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2024 Church Text: "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end." Hebrews 12:2

Sunday 28th January 2024



Sunday 28th January

10.00 – 10.15am

Pre-Service Prayers

10.30am

Don Brennan

'Looking Ahead - Looking to Give
Our All to Jesus

3.45pm

Café Church

All Things Burns

7.30pm

Embrace

Monday 29th January

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Jolt 15.30 – 17.00

Base 18.00 – 19.30

Prayer Meeting 19.00 – 19.45

Aftershock 19.30 – 21.00

Eco Group 19.30

Tuesday 30th January

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Hope & Light 15.45 – 16.45

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 31st January

J3 15.30 – 17.00

Food, Faith Fellowship 19.00 – 21.00

Thursday 1st February

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 13.00

Communion 11.00 – 11.30

Place of Welcome 13.00 – 15.00

J2 15.30 – 17.00

Ukulele Club 18.30 – 19.30

Friday 2nd February

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Saturday 3rd February

Schools Out

Dad's About 09.30 – 11.00

Sunday 4th February

10.30am

Mrs Zania van Schalkwyk

Looking ahead – Looking to Serve Jesus

Communion

6.00pm

Healing Prayers

Gospel for the week

Monday 29th January:
Matthew 27 verses 11 - 26

Tuesday 30th January:
Matthew 27 verses 27 - 44

Wednesday 31st January:
Matthew 27 verses 45 - 56

Thursday 1st February:
Matthew 27 verses 57 - 66

Friday 2nd February:
Matthew 28 verses 1 - 15

Saturday 3rd February:
Matthew 28 verses 16 - 20

"Eat this book"

"What do you think Matthew is saying to you today?"

The notices for **February** will be typed by Gilli Gore

Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

Extraordinary Women



Knowing You, Knowing God Serving Together

Dronfield Baptist Church
Saturday 27th January
10.30am – 12pm

"Flourishing under the care of The Great Gardener"

Talk by

Jo Claire, author of The Great Gardener

Future Dates
23rd March
25th May



Café Church February 25th 4.00pm

**Led by Norman
Crowson**

Do Join Us

All ages Welcome
Dietary Requirements
Catered For



Women of DBC

Women's Social

Monday February 12th 7.00pm

Meet up with other women,
Get to know each other, have fun
Jolly Farmer, Pentland Road, S18 8ZQ
Text Anna for more info and/or to join
the DBC Women's WhatsApp Group



Please come to our Valentine Party

For Children
3ys – 11yrs
Friday 16th February
Drop Off 6pm
Pick up 8pm

Fun/Games/Crafts/Party Food
Donation of £3 per child at the door
Please book via website
www.dronfieldbaptist.co.uk

Thought for the week
From Don Brennan
The Power of Families

In my notes for today Nicky Gumble tells this story "A busy father was looking for a way to entertain his young daughter. He found a map of the world in a magazine and cut it into pieces. He gave the pieces to his child and suggested she try to piece the map back together. After a very short time, she said she had finished. He was very surprised by how quickly she had done it. He asked her how she had managed to do it so fast. She replied, 'I noticed when you took the page out of the magazine that on the back of the map of the world there was a picture of a man and a woman. I thought that if I could put the man and the woman back together, I could put the world back together'. The last two sentences sent my thoughts off again.

It made me think just how powerful families are. Families can be great forces for good or they can underpin great evil (Mafia, Gangs, Nepotistic rulers etc). God's Word is full of accounts of families in practice. Real stories of success and failure. As is usually the case the Bible pulls no punches as we soak it in. If we let the Bible affect us to become God's Word then I believe we can draw some basic principles for family life - whether human families or church families.

1. Agape Love needs to be at the centre of family life. Agape Love builds up families (1 Corinthians 13:3-8a) because it puts others first. Other forms of love can split families (narcissism, lust, power, obsession etc).

2. Unconditional support - not necessarily approval - underpins family life (Colossians 3:13). The family is where you can let it all out and know that you'll still be valued and loved.

