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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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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**10.30am**

**Mr Don Brennan**

Psalm 91 *'Thanksgiving generalised to confidence'*

**Family Worship**

**7.30pm**

**Embrace**

**Churches Together Youth Service**

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**10.30am**

**Mrs Zania van Schalkwyk**

**All Age**

**Family Carol & Nativity Service**



### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Toddlers	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Base	18.00 – 19.30
Monday Prayers	19.00
Aftershock	19.30 – 21.00
Men's Over 50's Night	20.00

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Art Group	13.30 – 15.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

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 15<sup>th</sup> December

Toddlers	09.30 – 11.30
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### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December

W L T D O	09.30 – 11.00
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## Psalm of the Week

Monday (11<sup>th</sup> December):

Morning Psalms 27, **30**  
Evening Psalms 26, **28**, 29

Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> December):

Morning Psalms 32, **36**  
Evening Psalm **33**

Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup> December):

Morning Psalm **34**  
Evening Psalm **119 : 33 - 56**

Thursday (14<sup>th</sup> December):

Morning Psalm **37**  
Evening Psalms 39, **40**

Friday (15<sup>th</sup> December):

Morning Psalm **31**  
Evening Psalm **35**

Saturday (16<sup>th</sup> December):

Morning Psalms 41, **42**, 43  
Evening Psalms 45, **46**

**"Eat this book"**

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



## BMS Birthday Scheme

Happy Birthday to Mia, Philip & Christine who celebrate their birthdays this week.

They all contribute 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.



## Job of the Week

There are many roles within the church that are carried out by volunteers, but more help is always needed & appreciated. Each week, for a while in the notices there will be a focus on one job.

As I (Heather Machin) am doing the notices this week, I make no apologies in highlighting this particular role first!

The job is not at all onerous, it just involves updating the current template with items that are sent to you by email (Copy & Paste is wonderful!!!). Details of services & regular activities are available in an online folder.

When the notices have been compiled copies are sent by Thursday to Andy & myself, plus an abridged version to Ed for the website.

The current team of three work to two months on, four months off rota and any of us would be happy to talk to anyone interested in joining our happy little band!



Heather, Gilli, Chris.



**Peter is now home. Praise God.**

Thank you so much to everyone who has sent cards, offered help, sent kind messages and phone calls.

Most of all, thank you for your prayers for us both. We have both greatly appreciated it. God bless, Jeannette Gambles





### Church Christmas Card

Chuck has gone and done it again!! He has drawn for us a fabulous Christmas card at the back of church which we would love you to sign.

Please write on the card itself, wherever you like, as a way of wishing all within church a very happy Christmas. As usual we will have a local and a national charity and the two I would like to recommend is Life Dronfield who have completed their purchase of the Parish Hall and their heart and vision of it becoming a place for everyone. Then, secondly, I would like to recommend Spurgeon's Childcare which works with families who need help, support and encouragement in demanding times. I hope that you will be generous in your love and support.  
Andy



### **Men's over 50's night**

We will meet at the Royal Oak, Coal Aston on Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm. It is

a chance to chat & get to know each other & join in the quiz.



### **Another please note!**

Chris and Anne Turk's landline will soon be disconnected, please use their mobile numbers.

The notices for **December** will be typed by Heather Machin, please send by Wednesday to:

[heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk](mailto:heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk)

Thank you

### Christmas RE Workshops

It is my privilege to be like a chaplain in three of our local schools and in all of them they are enthusiastic for me to lead Christmas Workshops with them. Last Wednesday I was in Lenthall Infants all morning and here are the following dates for William Levick and Stonelow Junior School.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Years 3 and 4 at William Levick

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Year 6 at William Levick

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Years 1 and 2 at William Levick

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 and Reception at William Levick

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at Stonelow Juniors

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - at William Levick Infant Play

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - at William Levick Reception Nativity

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - William Levick Carol Service here at DBC at 2:00pm.

Please pray that all of the children will hear and respond to the message of Christmas in school and here in church.

Thanks

Andy

### **Thought for the week – Chris Turk**

#### **Forgiveness and Disagreements**

*Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"* Matthew 18:21-22

This verse is well known to us and I am sure we are all aware of the challenge. Peter thought he was being very generous in being prepared to forgive his

brother 7 times. Jesus' response was to give a vastly greater number; translations differ as to whether this was 77 times or 70 times 7 (490) times, but either way I am sure it meant keep forgiving until you have lost count of the number of times, then keep on forgiving anyway.

However, in a sermon on holiday a few months ago this reading was followed by one from Paul's Epistle to the Romans. He says:

*Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval* Romans 14:4

Here he was talking about several issues where Christians disagreed - such as eating food offered to idols, or which day to observe as the Sabbath. He continues:

*So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For the Scriptures say, "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to God." Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God. So let's stop condemning each other. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall.*

This is a somewhat different challenge to that of forgiving someone who has wronged us. It is about judging someone who we disagree with!

Here at DBC we are facing a number of changes in the way we do things. I am sure each of us will agree with some and disagree with others. Paul's challenge to each of us is to be prepared to accept that my view is no more, or less, valid than that of those making the changes.

We are to remember that our unity in Christ is of primary importance and how we run the services, which hymns we sing, how long the sermon is... are of secondary importance.

*Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.* John 13:35

## 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.