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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

Sunday 21st November 2021

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9.30am

Continental Breakfast Served

10.30 am

All-Age Service

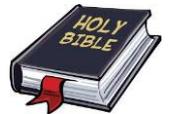
Mr Andrew Evers

6.30 pm

CTDD United Service

At St John's Church

Letter for the week



Monday (22nd November):

Revelation 14 : 1 – 13

Tuesday (23rd November):

Revelation 14 : 14 – 15 : 8

Wednesday (24th November):

Revelation 16 : 1 – 11

Thursday (25th November):

Revelation 16 : 12 – 21

Friday (26th November):

Revelation 17 : 1 – 18

Saturday (27th November):

Revelation 18 : 1 – 24

"Eat this book"

"What do you think John is saying to you today?"



**Pre-Service
Continental
Breakfast served
from 9.30am this
Sunday**

Sunday 28th November

Advent Sunday

10.30 am

Gift Service & Communion

Revd Andy Gore

4.00 pm

Café Church

Mr Norman Crowson

7.30pm Embrace

CTDD Youth Service



Monday

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Prayer & Praise	19.15 – 20.15
Eco Church Group	19.30

Tuesday

Hope & Light	15.45 - 16.45
Jolly Crafters	19.30 – 21.30

Wednesday

J3	15.30 – 17.00
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Thursday

Coffee Pot	10.00 – 13.00
Communion	11.00
J2	15.30 – 17.00
Ukulele Group	18.30

Friday

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00

Saturday



Wedding of Jo & Ed 12.30



Fairtrade Christmas Stall



The second **Fairtrade Stall** will be held **this Sunday** after the morning service.

There will be Christmas cards, gifts, decorations, Fairtrade food and chocolate.

Please bring your cash and support the work that Fairtrade is doing with people in countries where they are severely affected by the Climate Crisis.

DBC Eco Church Group - we will be meeting on **Monday 22nd November at 7.30 downstairs in the church.**

We would welcome new members. Please come along on Monday evening and find out what we are about.

For more information contact Margaret Keen



David and Lesley Charles are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter **Joanne Charles to Edward Land on Saturday 27th November 12.30pm** at Dronfield Baptist Church.

Everyone welcome though if you are attending, please take a lateral flow test first as we have some vulnerable guests. If you have covid symptoms or a positive test result, please do not attend.

The service will, hopefully, be live streamed on the Dronfield Baptist Church YouTube channel as seating may well be limited:



Book Sale

Thursday 2nd December will be the follow-up Christian Aid book sale in the Indoor Market in town from 9am to 2pm. We have plenty of second-hand books at bargain prices available just waiting for eager buyers.

Ray Thompson

Gift Service



Next Sunday is our Gift Service.

This year we have the opportunity to help four charities.

NEW TOYS will be used for the work of Angel Tree and for the blessing of families of prisoners.

TOILETRIES FOR WOMEN, MEN, CHILDREN & BABIES will be passed on to two local charities, Baby Basics or The Elm Foundation.

Baby Basics work with midwives, health visitors etc to collect, sort and package a 'Moses Basket' of toiletries and essential baby equipment as an attractive gift to new mothers. Their aim is to help new mothers practically and generously, demonstrating the love of God.



The Chesterfield based Elm Foundation run four places of refuge for those escaping domestic violence (three for women & children and one for men & children).



Because we appreciate that this is quite short notice for you to respond to, your donations of **toiletries** can be brought on the 28th November or during December.

PRE-USED TOYS (in good condition) will be taken to the Manor Project in Sheffield.



If you are able to help with delivering the toiletry gifts, please can you have a talk with Andy.

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME



Happy Birthday to Steffi and Brenda who celebrate their birthdays on November 21st & 25th respectively.

Steffi and Brenda contribute to the BMS birthday scheme, which supports medical work and health ministries across the world.

If you are interested in joining this scheme, please contact Wendy Temple.



As we worship together on a Sunday you may be thinking that you would like to be involved in playing or singing in the worship band.

You are so welcome to join either our morning services or afternoon/evening services. We would love to involve all ages, abilities and instruments. Below are a list of services and who to contact if you are interested.

Please contact Terry Armstrong or Lesley Charles about the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th morning services. Practices on Thursday evening -7:45pm onwards.

Please contact Becca Evers or Paul Taylor about joining in the 3rd Sunday morning Family service, 4pm service (2nd Sundays) or Youth services 7:30pm (Embrace - 2nd and 4th Sunday). Practices on Tuesday evening- 7:45pm onwards.'

Storage Area on the Stage – Helpers Needed.

As discussed at the last two church meetings we want to increase the available storage area on the stage and to improve its security.



It will involve creating a stud wall with a door and creating additional storage and racking.

This is best done during a school holiday, so we are planning for next February half term.



I need at least two helpers to assist me with both the planning and building of this. If you are able to help, please let me

know. Many thanks **Ed Tomlinson.**

Thought for the Week

I love writing letters, but sometimes it is hard to know what to say. My brother used to write all his Christmas thank yous before time, as follows, 'Dear, Thank you for the, We had a nice Christmas. Love from ...'. Then he would fill in the gaps after he received his gifts. Somehow that never seemed quite right to me! A letter should really be a bit more personal, with a bit more content. It should reach out to the recipient with a bit of sharing from the writer and comments or questions relating to the person they are writing to.

In today's technological age, you are quite unlikely to get a letter at all, let alone a love letter, but once, not so long ago, lovers would send and receive letters and keep them close to their heart, or treasure them, wrapped up

together with a ribbon. They might keep them in a fragrant box, reread them until they fell apart, even hold onto them until they died.

The apostle Paul wrote many letters, and we can learn a lot from them. For example, in Philippians 1, he wrote '*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.... I hold you in my heart.... I yearn for you*'. He reassures the Philippians of his love for them, and God's love too. He tells them what he is praying for them 'that your love may abound, that you may be pure and blameless, filled with the fruits of righteousness'. He encourages them to see that the negative things that have happened to him have had a positive outcome. He rejoices in their prayer support, sharing his heart for the gospel and his desire to see them progress and have joy in the faith. He exhorts them to let their manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

In the front of my Bible, I keep various things which mean a lot to me, including photos, prayers and letters. I have a letter of encouragement, sent to me at a time of great difficulty in my life, a letter in which one of my students shared a vision which God had given her to encourage me, a thank you from some dear friends whom we had encouraged and prayed with. These are all special to me, and I can open them up, read them again. Alongside the many places in the Bible where God tells me of his love for me, encourages me, exhorts me, these letters are very precious.

So, if you ever feel prompted to write a letter to encourage someone, do it. You can borrow words from the Psalms or Isaiah or one of Paul's letters, if you don't know what to say. God will use that

letter in the life of its recipient, and bless both you and them. And they can treasure a real letter in the way you can't keep hold of an email or a text!

And as Paul himself wrote in Philippians 1:2, *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Alison Bygrave

Prayer Chain Contacts:

If you have a request which you would like us to pray for, please contact any of the following so that the message can be passed on and prayer chain members.

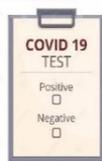
Alison Bygrave

Gill Smith

The Pastoral Team:

The pastoral team is here for you and are happy to help. Please make sure that we are made aware of anyone's needs. Please do tell us, we really don't mind if more than one person makes us aware of a need.

If you test positive for Covid-19 within days of being at Dronfield Baptist Church, please let **Andy Gore know as soon as possible.**



The notices for November will be typed by Heather Machin
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Please forward by Wednesday