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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 5th December 2021

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10.30 am

Revd Andy Gore

Roman & Rosie's BIG Day

3.00 pm

Christingle

Mr Andrew Evers



Letter for the week



Monday (6th December):

1 Thessalonians 1 : 1 – 10

Tuesday (7th December):

1 Thessalonians 2 : 1 – 12

Wednesday (8th December):

1 Thessalonians 2 : 13 – 20

Thursday (9th December):

1 Thessalonians 3 : 1 – 13

Friday (10th December):

1 Thessalonians 4 : 1 – 12

Saturday (11th December):

1 Thessalonians 4 : 13 – 18

"Eat this book"

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

Sunday 12th December

10.30 am

Andy Evers

All Age Carol Service

4.00pm Rise Up

7.30pm Embrace

CTDD Youth Service

The notices for December will be typed by Chris Harrop
notices@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk
Please forward by Wednesday



Monday

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30
Prayer & Praise 19.15 – 20.15
Leadership Meeting 20.00

Tuesday

Hope & Light 15.45 - 16.45

Wednesday

J3 15.30 – 17.00

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

[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 Herman

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.**



The Climate Action Groups for Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire are undertaking a survey to find out people's opinions regarding climate change and local authorities.

The findings from this survey will hopefully influence decisions taken by both North East Derbyshire and Chesterfield Borough Councils.

It only takes a few minutes to complete. It can be completed online at https://bit.ly/C_NEDclimate or there are some hard copies available in the porch. These can be returned to me for forwarding on to the correct person.

Thank you.

Margaret Keen



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.'

Livestreaming Services

Livestreaming refers to a service which is captured by video camera and broadcast as it happens to YouTube. It enables viewers to participate in a live event as the next best thing to actually being there.

With the current seating arrangement, the camera is only capturing the front two rows of seats and everything in front of that, eg musicians, service leader, anyone at the lectern. The rest of the church including the balcony will be a "Broadcast Free" Zone.

If you are concerned about your image being caught on camera please let Ed Tomlinson know.

Thought for the Week

I've been prodded!

The danger in writing these thoughts for the week is that whilst they strike the author as important - even revelatory - they may have less importance and impact for the reader. This is particularly true if something seems so obvious when it strikes you that others will feel "Of course. I thought everyone knew that".

That's how I feel about a quote I read from Timothy Keller whilst reading my Scripture Union Bible notes - I've been prodded but will you be?

"Legalistic remorse says, "I broke God's rules", while real repentance says, "I broke God's heart""

So where did thinking about this quote take me?

It challenged me that it's easy to feel sorry (remorse) when we recognise we have sinned but is that what God really wants? As I understand God's Word He seeks our repentance not just remorse.

It reminded me that Remorse and sorrow are primarily an emotional reaction - and emotions are usually short lived and often leave a feeling of guilt. Guilt can be very inward looking and lead to self-pity and "beating yourself up".

It reminded me that Repentance on the other hand is an act of will - taking responsibility for the sin and generating a determination to learn the lesson with a commitment to change. In many ways a freeing experience - altogether different to self-pity. Bringing you more dependent on the Holy Spirit to live out that change.

It reminded me how easy it is to con myself. When I recognise I have sinned I try to repent but how often I settle for mere remorse - sorrow? Do I actually believe that my committing sin breaks God's heart? Am I more concerned about breaking God's rules than I am about breaking His heart?

It made me ask myself "Does my ability to break God's heart change my attitude to sin?" How will I recognise the change? What will I feel or do differently?

It reminded me that God knows me inside out - I might con myself, the family, the fellowship and even friends but it's impossible to con God!

It reminded me just how weak I really am and as a Christian just how dependent I am on God's Grace - that overflowing from God of undeserved compassion, mercy, forgiveness and love.

It reminded me of the generosity of God's heart - no matter how often I break it God picks me up, dusts me down and, if I'm willing (repentance), we move on lesson learned.

I've been prodded about stumbling into complacency about sin by a simple quote so let me challenge you too to reflect, meditate, on that quote and see where it takes you - whether you get similar proddings or something equally challenging

Verse for Today - *"But He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'" Corinthians 12:9 NIVUK*

Don Brennan

Thank you!

A big THANK YOU to everyone's support for our daughter Jo's wedding on Saturday 27th. Linda, Janis and Don did an excellent job in decorating the church. Someone very kindly shifted the snow so we could all get in! Andy led a brilliant service. Everything went really smoothly and we had a wonderful day. Matt recorded it so if anyone wants to watch it, let us know and we'll send you the YouTube link.

Thanks again Lesley and Dave Charles, Jo and Ed Land



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.



