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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 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Sunday 19th December

**10.30am**

Revd Andy Gore

'Jesus – a tale of the unexpected Gift of Forgiveness'

Matthew 18:15-35

**Communion**

**6.00pm**

Revd Andy Gore

**Carols by Candlelight**



### Letter for the week



Monday (20<sup>th</sup> December):

2 Peter 1 : 1 – 15

Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup> December):

2 Peter 1 : 16 – 2 : 3

Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> December):

2 Peter 2 : 4 – 22

Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> December):

2 Peter 3 : 1 – 18

Friday (24<sup>th</sup> December):

Revelation 1 : 1 – 8

Saturday (25<sup>th</sup> December):

Titus 2 : 11 – 14

**"Eat this book"**

"What do you think Peter, John and Paul are saying to you today?"

### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Day Service**

Revd. Andy Gore

**10.00 am**



### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December

**10.30am**

Revd. Andy Gore

**Boxing Day Service**

**Boxing Day Blues**

**All Age**

**The notices for December will be typed by Chris**  
[notices@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk](mailto:notices@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk)  
**Please forward by Wednesday**



## Monday

Prayer & Praise 19.15 – 20.15

### New Monday Fellowship Group for 2022

We are starting a new study and fellowship group in January 2022. It will be held in church and will start at 11:30, once a month on a Monday. A Bible Study and Prayers will then be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch, drinks will be provided. You won't need to stay for lunch if that is better for you.

The dates are 17th January, 14th February, 14th March, 16th May, 27th June and 11th July. We hope you will put these dates in your diary and come along and join us. Sandra



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.

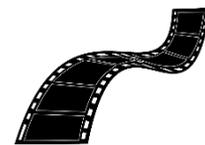
You are so welcome to join either our morning services or afternoon/evening services. We would love to involve all ages, abilities and instruments. Below are a list of services and who to contact if you are interested.

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

**Please contact Becca or Paul** 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.'

## Video streaming is now being used



successfully and will be a major benefit to many people who can't attend services in person. We do however need everyone who may be likely to appear on video at the front to sign a form to give us permission to video them and broadcast it on YouTube. Anyone who participates in a service including the music group and anyone taking the offering, need to sign, if this isn't done then you haven't given permission and the broadcast cannot go on YouTube, once signed it will last 3 years, then reviewed.

Forms will be available on Sunday for you to sign. If you are signing for a family please note that the age of consent for data use like this in the UK is 13, so please sign on behalf of children who are younger than 13 and get all 13 and overs to sign for themselves.

If you do not want to appear on camera please be aware of the area that could appear in shot, which is the front of church and the first 3 rows.



## Sunday Church Flowers

Do you have an anniversary, birthday or wish to remember a loved one in the coming month? Did you know that you could contribute to the flowers in Church to celebrate or in memory?

If you would like to do this, just check the rota in the porch for the Sunday you wish to contribute and contact the relevant person with your requirements.

Please contact Linda if you have further questions.

I have received these details from the TWAM headquarters regarding tools sent out to Africa over the past 12 months and I am sure the details will excite the eco group and probably us all.



Being aware of our green credentials and sustainability at our heart we are proud to report that we have been able to ....

1. Save 250 tonnes of tools from potentially going to landfill and shipping them to Africa
2. To save over 100 tonnes of tools, not suitable for Africa, from going to landfill by selling them for recycling or reuse.
3. To save nearly £1,500,000 by refurbishing tools rather than buying them new.
4. This all amounts to around 1367,173kg of CO2 emissions being saved.

Tools you no longer use or need can be life-changing in the right hands. Ray.

### ***TRUMPET FANFARE!!***



***We are planning to compile and print an updated fellowship address book in January.***

***To ensure we are as up to date as possible please check your details in the current address book and let me know of any changes.***

***Alternatively, there will be a list of contact details in the porch on a***

***Sunday morning so that you can record any amendments.***



***Any updates can be sent to me at [heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk](mailto:heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk)***

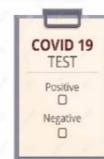


### **Used Postage**

**Stamps:** Before bringing your used postage stamps to Church, please trim

them about a quarter of an inch round the stamp; it won't take long. Many stamps have large sections of envelope attached, some with enough to read the name and address. For one person to trim all the stamps in the box can take hours and it is a tedious job, also the bulk of the stamps to be passed on is reduced substantially. Thank you, David Grime.

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



### **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.

## **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.

### **'Thought for the Week' 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

What is Christmas? This was one the very fruitful questions I asked Year 6 pupils in school these last few weeks. All three classes correctly gave me the answer 'It's a Festival', and we then talked about how easy it is to turn Christmas into merely some sort of super-sized birthday party and not the many layered splendid thing it really is. For a Festival to be a Festival there must be some form of spirituality which is integral to it, and this spirituality feeds into the Festival shaping and moulding how we experience it.

Let me give you three suggestions:

Firstly, there is the sense of genuine encounter with the living God. When you read the nativity stories in Matthew and Luke the silence which had defined God for over 400 years had now suddenly and overwhelmingly ended. Suddenly, it seems as if almost anyone now hears the voice of the living God whether they be young girl, middle aged man, shepherd, Magi or even tyrant God.

Secondly, there is true worship animated by adoration, joy, wonder, faith, hope and love by all that God has done. Again, reading the nativity stories worship is never far

away from the lips of those who have either seen or heard of these things.

Finally, there is the feasting and celebration we are all familiar with at Christmas time. Yes, though these things can become a distraction and even ends in themselves this is not why they are there. They are to be understood as pathways into the life and love of God we know in Jesus and we are to dare to embrace them for this very reason.

What will your Christmas be like? May it be truly a festive occasion filled with all the moments of encounter, worship and celebration thus making it the many layered splendid thing it really is.

Andy Gore