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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 26th November 2023



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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 27th November

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 28th November

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

Wednesday 29th November

Art Group	13.30 – 15.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00

Thursday 30th 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 01st December

Toddlers	09.30 – 11.30
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Saturday 02nd December

S O D A	09.30 – 11.00
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Sunday 03rd December

10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

Psalm 66 – 'Thanksgiving songs of the Community'

Family Worship

3.00pm

Christingle

Psalm of the Week

Monday (27th November):

Morning Psalms **80, 82**

Evening Psalms **85, 86**

Tuesday (28th November):

Morning Psalms 87, **89: 1 - 18**

Evening Psalm **89 : 19 - 52**

Wednesday (29th November):

Morning Psalm **119 : 105 - 128**

Evening Psalms **91, 93**

Thursday (30th November):

Morning Psalm 90, **92**

Evening Psalm **94**

Friday (1st December):

Morning Psalms **88, 95**

Evening Psalm **102**

Saturday (2nd December):

Morning Psalms 96, **97, 100**

Evening Psalm **104**

"Eat this book"

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



Final reminder

The 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.



christurk@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk
heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk

Christingle Food Needed for Sunday December 3rd

Please bring your donation to church on the morning of the 3rd December.

This week there will be a list in the porch for you to put your name on.

If you are not able to bake, make sandwiches or buns and would like to give money we will be happy to shop for you.

We need sandwiches, sausage rolls, crisps and individual Christmas buns.

Please help us if you can, we are very grateful for all your donations, help and prayers 🙏



Six of these sundae glasses have been left in the kitchen. If they are yours, please **contact David Lax this week.**



JOYFUL NOISE Our newly formed Worship Band would like to hear of songs which are particularly meaningful to you and could be included in our Sunday Worship. Please email zania@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk or pop a note in the Suggestions Box in the vestibule. Thank you.

Volunteers needed



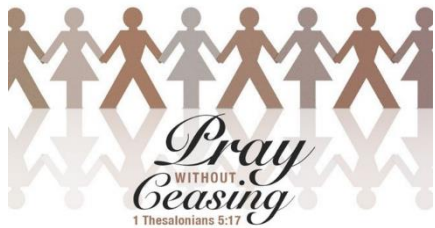
I am about to compile the rotas for Sunday mornings from January to June. Most rotas rely

on a small number of regulars but it would be a great help if we could have more help. If you are willing to help with any of the duties, please let me know:

- Welcoming (in the porch)
- Serving refreshments after church
- Counting the collection (last Sunday of each month, you'd probably be needed alternate months)
- Computer / Sound desk / Camera
Full training given and the PA desk always has 3 people on it so you are not left alone!
- Also, one or two more to help with Cafe Church (4th Sunday at 4.00pm)

If you are normally on a rota and haven't had an email from me, please contact me urgently.

Please contact Chris Turk



The Prayer Chain

Recently Andy made mention of a prayer chain in his sermon and it occurred to me that not everyone will realise that they can be a member of our church prayer chain which has been running since 1985 (I think). It began as a result of a Women's Wednesday morning Bible study, in which we studied a book called 'What happens when women pray' by Evelyn Christensen. In those days we had an A4 sheet of rules and it was a telephone chain, with two leaders who started the message down the chains. Over the years we became more familiar

with technology as it evolved into an email chain which made many of the rules irrelevant as there was no longer room for Chinese whispers to creep in. The last telephone chain finished in February 2015 and since then it has operated by email with these basic rules.

1. Pray faithfully and fervently James 5:16
2. Pray God's will
3. Be discreet – keep requests confidential. There are two categories of requests, **Prayer Chain only** which means they are not to be shared outside the prayer chain and **Prayer Chain Request** which means they can be shared for prayer with the church. Don't gossip.
4. Permission from the originator or subject of the prayer is required, wherever feasible

The Prayer Chain is one of the support structures of our church; if there is an urgent prayer need, an email will be sent by Gill Smith or Alison Bygrave and we will unite in prayer.

If you would like to join the prayer chain or have a prayer request, please contact Alison or Gill Smith

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 up to Christmas from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Please contact Zania or David Lax if you can help.

Thought for the week

One song that I don't like to hear at funerals is 'I did it my Way.' Obviously, this is a personal opinion but somehow it talks to me about missing the point of life. Isaiah 55:8 reminds us of this: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. At the end of the day, no matter how you live you will die and come before the throne of grace, so to be remembered as one who did it their own way is probably not the best way to stand before God.

I think as human beings though, we struggle with this issue all our lives. It is sometimes very hard to see what God wants for you as the best choice. Even Jesus 'prayed, "**My** Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet **not** as I **will**, but as you **will**.'" Matthew 26:39. And he told his disciples, when he called the twelve, and said to **them** "If anyone desires to **be first**, he **shall be last** of all and servant of all." Mark 9:35.

This is the example we are called to follow, not because of fear but because of love. God loves us so much that he has a better way for us, one we can't imagine. We have to step outside our preferences and comfort zones and say to God 'not my way but yours.'

As the hymn says:

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

Alison Bygrave

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.

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