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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 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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**10.30am**

**Revd Andy Gore & Dr Paul Grime**  
**Christian Aid Harvest Service & Communion**

**4pm**

**Café Church Harvest Party**

**7.30pm**

**Embrace Youth Service**

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

**10.30**

**Mrs Zania van Schalkwyk**  
Psalm 37 "Wisdom Psalm"

**6pm**

**Healing Prayers**

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Toddlers	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Base	18.00 – 19.30
Aftershock	19.30 – 21.00
Monday Prayers	19.00

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Table Tennis	10.00 – 12.00
Hope and Light	15.45 – 16.45
Joyful Noise	19.00 – 20.30

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Art Group	13.30 – 15.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00
Fellowship, Faith & Food	19.00

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September

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 29<sup>th</sup> September

Toddlers	09.30 – 11.30
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### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September

Angel Tree Craft Fair	10.00 – 14.00
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The notices for **October** will be typed by Chris, please use:  
**[chrisharrop@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk](mailto:chrisharrop@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk)**  
and send by Wednesday. Thank you

## Psalm of the Week



Monday (25th September):  
Morning Psalm 44  
Evening Psalms 47, 49

Tuesday (26th September):  
Morning Psalms 48, 52  
Evening Psalm 50

Wednesday (27th September):  
Morning Psalm 119 : 57 - 80  
Evening Psalms 59, 60, 67

Thursday (28th September):  
Morning Psalms 56, 57, 63  
Evening Psalms 61, 62, 64

Friday (29th September):  
Morning Psalms 51, 54  
Evening Psalm 38

Saturday (30th September):  
Morning Psalm 68  
Evening Psalms 65, 66

### "Eat this book"

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

## Happy Birthday!

To Janis, Mike, Alison and Gilli who celebrate their birthdays. Janis, Mike, Alison and Gilli all 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.



## Thanksgiving Service for Ian Smith

On **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September** we will be giving thanks to God for the life of Ian Smith. His service here in church is at 11:00am and this will be followed by a committal at Chesterfield Crematorium at 12:10pm.

There will be refreshments served at the Blue Stoops from 1:30pm. We all know, to put it mildly, that Ian was a passionate supporter of the Blades and we are all requested to wear something red, or even better, to wear a Blades shirt as Ian always seemed to have one on. I would like to wear one too, though sadly I do not have one, so if anyone can lend me one it would be much appreciated.

I do understand that for a certain number of our fellowship this will be a hard ask so please come in dark blue instead, which we will be wearing also.

Andy

## Richard Temple is

offering some complete Lego kits that have been previously built. There are full instructions. Richard will be asking for donations to Angel Tree.

Contact Richard for further details of what is available. At the moment there is the red Ferrari, the Caterham and the VW Beetle but there are several other models that can be made available too.





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.

Over 10,000 people are missing after torrents of water and debris swept away entire districts. Bodies are being recovered from the sea.

Storm Daniel has destroyed houses and utility supplies, leaving many areas without any electrical power or water. Families seeking refuge at shelters have lost everything.

Hundreds of homes are buried under mud and debris, and the fear is that many people are also buried in the mud.

People are without the basics such as access to clean water and proper sanitation facilities to prevent the risk of diseases.

### **What is Christian Aid doing in response?**

Christian Aid is working with Dan Church Aid, our Act Alliance partner who have a long-established presence in Libya, to send emergency supplies for the most pressing needs, such as:

- Medical assistance, supplies and pharmaceuticals
- Emergency shelter
- Sanitation and hygiene kits
- Food

Longer term, Dan Church Aid will look to contribute rubble clearance and reconstruction efforts, using mechanical

assets. With winter approaching, needs will become even more acute, and a feature of a future response phase will be winterisation.

You can help local responders make a huge difference to so many people who have lost their homes, livelihoods and loved ones. *Taken from Christian Aid Website*

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

Please give generously  
Ray and Arlene

## **Thought for the Week**

### **Wholeness**

Not for the first time my reading notes have sent me off at a tangent of thought from something that was a mere snippet in them. We all have 3 types of life - our public one, our private one and our secret one. It struck me just how true this is.

Our public life - the one we show to the world. How would someone from that public world describe who you are. The people you work with, relax with, socialise with would they all present the same picture or do you change to the situation. Would the people at work describe Christ-like qualities? Do they even know you are a Christian? How about the folk you socialise with - perhaps your neighbours? Would they have the same picture or would they perhaps know more about you as you've shared more personal things with them?

And what about that private life - the one known only to a few - your spouse, your children, your parents, your really close friends, how would they describe you? They know you intimately - know all

those flaws and fears you can usually hide in your public life. They know your stresses, the buttons that can be pushed, they know you at your best and at your worst. Would they highlight any Christ-like qualities?

Then there's the secret life - the one only you experience. This life with all its doubts and fears, the one when we're half asleep, the one that struggles with prayer times, and, the "if onlys". The life that can lift you up or beat you up. The life where you know you can't con God. The life where God can become the "still small voice" of conscience.

Do we see the different lives as different distinct compartments of our lives or have we got a wholeness about them? One thing I've learned is that compartmentalisation creates stress trying to juggle the differences in those lives. Wholeness may be harder to achieve but it's well worth striving for. Get it right and wholeness is transformative - we can bring Jesus into every aspect of our life 24/7/365.

I've also found that the secret to getting closer to wholeness is to realise we can't do it alone. If we want our wholeness to be Christ centred then it's hardly surprising we need Jesus' help to get there. We need to work with the Holy Spirit within us.

What do you think? Take to heart our Verse for Today - it helps to remember it as we strive for wholeness.

Verse for Today - *"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."* John 14:26 NIVUK

## 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.

**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.

**Alison Bygrave**

**Gill Smith**



### **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.