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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 19th November 2023

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10.30am

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Psalm 32 'A Troubled Psalm'

All Age Service

Sunday 26th November

10.30am

Mrs Zania van Schalkwyk

Psalm 23 'Confidence in the midst of shadows'

Gift Service & Communion

4.00pm

**Café Church
Ukulele Group**

7.30pm

Embrace Youth Service

Monday 20th November

Toddlers 09.30 – 11.30

Jolt 15.30 – 17.00

Monday Prayers 19.00

Tuesday 21st November

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Hope & Light 15.45 – 16.45

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 20.30

Wednesday 22nd November

Art Group 13.30 – 15.30

J3 15.30 – 17.00

Thursday 23rd November

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 13.00

Communion 11.00

Places of Welcome 13.00 – 15.00

J2 15.30 – 17.00

Ukulele Group 18.30

Friday 24th November

Toddlers 09.30 – 11.30

Saturday 25th November

Extra-ordinary Women **10.00 – 11.30**



Psalm of the Week

Monday (20th November):

Morning Psalm **71**

Evening Psalms **72, 75**

Tuesday (21st November):

Morning Psalm **73**

Evening Psalm **74**

Wednesday (22nd November):

Morning Psalm **77**

Evening Psalm **119 : 81 - 104**

Thursday (23rd November):

Morning Psalm **78 : 1 - 39**

Evening Psalm **78 : 40 - 72**

Friday (24th November):

Morning Psalm **55**

Evening Psalm **69**

Saturday (25th November):

Morning Psalms **76, 79**

Evening Psalms **81, 84**

"Eat this book"

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



A gentleman lost his grandfather's medals on Sunday morning. If you hear of any being found in the vicinity of the war memorial, can you please let Emma Bowden know at emma@oaksgc.org.uk.

Coffee Pot: In October Coffee Pot raised £200 for The Elm Foundation (Chesterfield's Women's Refuge) and in November they are raising money for Bluebell Wood Hospice.



Tom & Georgie have just had a baby.

They would appreciate some meals cooking and Anna has set up a **MealTrain** for people to easily sign up <https://mealtrain.com/6ryz8k>



Male Help for J2

Richard Mattison has had his knee operation and will be out of action for 2 months.

So, we are looking for a male helper for Thursday Afternoons starting this week up to Christmas on Thursdays from 3.30pm to 5pm. Please contact Zania or David Lax if you can help



Leadership Elections

Thank you very much to Temby Jones, Anna Rattigan, Matt Pocock & Gerard van Schalkwyk who were all elected to serve on the leadership team at Wednesday's Church Meeting.

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

Christmas Fest 24th November

Simon Temple will be running a craft table for children at the Christmas Fest. We have run the craft table for CTDD for the last 10 years or so. This year we have lots of room as the craft table is in the Council chamber.

However, Simon needs help please. If you can spare an hour or two that would be great. It starts at 4.00pm and ends at 8.00pm but there will probably not be much activity after 7.00pm. Everything is provided, you just need to bring yourself. Let Simon know if you can help.

Thought for the week

'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be
with your spirit'

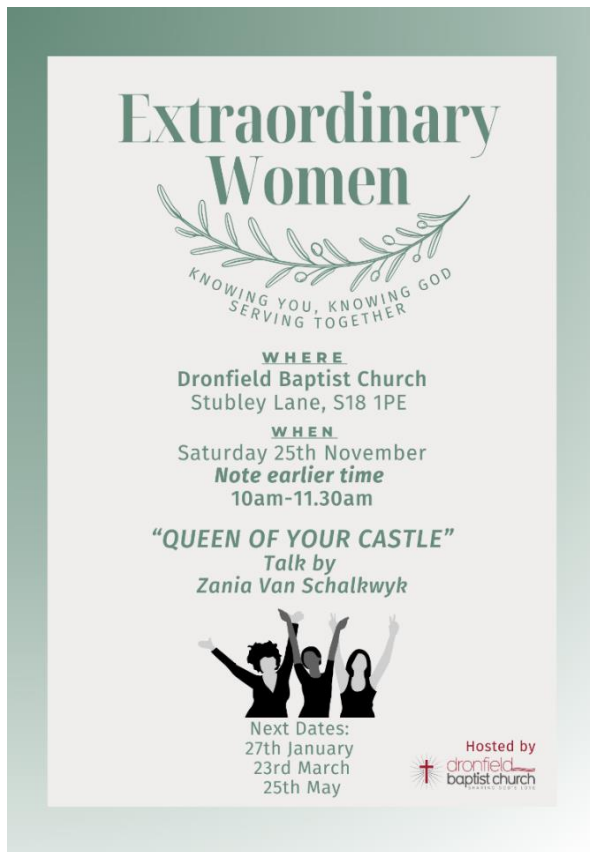
Philippians 4 verse 23

Paul's final words in his letters to the churches, apart from one letter, all end very much like this. What Paul wants to linger in their hearts and minds as they hear the letter being read to them is this little word grace. This explosive little word is the best word to have left ringing in their ears as you leave, though it is also one of the most demanding and difficult words too.

