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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 03rd December 2023

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10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

Psalm 66 – *'Thanksgiving songs of the Community'*

Family Worship

3.00pm

Christingle



Sunday 10th December

10.30am

Mr Don Brennan

Psalm 91 *'Thanksgiving generalised to confidence'*

Family Worship

7.30pm

Embrace

Churches Together Youth Service



Monday 04th December

Toddlers	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Monday Prayers	19.00

Tuesday 05th December

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

Wednesday 06th December

J3	15.30 – 17.00
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Thursday 07th 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 08th December

Toddlers	09.30 – 11.30
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Saturday 09th December

Jolly Crafters	10.00 – 12.00
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Psalm of the Week

Monday (4th December):

Morning Psalms **1, 2, 3**
Evening Psalms **4, 7**

Tuesday (5th December):

Morning Psalms **5, 6, 8**
Evening Psalms **9, 10**

Wednesday (6th December):

Morning Psalm **119 : 1 - 32**
Evening Psalms **11, 12, 13**

Thursday (7th December):

Morning Psalms 14, **15, 16**
Evening Psalm **18**

Friday (8th December):

Morning Psalms 17, **19**
Evening Psalm **22**

Saturday (9th December):

Morning Psalms 20, 21, **23**
Evening Psalms **24, 25**

"Eat this book"

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

Please note: Tony and Margaret Keen no longer have a landline phone. Please use mobile numbers to contact them.



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 or pop a note in the Suggestions Box in the vestibule. Thank you.

**WELCOME
TO YOUR
NEW ROLE!**

I know many of you have got to know Joshua, Sian and Dylan over the last 3 months as they have started worshipping with us and joined in some of our activities. I am also delighted that they wished to be married at DBC last Saturday in a lovely ceremony with close family and friends.

Following this and a successful interview process I am delighted that Joshua has now been able to take up the position of Youth Worker for DBC. In this part time role he will be working 30 hours a week and will be involved with all our youth activities. He will be responsible on a day to day basis to Paul Taylor who continues to lead and be the deacon responsible for many of our key youth activities including Embrace, Youth Bible study DTI etc. Paul will manage his induction and ongoing work programme and development with our youth. I, assisted by Zania, will have responsibility for Joshua's continuing spiritual development.

I am sure many of you, like me, have witnessed Joshua's obvious faith and trust in Jesus and are looking forward to see this worked out in DBC and especially in our youth. Joshua will need a lot of help and encouragement and we all have a part to play in this. I thank you for all your input and prayers and for making Joshua and his family so welcome over the past three months. Please keep praying for Joshua and all those involved in this vital ministry.

I will be officially welcoming Joshua into his new role this Sunday morning.

Andy Gore

Volunteers needed I am about to compile the rotas for Sunday mornings from January to June.

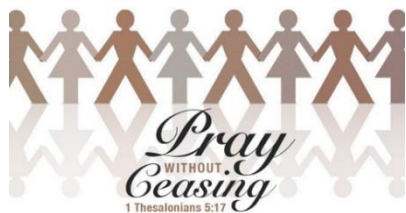


Most rotas rely on a small number of regulars but it would be a great help if we could have more help. If you are willing to help with any of the duties, please let me know:

- 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 a while.

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

How do we measure up now?

You may remember I asked that question in a previous Thought triggered by comments in Bible in One Year notes on 1 Corinthians 13. Probably the most familiar and most used piece of scripture. I came back to it in today's notes and found myself again triggered by the comments. This time the thoughts were triggered by using the Message version on love. I'll merely copy the text and ask two things. "How do we individually stand against the tests?", and, "How do we as a fellowship stand against the tests?".

"..... So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love. Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love Doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first," Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end. Love never dies....."1 Corinthians 13:3-8 MSG

There is of course a third question "How would my spouse/family/best friend answer about me?". It made me realise just how far short I fall between aspiration and achievement. It doesn't take much pressure for cracks to appear in my daily life. Thankfully God reminded me I'm a "work in progress". Food for thought for all of us.

Verse for Today - take any part of 1 Corinthians 13:3-8 that particularly challenges you.

Don

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.

Thank you