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

Sunday 7th January 2024

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10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

Hebrews 12:2

'Looking Ahead - Looking to Jesus'

All Age Service

6.00pm

Healing Prayers

Sunday 14th January

10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

Hebrews 12:2

'Looking ahead –
Looking to be Like Family'

Covenant Service

Family Communion

4.00pm

Messy Church

7.30pm

Embrace



Monday 8th January

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00

Tuesday 9th January

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

Wednesday 10th January

Art Group	13.30 – 15.00
J3	15.30 – 17.00

Thursday 11th January

Coffee Pot	10.30 – 13.00
Communion	11.00
Places of Welcome	13.00 – 15.00
J2	15.30 – 17.00
Ukulele Club	18.30 – 19.30

Friday 12th January

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
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Saturday 13th January

Jolly Crafters	10.00 – 12.00
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Gospel for the week

Monday 8th January:
Matthew 21 verses 1 - 17

Tuesday 9th January:
Matthew 21 verses 18 - 32

Wednesday 10th January:
Matthew 21 verses 33 - 46

Thursday 11th January:
Matthew 22 verses 1 - 14

Friday 12th January:
Matthew 22 verses 15 - 33

Saturday 13th January:
Matthew 22 verses 34 - 46

"Eat this book"

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



Messy Church

New Day
Sunday 14th
January
Same Time
4.00pm

BMS Birthdays

Happy Birthday to

Ron for the 9th of January. By being part of the BMS Birthday Scheme Ron is helping Jennifer feed her family with the BMS Farming Project. Sign up with Wendy to be part of this fantastic Scheme



The notices for **January & February** will be typed by Gilli Gore, Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.



Job of the Week

Café Church

Who enjoys a cuppa and Afternoon Tea? I'd say we all do! Café Church is all about folk coming together enjoying company, chatting, and sharing a plate of delights. **So valuable.** And alongside the fellowship we enjoy speakers, quizzes, ukuleles, themed teas, fun, laughter, and sharing the Love and Joy of God. Currently, there are four people in the Team. We all have our own approach – there are no rules! Some set up in the hall, others in the church. Some bake, others of us enjoy exploring Sainsbury's! **If you would like to join us as an individual or a premade team please see Gilli.** We would love more folk to share their ideas and skills.



Get your tubs to our pubs!

Greene King is running 'Tub2Pub', a recycling campaign to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and recycle plastics.

From 1 January – 11 February 2024, it's pubs, restaurants, and hotels will accept your clean and empty: Confectionery, Biscuit, & Cracker tubs. Last year the scheme saved over 25,000 plastic tubs from landfill and raised more than £5,000 for charity.

These are the Roses, Heroes, Celebrations, Quality Street type plastic tubs. If you have any of these please let me have them via Dronfield Baptist Church and I will make sure they get to the right place.

Margaret Keen



Thought for the week – Chris Turk

Guilt

It is common in modern counselling to teach people not to feel guilty, that many of the things we feel guilty about are "normal", and we need to learn to accept ourselves as we are. However, this does not fit with Bible teaching! We need to face up to guilt, confess it and be forgiven. It is then dealt with and can be forgotten, *"As far as the East is from the West, so far has he removed our transgressions from us"* Psalm 103:12

My Old Testament readings yesterday and today have been from Leviticus chapters 4 to 7, giving all the rules for guilt offerings. It struck me how seriously this business of guilt was taken. The list of wrongdoings is quite challenging. The requirement was, first, restitution to any one you have since, then, secondly, to make a sacrifice to God. Any wrong done to a person around us is wrong done to God!

Are we tempted to treat sin too lightly? I was brought up in a Christian family and for as long as I can remember I have known that Jesus forgives our sin, so I confess and am forgiven - but it is easy to slip into taking this for granted, forgetting the cost to Jesus.

The Gospel reading to accompany this was the story of the rich man who comes to ask what he needs to do to be saved (Mark 10). Jesus first quotes 6 of the 10 commandments, the ones to do with how we treat other people. The young man replies, "I have kept all these since I was a child". I could be tempted to say the same (well most of the time!), certainly no really flagrant exceptions. However, Jesus puts his finger on one thing, the man's love of money. The first 4 commandments, which Jesus has left out, are the ones about reverence for God and recognition of His holiness. He is to be FIRST in our lives, the most important. Even if at first glance we are all good respectable people doing a pretty good job of keeping the other commandments, I certainly fall far short in this area. If we fail to recognise the Awesomeness and Holiness of God, then we also fail to recognise just how serious our sin is.

In the Methodist Church the first Sunday in January is Covenant Sunday, (Editors Note: its next week here at our Baptist Church) a special service of re-dedicating oneself, the congregation and the church to God at the start of each New Year. May we take the opportunity of re-committing ourselves to His service at this time

The man answered, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind." And 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!" Luke 10:27-28



Café Church January 28th 4.00pm

Ode to a Pompom

All things Burns

Pie & Peas & Shortbread

Optional Wear – anything Tartan

Do Join Us

Signup sheet in the Porch



Men's Over 50's Night out

This will be on **Monday January 15th**
at **8pm at The Royal Oak**, Coal Aston
Everyone is welcome, come along for a
chat and get to know each other and
join in the quiz.

all the dates for this year are booked
and are on the sheet in the porch.

David Lax

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



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.