It is the best word, because it describes completely and utterly how God loves us and treats us. God loves us and treats us never according to what we deserve. God loves us and treats us never according to what we have done or what we have not done. God loves us and treats us never according to how long we have known him or served him or loved him. He loves us and treats us only according to the measure of his grace for us. This is why John Newton was right to describe this by using the word 'Amazing'.

Grace is something truly amazing, isn't it. It is amazing to know that when we wake up each and every day, we have a completely brand-new start with God. As the sun has gone down and risen, so God chooses to treat us today as if yesterday had never happened. He yearns for us to dare to believe this is how he thinks and acts towards us and that he doesn't act like how we would in the same situation.

This is why this mind-blowing little word is so hard to believe, why it is so truly Amazing because it is so counter intuitive to how we would normally believe and behave. But this is where the rub really lies. When we think of grace, we are not



A new Fellowship Address Book will be published **next month**. Please contact **Chris Turk or Heather Machin to update details or let us know if you are happy to be included in the new address book.**



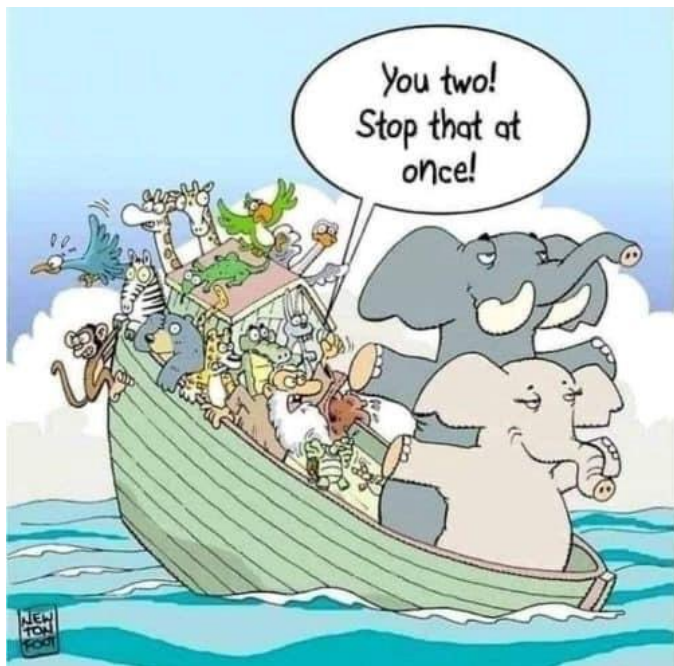
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only to think of how God treats us we are reminded that this is how we are to treat each other too.

When Paul speaks of grace as he finishes his letters, he does so because he wants to leave them on a high where they are lost in wonder, love and praise. But his pastoral heart beating in him prays for more than that. His heart beats with the prayer that they will seek to live out this way of Jesus in their life as a community and as they bear witness to and experience the presence of the risen Jesus in their midst to the world around them.

May we wish to know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ in a similar way and for all who we meet to know this same grace in their lives too.

Andy.



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 person contacts us.

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.

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Gift Day Service

26th November at 10.30am

Every year we have a gift day as we prepare for Christmas and next week is our gift day service. We give in support of three charities, two of which are particularly familiar to us:



For Angel Tree, the gifts for children whose parent/s may be in prison. **If anyone wishes to buy a gift for a named child, please let Linda know this week. The team are also grateful for any donations of Christmas wrapping paper.**



For the Manor Project, a shop on the Manor Estate in Sheffield which provides **good quality and low-cost toys** in particular for Christmas.



Our third charity is Lighthouse Homes (for the Homeless) which has one of their homes in Brimington.

We have given to this charity for a couple of years and Andy asked their director what gifts in particular would they like.

They would like us to send all sorts of toiletries ranging from shampoo, conditioner, deo, all styles of shaving toiletries. They would also like us to give woolly hats, gloves and scarves as well as boxes of biscuits. These are to be for both men and women please.