3. Encouragement builds appropriate confidence not egotism or arrogance. Encouragement builds feelings of being valued. It's so easy to destroy confidence by being one sided in the praise/discipline balance. We all need encouragement. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

4. Forgiveness is key. Holding grudges destroys families or churches. God has forgiven us so how dare we not forgive others! (Forgiving someone does not remove consequences for the actions but it does remove the negative emotions of anger and a thirst for retribution.) (Ephesians 4:32)

5. Mutual respect is the glue. Parent/child, sibling/sibling (that's usually hard as they grow up), child/parent, friend/friend (1 Peter 2:17) Let's face it, I've been rather idealistic. Most families and churches don't function like that - they're much more fragile and so much easier to break up. Just imagine though if we did do those things - we might really enrich our communities, which in turn might spill over into our politics, which might spill over into how we treat the poor around the world, which might spill over into our stewardship of God's world - best if all we might actually bring in God's Kingdom now.

Just a Thought but what if

Verse for Today - there are several references to God's Word - pick the one that most challenges you.

Ashgate Hospice 10k
Sparkle Night Walk

Saturday 22nd June 2024

Join us as we walk the night away! Early Bird Sign up of £12 still available.

Help raise money for families across North Derbyshire.



We are planning to hold our
Fellowship Group at our home

7.00pm on the following Fridays:

16th February,

15th March & 19th April.

We will start with a meal at 7:00 pm
followed by a Bible study

Let us know if you plan to come and
any dietary requirements

Sandra and Mike

BMS boxes

If you have a BMS box, please
pass it on to Marilyn or place
it in the porch on any Sunday
this month for our half yearly
count and submission to the
charity's work.

It will be returned to the
porch for your collection.

If anyone would like to start using a
box, please just ask

Many thanks Marilyn



*You are warmly invited to another exciting
series of*

Fellowship Faith Food

*Now 4 weeks of building relationship with
God and Neighbour*

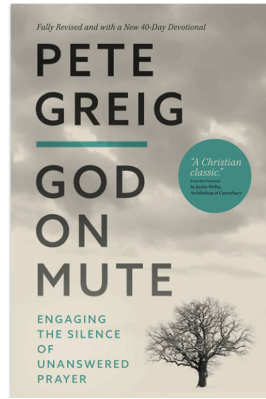
Dronfield Baptist Church

Wednesday 31st January 7.00pm

Refreshments will be served

Gerhard

God on Mute



I am stunned by this
book and cannot
recommend it highly
enough for you to read
because I know that all
of us will connect with
what Pete Greig is saying
here. No one will be
disappointed. It has

been the habit of the church to buy a
large number of copies and hope that
people will buy them. However, with the
demands upon our finances I do not
think that this would be appropriate at
this time but I am more than happy to
facilitate the buying of the book for you
if you would like, or you can buy it for
yourself.

It is also a video course which we will be
running from Wednesday 28th February
to 27th March. This is for us all to come
and join in. You do not need to have
read the book to benefit from it. The
evening will be a mix of worship,
teaching, discussion and prayer starting
at 7:00pm with refreshments. We will
also need people who will be willing to
help set up and down, help with the AV,
serving refreshments and be willing to
facilitate the small discussion groups.

Finally, the book will also be part of our
Lenten series on Sunday mornings and
our study of Romans 8. The pages read
each week will be part of the sermon.
This great chapter of hope is also a
chapter which recognises the reality of
suffering within all of our lives.

I am really looking forward to sharing in
this journey together and may it be one
where we know that God has truly been
among us.

Andy



**Games Evening
2nd March
4.30 onwards**

Share a Game/Learn a

Game ☺ Table Tennis

Bring a plate of goodies to share

Dronfield Baptist Church

Open to All

Thank you all for your prayers, thoughts and gifts.

We both really appreciate your kindness.

I am feeling much better but still a bit sore.

I won't be running any marathons yet.

May God Bless you.

Sandra



Coffee Pot

December Coffee Pot raised £150 for St.

Luke's Hospice

January they are raising money for

MacMillan at Calow



Over the last couple of years we have had several instances of cracks appearing in the middle of the seat bases. Thankfully these have

never completely broken or caused any injuries, but we do have to replace them at approximately £30 a time. One thing that we know can cause this, is standing on a chair which is also not good practice from a safety point of view. I appreciate that these look sturdy and it can be tempting to step on one when you are in a hurry for something but please do not do this and use the small steps if you need to reach anything. Many Thanks Ed

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. Numbers are below:

Andy Gore

Gill Smith

Sharon Taylor

Richard Armstrong

Wendy Temple

Arlene Thompson

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.