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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 8th October 2023



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10.30am

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Psalm 112 Song of Retribution

7.30pm

Embrace Youth Service

Sunday 15th October

10.30am

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Psalms 131 & 133
'Occasions of Well Being'
All Age Service

Monday 9th 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 10th October

Table Tennis	10.00 – 12.00
Messy Church	15.45 – 18.00
Joyful Noise	19.00 – 20.30

Wednesday 11th October

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

Thursday 12th 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 13th October

Toddlers	09.30 – 11.30
The Question of Sexuality	19.00 – 21.00

Saturday 14th October

Jolly Crafters	10.00 – 12.00
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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 (9th October):
Morning Psalms 80, 82
Evening Psalms 85, 86

Tuesday (10th October):
Morning Psalms 87, 89 : 1 - 18,
Evening Psalm 89 : 19 - 52

Wednesday (11th October):
Morning Psalm 119 : 105 - 128
Evening Psalms 91, 93

Thursday (12th October):
Morning Psalms 90, 92
Evening Psalm 94

Friday (13th October):
Morning Psalms 88, 95
Evening Psalm 102

Saturday (14th October):
Morning Psalms 96, 97, 100
Evening Psalm 104

"Eat this book"

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

David Grime's Thanksgiving Service

David's Thanksgiving service will be held at DBC on **Monday October 16th at 1.45pm.**

If anyone is available to help serve refreshments after the service please contact either Vicki Lax or Sandra Wood. Donations of cake will be welcome and the cakes need to be at Church on Sunday October 15th in the morning. As we are expecting quite a few people to be at the Thanksgiving Service, there are a number of ways you can help. In the

porch there will be a sign-up sheet for cakes, as well as a sheet for other practical help, such as setting up, serving drinks, clearing down and washing up. David was someone who served this church faithfully for many years and we all wish this to go as well as possible so please sign up and help how you can.

Thanks

Vicki, Sandra and Andy

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 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 split into two sessions Part One is on Friday 6th, and 13th October, Part Two is on Friday 20th and 27th October. Please choose which dates suit you best. All evenings will begin at 7:00pm and end at the latest by 9:00pm.

I look forward to seeing you there
Andy

Church Meeting

Due to the Fellowship, Faith & Food Course being run on a Wednesday evening, the Church meeting for October has been moved to:

Sunday October 15th at 12 noon

Men's Over 50's Night

The next Men's Over 50's night will be on Monday October 9th at The Royal Oak at Coal Aston at 8pm for a chat and to do the quiz.

Happy Birthday!

To Andy Gore on the 12th of October.

Andy contributes 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. Tel: 07769686853
Email: wendy@temple03.info

ANGEL TREE



Last Saturday we had our Autumn/Christmas Craft Fair and raised a wonderful total of £448 (this should go a long way to cover the postage costs). An enormous thank you to everyone who baked cakes, supplied plants, manned tables and of course those who came along to support us. 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



Churches Together Quiz Night

On **Friday 3rd November** the annual CT Quiz Night is back in town. In the dim and distant past the Holy Spirit Church won the last quiz and they are now ready to take on all comers.

The quiz starts at 7:30pm and each church is allowed to have a team of 8. There will be a sheet in the porch if you wish to join in - the team will be made up of the first 8 to write their names down as that seems a fair way of doing things.

Thanks

Andy

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 please would you keep anything at home until nearer the time. Thank You.

Linda Brennan

'Thought for the Week'

'Let us make human beings in our image.' Genesis 1 verse 26

By the time you've read this the first part of our discussing the question of human sexuality will have finished and this will be repeated on Friday. As I said in the email that came out this week, Session One is called 'In the Beginning' and this will focus on the sheer awe and wonder of who we are as complex people in the sight of God. Session Two, called 'I am a New Creation' will explore further our identity in Christ and how this impacts our sexuality.

The Psalmist in Psalm 139 speaks of us as being fearfully and wonderfully made and Genesis echoes this by describing us as being made in the Image of God. For me this is one of the most incredible things the Bible says about us.

The metaphor asks us to imagine ourselves as being like an idol or image you would find in a Temple. The point of an image is to say that we are a complete representation of who our God is. Yet there is more to this than that. We not only represent who God is, God wishes to dwell in us by his Spirit as he dwelt in his Son. This is why I find discussing the question of human sexuality so intriguing.

Though this is a red-hot topic today, we come to discuss it as those who are all made in the Image of God. Thus, we come with humility because there is always so much more to learn and we come with grace that we may learn this from each other. Above all, we come to this theme with love in our hearts and minds since it is because of love we were made and it is for love that we are to live.

We are made in the Image of God and our hope is that we will be remade in the Image of Christ. May these truths animate and help us in all our conversations.

Andy Gore



[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.