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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 29th October 2023

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10.30am

Revd. Michael Glover
Psalm 8, 'Song of Creation'.

Communion

Sunday 5th November

10.30am

Revd. Andy Gore
Psalm 88 'Two Problem Psalms'

6.30pm

**Annual Memorial Service at St
John's Church**

Monday 30th October

Monday Prayers 19.00



**Due to AV Upgrade all other events
have been cancelled.**



Saturday 4th November

SODA 09.30 – 11.00



The notices for **November and December** will be typed by Heather, please use:
heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk
And send by Wednesday. Thank you

Psalm of the Week

Monday (30th October):
Morning Psalms 1, 2, 3
Evening Psalms 4, 7

Tuesday (31st October):
Morning Psalms 5, 6, 8
Evening Psalms 9, 10

Wednesday (1st November):
Morning Psalm 119 : 1 - 32
Evening Psalms 11, 12, 13

Thursday (2nd November):
Morning Psalms 14, 15, 16
Evening Psalm 18

Friday (3rd November):
Morning Psalms 17, 19
Evening Psalm 22

Saturday (4th November):
Morning Psalms 20, 21, 23
Evening Psalms 24, 25

"Eat this book"

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

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



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

ANGEL TREE

If anyone wishes to buy a gift for a named child, please let me know as soon as possible please so I can add your name to my list. We are also grateful for any donations of Christmas wrapping paper.



Many thanks to you all, Linda Brennan

Café Church

It's ukulele time again at Cafe Church. Come and have a sing along and join in the joy & laughter. Delicious cakes and goodies to enjoy too, with a refreshing cuppa. All ages welcome, all dietary needs catered for, a space to play for little ones with the train  track too.



Sunday 26th November @ 4.00pm

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.



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.

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?

Please contact Linda Brennan to set this up or if you have questions.

Postage Stamps

Please remember to cut off your stamps and bring them to church.

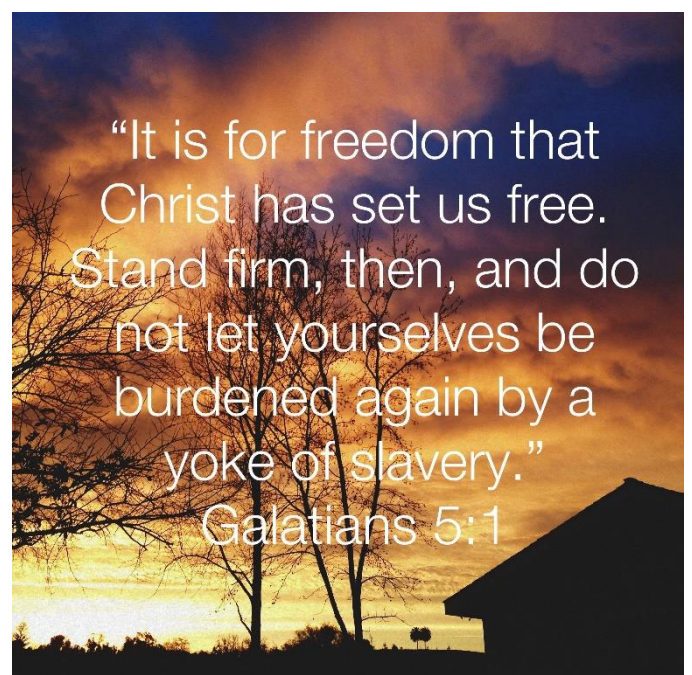


Thank you to all those who have given stamps, especially when they are beautifully neatly trimmed which is much appreciated.

A Conversation on Human Sexuality

Our first attempt at part 2 of our conversation last week was unfortunately a wash out and because a number of people were unable to make our second conversation on the 27th, so I have decided to add another date which is **Friday 10th November at 7:00pm**. I hope that you will be able to make that one if you can. Full notes will be available soon from both of the evenings to help you think through this topic and fill in your consultation forms.

Andy



“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”
Galatians 5:1

Thought for the week

Be Free!

Be free from what? you might reasonably ask. I am free - I can go where I want when I want. I can do anything I like if I'm prepared to take the consequences. I am free - I'm a Christian free from the consequences of sin through what Jesus accomplished on the cross. I'm not persecuted - perhaps at most ignored. How else do I need to be free?

We need to be free of imitating other Christians rather than Jesus. Imitating others? How do I do that? How often have you felt God can't use me because or, I wish I was more like they seem to have got it all together. The person we need to be like is Jesus.

We need to be free of self doubt. Doubt is the greatest weapon the Devil has. What was the first challenge to Eve - "Did God really say" (Genesis 3:1). It's not an excuse for egotism and arrogance. If it's not a contradiction in terms we need the humility to be confident in our relationship with God and His involvement in our lives through the Holy Spirit.

We need to be free of complacency. How have you changed in the last 10 years, or 10 months or even 10 weeks? Become a Christian? Actively trying to mature as a Christian by wrestling with God in prayer and reading His Word plus getting involved in His fellowships? Can you see a difference in your relationship with God between then and now?

We need to be free to open our minds to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

There's nothing worse than deliberately or accidentally closing our minds to Him.

It's so easy to ignore those conscience promptings or words of insight from others or reading His Word. Of course, not everything is from the Holy Spirit and we may need to test things in prayer or getting advice from a Christian friend.

Freedom is a gift from God. It does not mean that there are no boundaries or standards. It does mean God loves us so much He has given us the ultimate freedom - choice. The wisest choice in freedom is to seek the involvement of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of our lives - disposition, thought, words and actions. How free are you?

Verse for Today - "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." 2 Corinthians 3:17 NIVUK

Don Brennan

Living Lord, I know that no matter how badly I sin, I can ask forgiveness and grow closer to you. Even when times are hard, I know that no obstacle prevents you from loving me. I ask today that you bring me closer to you. Hold me close, protect me, and forgive me. I love you and thank you for being bigger than every challenge I face. Amen.

'No Power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord'.
Romans 8 v39