

Thought for the Week – Gill Smith
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Well lucky me I got the Christmas one. First of all, I want to wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas and a Safe and Healthy New Year.

As Christmas approaches, we can't help but think of all the usual things we do, and miss them terribly. But as we are all in Jesus, we have other different things which are just as good, maybe even better.

At the beginning of Advent we always have Christingle which has grown to huge proportions in these past few years, not this year. Andy Evers did an online Christingle service after dashing all around Dronfield dropping off craft bags for the children, it was absolutely excellent and more people have seen it and taken part than we could have physically got into our building.

Praise God

We weren't able to do Christmas lunch for our Monday lunch club folk, many of them are alone and some not so able.

Life Dronfield came up with the wonderful idea of Christmas goody bags, not only for our folk but for anyone in Dronfield alone, vulnerable and missing out on Community activities. We were all asked to contribute and oh boy did you contribute. Becky had so many lovely donations she had to make up quite a lot of extra bags, all of which have been distributed and very, very gratefully accepted.

Praise God

As a church we contribute to, and support Angel Tree, providing prisoners children with specific gifts that the parents have requested. As we have not been able to get together and help with any fundraising this year Linda and Don Brennan asked if we could make an extra effort to enable them to fulfil all the needs of the children. They have been overwhelmed by your amazing generosity and have been able to send all the gifts to help make Christmas special for children in very difficult circumstances. And all achieved during Linda's recovery from major surgery, two lots.

Praise God

All this as well as your unfailing support of our church and its ongoing ministry.

We know we aren't perfect but sometimes we don't celebrate enough when we just quietly get on with the job God has given to us.

A Massive Thank You to all you wonderful loving Christian folk, when Jesus said 'When you give don't let your right hand know what your left hand is doing' you all certainly took that to heart.

Matthew 26 v 37 onwards

The people will reply 'Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you? or thirsty and give you something to drink? or a stranger and give you hospitality? or naked and give you clothing? When did we see you sick or in prison and come to visit you?'

And the King will tell them 'I assure you when you did it to one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you were doing it for Me'

May God Bless you all richly

Amen