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2023 Church Text: "And He made known to us, the mystery of His will, to bring everything together in Christ" Ephesians 1:9 & 10

Sunday 1st October 2023

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10.30

Mrs Zania van Schalkwyk
Psalm 37 "Wisdom Psalm"

6pm

Healing Prayers

Sunday 8th October

10.30am

Rev. Andy Gore
Psalm 112 Song of Retribution

7.30pm

Embrace Youth Service

Monday 2nd October

Toddlers 09.30 – 11.30

Jolt 15.30 – 17.00

Monday Prayers 19.00

Tuesday 3rd October

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Hope and Light 15.45 – 16.45

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 20.30

Wednesday 4th October

J3 15.30 – 17.00

Fellowship, Faith & Food 19.00

Thursday 5th October

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 13.00

Communion 11.00

Place of Welcome 13.00 – 15.00

J2 15.30 – 17.00

Ukulele Group 18.30

Friday 6th October

Toddlers 09.30 – 11.30

Saturday 7th October

SODA 09.30 - 11.00



The notices for **October** will be typed by Chris, please use:
chrisharrop@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk
and send by Wednesday. Thank you

Psalm of the Week

Monday (2nd October):
Morning Psalm 71
Evening Psalms 72, 75

Tuesday (3rd October):
Morning Psalm 73
Evening Psalm 74

Wednesday (4th October):
Morning Psalm 77
Evening Psalm 119 : 81 - 104

Thursday (5th October):
Morning Psalm 78 : 1 - 39
Evening Psalm 78 : 40 - 72

Friday (6th October):
Morning Psalm 55
Evening Psalm 69

Saturday (7th October):
Morning Psalms 76, 79
Evening Psalms 81, 84

"Eat this book"

"What do you think the
Psalmist is saying to you today?"

Happy Birthday!

To Barbara Bradley on
the 5th Joyce Sorrill on
8th of October.

Barbara and Joyce both
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



On Sunday 10
September, Storm
Daniel hit Libya.
More than 11,300
people are known to have died after the
catastrophic Mediterranean storm burst
two dams and flooded the eastern port
city of Derna. This is the website to
donate to:

[Please donate what you can today
https://www.christianaid.org.uk/](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/)

CHRISTIAN AID Concert

We enjoyed a great musical concert last
Saturday and I thank all who came
along and were so generous resulting in
£740 being raised. In addition, further
money was given following Andy's
appeal on Sunday and the sum of £335
was raised resulting in a grand total of
£1,075.

This money has now been forwarded to
headquarters for the Libya appeal –
Thank you everyone for such a
magnificent result. The concert was a
great success. The ukulele group were
terrific as always!

A date for your diary **Saturday
28th October annual book** sale
novels, good quality recent hardbacks,
and jigsaws welcome.
Ray and Arlene

We all think the church looked fantastic for our Harvest Weekend.



A huge thank you to all our
knitters, craft experts for
the numerous pumpkins,
pom-poms, wreath designs
and bunting. The beautiful
harvest loaf was created by
Pam Wass and the Harvest
Banner by Linda Brennan and Heather
Brookes. Vicki baked and organised, as



did Sarah too. Beki & Moyra kept us all in order. Dee, well Dee is Dee and was here there and everywhere. The quiz had us all talking and

realising how ropey some of our Old Testament knowledge was. Thank you, Dave and Kenny. What a grand team!



Thank you for the pleasure you bought and the funds you helped to raise for Christian Aid. Many hands do make light work and there was plenty of evidence of that on Sunday. Thank you to all who participated.

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The Question of Sexuality

At our Church Meeting this month we discussed the consultation which our Union of Churches is requesting all churches to participate in. The consultation is in relation to the matter of our sexuality as well as to whether the Ministerial Rules may be changed. This is a particularly challenging and difficult issue and so I will be leading four evenings to teach and help us discern our way through this. I know that there are is a wide opinion among us as a church and if you would prefer to discuss this on a one-to-one basis or as a small group then I am very happy to facilitate this.

The four evenings are on Friday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th October and the evenings will begin at 7:00pm and end at the latest by 9:00pm.

I look forward to seeing you there
Andy

A prayer for Libya



Lord Jesus, you're familiar with grief, you know what it is to weep with those who are suffering.

You're close to the broken-hearted and comfort those who mourn.

Devastating flooding has led to losses beyond measure for the people of Libya.

With so many thousands affected, help us to see beyond the numbers to real communities and families whose lives have been upturned.

We pray that you would strengthen those who are still fighting to survive, and the rescue workers trying to save them.

We pray that you would console those who fear the worst as they wait for news.

We pray that you would be with all who are traumatised and deeply grieving.

Show us, Lord, how to serve you by helping our neighbours in Libya.

When we are daunted by the scale of the disaster, inspire us with your Spirit that we may know how to make a difference.

We thank you for the work of aid agencies on the ground and for all who give what they can to help save lives and support survivors.

You're close to the broken-hearted Lord. Be close to the people of Libya, we pray.

Amen

A Thought for this week:-

Red Sea

A holiday sermon included the reading from Exodus about the day before the crossing of the Red Sea. The Israelites had left Egypt after the dramatic events of Passover and God has led them for several weeks on a strange wandering route (in a previous home group we tried to track this on a map and it seems to make no sense at all, wandering around but never getting very far away!). Eventually they reach the banks of the Red Sea with the Egyptian army right behind them, intent on slaughter! The Pillar of Fire moves between the two armies for the night. We are so familiar with the outcome on the following day that it is easy to miss the real impact of this event. To summarise: God starts with a miraculous departure from Egypt, then leads them for several months on a seemingly pointless rambling journey which ends in a fatal trap. All is lost, there is no escape! God then tells them to trust him and have a good night's sleep!

Probably our lives are less dramatic than this but there are still times when we don't understand where God is leading us, and things seem to get worse and worse until we can see no way out of a particular problem. We pray but nothing gets better.

It is in these situations that God challenges us to trust in Him. I suspect that if the Israelites had been led straight into the desert, they would have coped even worse than they eventually did, they needed time to settle into a nomadic lifestyle before the full rigours of the desert. They were then given an even more spectacular miracle to set them on the way again. This should have enabled them to really

trust, though we know this only lasted until the next insoluble problem faced them!

So what about us? Can we trust God when things seem impossible? Do we still have a good night's sleep when things go wrong?

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. ... The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." Exodus 14:13-14 NIV

Church Life

The Pastoral Team: The pastoral team is here for you and members are happy to help. Please make sure that we are made aware of anyone's needs. Do tell us, we really don't mind if more than one contact. numbers are below:

Prayer Chain Contacts: If you would like to join the prayer chain or have a request that you would like us to pray for, please contact any of the following so that the message can be passed on to prayer chain members.



How are we doing?

The black letter box in the porch is for your feedback on church life.

It's important to know how things are affecting you if we are to discern and fulfil God's vision for DBC and shape our future ministries together.