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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 24th December 2023

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10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

Psalm 147: 'Hymn of Praise'

All Age Service

4.00pm

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Carols by Candlelight



Christmas Day

10.00am

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Christmas Morning Praise

All Age Service



Sunday 31st December

10.30am

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Psalm 96: 'The Once and Future King'

All Age Service



Psalm of the Week

Monday (25th December):

Morning Psalm **97**
Evening Psalms **110, 117**

Tuesday (26th December):

Morning Psalms **13, 31:1-8, 150**
Evening Psalms 57, **86**

Wednesday (27th December):

Morning Psalms **21, 147:13-20**
Evening Psalm **97**

Thursday (28th December):

Morning Psalms **36, 146**
Evening Psalms 123, **128**

Friday (29th December):

Morning Psalms **19, 20**
Evening Psalms 131, **132**

Saturday (30th December):

Morning Psalms 111, 112, **113**
Evening Psalms **65, 84**

"Eat this book"

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



Last Saturday the Christian Aid singers assembled in Sainsbury's store for 90 minutes of carol singing resulting in £ 156. 91 given by shoppers.

A big thank you to them, our singers and to Andy on his French Horn. Ray



Job of the Week

Dronfield Baptist Eco Church Group:

Are you concerned about environmental issues? Do you want to do something to help care for God's wonderful creation as part of our Christian discipleship? Come and join us in the Eco Church Group. We hold a meeting every other month and plan events, outings and work in the church garden.

For more information contact Margaret Keen



To all at Dronfield Baptist Church.

What can I say but a huge THANK YOU for all your support you have given us at Genesis Sheffield throughout this last year.

Thank you once again,
God Bless and a blessed New Year to all.



Lisa Carr (Manor Project)



URGENT: Unfortunately, the crisp packet recycling stream is no longer available to us from 20th December.

Please do not recycle anymore crisp packets in the porch after this date. Your crisp packets can be taken to the recycling points at Sainsburys, Co-op or Aldi providing they are completely empty with no crumbs left in them.

Thank you for your support of this, hopefully the scheme may start again in the future. For any queries, please contact Margaret Keen



Thought for the week

'Today in the city of David a Saviour was born for you, who is Christ the Lord'
Luke 2 verse 23

There is always one and because of their words there is coverage in the national newspapers as well as local contempt, anger and a hardening of hearts to the message of the Gospel. What I am referring to are the Rev's who choose to take the opportunity at a school carol service or concert to dismiss the jolly man in the red suit who delivers gifts at Christmas time!

I read today about a certain Rev in Stevenage whose words led to an outburst of anger and disgust by parents as well as distressed and crying children when he said such a thing. I do sympathise with him as his church was hosting a secondary school Christmas concert where the children sang quite happily about the Grinch, Santa and Jesus as if they were all the same. All that the Rev was trying to say was, was that the truth about these three people is not the same and that we should be more discerning about this!!

When you think about it, he does have a point because when I tell the story in school or in church I do so because I know the story to be true and what I aspire to is for all listening to know it too. What the angels said here in Luke 2, when talking to the shepherds, was true and the shepherds would know it to be so when they found the baby actually lying in a manger. My only criticism of this Rev is that he will be remembered for what he said about the jolly man in the red suit and not for what he said about Jesus.



Sunday Rotas

The new rotas for the next six months have been sent out. If you have not received yours, please

let me know. Chris Turk

Church Christmas Card



If you haven't had chance yet, it is not too late to write on the card Charlie has created, 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

As we move from thinking about the coming of Jesus, to thinking about Jesus being born for us, we do so because we know it is true. It is true that he was born in Bethlehem. It is true that he is the Son of God. It is true that he is Christ the Lord. It is true that he is the Saviour of the world.

As we celebrate this for the 12 days of Christmas may it not just be a gift we unwrap for one day, instead may it be truth we embrace and live out in our lives day by day and sadly this won't make the papers either.

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.

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

heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk

Thank you