

Thought for the Week – Heather Machin 27th December 2020

I began writing this Thought for the Week on 01st November, the day after the second lockdown was announced. I happened to glance out of the kitchen window and saw that there were wild poppies still flowering in my garden; it made me smile and I started to think of all the things that have cheered or lifted me up throughout this past year.

Over these last weeks I tried to remember some of these things and as I give thanks for all God's provision, I thought I would share some of things I have been grateful for – not always church related!

- A verse for the times we have had to stay at home - Psalm 90:1 "Lord you have been our dwelling place"
- The phone calls made by various members of the fellowship and the work of the Pastoral Team
- Andy's "Postman Pat" deliveries to those unable to access online activities
- The fantastic sounds and scenes of nature that seemed to result from less human presence, including the wildflower bed at Sindelfingen Park
- The YouTube Sunday morning services and, more recently, the Zoom coffee time
- Andy's Blog series on Prayer that made me think again and change the way I spend time with God
- Times of laughter and of sharing life's ups and downs with DBC friends either by phone or in person when restrictions allowed
- A quote from one of Ed's Thoughts for the Week that made me think of the light at the end of the tunnel – "Faith is the bird that sings when the dawn is still dark" (Sir Rabindranath Tagore)

As we come to the end of this very different year, we can all be reassured by God's constancy in our lives. Wherever we are, whatever we are doing, however we feel, He is by our side.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 NIV

Dronfield Baptist Church 2021 Church Text

"Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!"

Matthew 25:21

Church Meetings

January 13th

March 10th

April 21st (AGM)

May 12th

June 16th

July 14th

September 19th (Sunday)

October 13th

November 10th