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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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

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**10.30am**

**Gill Berry**

'A Passion for Purity'

**4pm**

**Café Church**

**Don Brennan**

**7.30pm**

**Embrace Youth Service**

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October

**10.30am**

**Revd. Michael Glover**

Psalm 8, 'Song of Creation'.

**Communion**

**6.30pm**

**Annual Memorial Service**

**St John's**

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

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

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

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

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Art Group	13.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> October

Toddlers	09.30 – 11.30
The Question of Sexuality	19.00 – 21.00



## Psalm of the Week

Monday (23rd October):  
Morning Psalms 123, 124, 125, 126  
Evening Psalms 127, 128, 129

Tuesday (24th October):  
Morning Psalms 132, 133  
Evening Psalms 134, 135

Wednesday (25th October):  
Morning Psalm 119 : 153 - 176  
Evening Psalm 136

Thursday (26th October):  
Morning Psalms 143, 146  
Evening Psalms 138, 140, 141

Friday (27th October):  
Morning Psalms 142, 144  
Evening Psalm 145

Saturday (28th October):  
Morning Psalms 147  
Evening Psalms 148, 149, 150

### "Eat this book"

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



## Leprosy Mission

I will be sending a large order to the Leprosy Mission shop for Christmas cards etc. If you would like to add an order in order to avoid paying for postage and packaging, please let me have it by **October 30th**. Catalogues are available at the back of church.

Thank you, Joyce Sorrill,

## The Manor Project



Ron will be on a visiting the Manor Project on the 24<sup>th</sup> October, and will happily take with him any good quality clothes, bedding, curtains, and pristine toys. Please leave your kind donations in the Church porch or in the car port at Ron's. Thank you

## Drum Kit

Part of the AV updates and remodelling of the front of the church has resulted in my drum kit needing to be rehomed. If you are able to purchase or rehome, please let me know.



Many thanks. Gilli

## The Question of Sexuality

Following on from Session One, 'In the Beginning'. **Session Two 'I am a New Creation' will be repeated on 27<sup>th</sup> October**, starting at 7pm and ending at the latest by 9pm, this will look at our identity in Christ and our sexuality.

Andy

It was David Grime that drew Arlene and myself into the work



of the Christian Aid committee and we are again approaching the book sale in the civic hall on **Saturday 28 October**. We will be pleased to receive jigsaws, novels and recent hardbacks. Just bring them to church and put them in the front porch or make use of the box just inside the Town Hall offices 10am – 2pm ten days before the actual sale

itself. **Remember the sale opens from 9.30 to 12 noon** – it is a great opportunity to bring along a friend and it will be good to see you.

Ray and Arlene

## Help for Ukraine

A local group 'Helping our Ukrainian Friends' is planning their 12<sup>th</sup> delivery of aid to Poland to communities impacted by the invasion and they need our support. Please help by donating Tined good food, rice, pasta, flour, noodles also supplies of paracetamol, sanitary products, nappies. **We are having a Gift Day on Sunday October 29th. Please bring your items to the Sunday morning service** and we will send them to Dave Chilvers who will take them to the charity.

If you cannot be there that day and wish to donate, bring them on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> or see David Lax

## November Elections

We will be holding elections for the Leadership Team on November 15th, if you feel you know someone or are that someone who would like to help with the working of the Church, please fill in the nomination form which can be obtained from David Lax or Heather Machin and return them **by November 10th**. There are still a number of positions that we are looking to fill in order to continue the working of the Church and they are Safeguarding, Fabric and Health and Safety



## 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.

**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.

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

## Recycling for Angel Tree

We all get bits of bubble wrap in parcels, so I'm asking if you would save any bits ready for us wrapping gifts in December. I have managed to source an eco-friendly type of bubble wrap but as you can imagine it is more expensive. Also please save the



long pieces of scrunched up brown paper - often used by Amazon in packaging. As we don't have a great deal of storage space in Church, a please would you keep anything at home until nearer the time.

Thank You.

## **Thought for the week**

In the Garden

'The kiss of the sun for pardon,  
The song of the birds for mirth,  
One is nearer God's Heart in a garden  
Than anywhere else on earth.'

(Dorothy Frances Gurney)

This little poem keeps coming back to me. It sometimes appears on sundials or garden plaques though I haven't seen it recently. I have always thought of it in the context of beautiful flowers, reflecting God's glory. However, a brief search of the references to gardens in the Bible reveals many more mentions of trees than flowers. When you read in Genesis about life before the fall, Adam and Eve walk in the garden amongst the trees and enjoy fellowship with God.

I am very fond of flowers and find their beauty very helpful in focusing my mind on God's gifts and his creation of the world. Jesus spoke about them, telling us 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these.'  
(Matthew 6:28-29)

As autumn arrives, and many of the flowers die back, our gardens seem to be duller and more dishevelled, and yet they still reflect the glory and creativity of

God. And in the spring and summer the gardens are refreshed and rebeautified, reminding us that our God does not give up, he keeps caring for his world.

On those days when our hearts are not cheered by the bright colours of the flowers and plants, we can remember that 'The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever.' (Isaiah 40:8). When we walk with God by spending time reading his Word, it is as it was in the beginning, walking in the garden in fellowship with him.

Alison Bygrave