holy God and the vulnerability of Jesus as a tiny baby. In the centre are the "U" shape symbols of a woman and man nurturing a newborn baby. This represents Mary and Joseph caring for Jesus. Around them is the glow of the magnificent star of Bethlehem. The Indigenous pattern work used to form the star symbolises land and water. The patterned star represents the unexplainable, enigmatic mystery of the God of Glory becoming one of us, living among us and walking the land with us."

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