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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 11th February 2024



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10.00 – 10.15am

Pre-Service Prayers

10.30am

Rev Mike Glover

Looking Ahead - Looking to use the
Gifts like Jesus

4.00pm

Messy Church

7.30pm

Embrace

Sunday 18th February

10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

Lent 1

'Looking ahead – Looking to be
like Jesus'

All Age

Monday 12th February

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Jolt 15.30 – 17.00

Base 18.00 – 19.30

Prayer Meeting 19.00 – 19.45

Women of DBC 19.00

Aftershock 19.30 – 21.00

Over 50's Men's Night 20.00

Tuesday 13th February

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Hope & Light 15.45 – 16.45

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 14th February

Art Club 13.30 – 15.30

J3 15.30 – 17.00

Food, Faith Fellowship 19.00 – 21.00

Thursday 15th 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 16th February

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Valentine Party 18.00 – 20.00

Saturday 17th February

WLTDO 09.30 – 11.00

Sunday 18th February

Church Meeting 12.00 Noon

Gospel for the week

Monday 12th February:
John 3 verses 1 - 21

Tuesday 13th February:
John 3 verses 22 - 36

Wednesday 14th February:
John 8 verses 1 - 11

Thursday 15th February:
John 4 verses 1 - 26

Friday 16th February:
John 4 verses 27 - 42

Saturday 17th February:
John 4 verses 43 - 54

"Eat this book"

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

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

Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.



Café Church February 25th 4.00pm
Led by Norman Crowson



Do Join Us for a quiz, with a connection round all presented in Norman's own classic style

All Ages Welcome and provided for.
We cater for all dietary requirements



The Phoenix, formally known as Joanna aka The Coffee Machine, has risen from the ashes! Please bring your £1 and have a treat coffee or hot chocolate. Any funds from the Phoenix will now go towards a new coffee machine. If you're able and wished to send any pledges or donations, please see Ron or Richard Armstrong. Have you thought about an interest free loan to help with the purchase of a new machine? We would love to hear from you. The Coffee Team are working hard to find a suitable replacement with a decaff option and contactless payment too.



Women of DBC Women's Evening 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

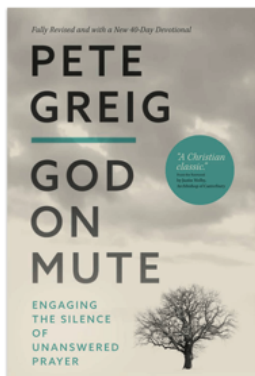
**Women's Daytime Social
Thursday 7th March 1 – 3 pm**

Meet up with other women,
Get to know each other, have fun
The Magic Sunflower
51 Barnard Ave, Coal Aston
Text Georgie by 15th Feb

Coffee Pot

For February they are raising money for
Ashgate Hospice

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. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.** Sign-up sheet in Porch.

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



ANGEL TREE CAKE SALE

From **Sunday 18 February**

we are bringing back the monthly cake sales - these will be on the third Sunday of each month. If you are able to contribute by baking either a whole cake or a traybake it would be much appreciated. These sales have been very well supported by everyone and help raise much needed funds for Angel Tree.

For more information, please contact Linda Brennan.



Job of the Month

The role of the camera operator is vital to live stream and also now to visuals for all within the church building during our services. Live Stream & YouTube services are relied on by many in our fellowship, around the country and globally. Would you be willing to join the team on this essential role? There is training available. In addition, there are written step by step guidelines and you are never left alone to panic!! Just talk to a member of the team or Chris who is the rota coordinator.

Thankyou from BMS

Thank you to all BMS box holders for your considerate giving to this Baptist scheme. We have collected £175.29 in our half yearly giving to support life giving medical care, agricultural projects, educational opportunities and shelter for disadvantaged communities around the world.

If you would like to know more about having a special saving box of your own or you would like to join the BMS birthday scheme, please just ask Marilyn or Wendy and we can get you started



Sending BMS Happy Birthday Wishes

to Joyce Wilton whose birthday is on the 12th of February and Terry Armstrong who will be celebrating his birthday on the 17th of this month.



World Day of Prayer
Friday 1st March
2.00pm
St John's Parish Church
Open to All



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



You are warmly invited to

Fellowship Faith Food

Building relationship with God and
Neighbour

Dronfield Baptist Church

Wednesday 14th February 7.00pm

Refreshments will be served
Gerhard

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.



Thought for the Week

Don Brennan

Explaining God:

People are obsessed with trying to explain our God. The problem is if you could explain God He wouldn't be much of a God!

My reading notes are taking me through Revelation at the moment and it is making me think about how futile it is trying to explain God. Unanswered questions fill me with awe. They also challenge me that I have to accept my own limitations - I will never fully understand God and each bit of understanding I do get is a privilege. Having a perfect answer would just diminish God.

I suppose we might be able to explain some of the mechanics of things eventually but looking around me, once we get an answer to one question it opens up many more questions just showing how little we understand. Even if we were able to iron out all the "how" questions, the mechanics, the physical laws it just shows how wonderful God is. The fact that we can determine laws of physics and chemistry is a major stumbling block to those who try to prove that we are accidents. Yes, we might understand a little more about the way God does things but that's just the "tip of the iceberg" in trying to understand God. The awe inspiring unanswerable questions start in Genesis not Revelation and go right through God's Word. God spoke and chaos became creation. God just spoke ... (chapter 1).

It seems a human trait that we try to rationalise and explain away the miraculous things instead of praising God for them. The Exodus crossing over on dry land or the range of prophets and their warnings plus their looking forward in faith to Jesus. Finally there's Revelation. Anyone who can fully

understand everything there has my respect. Most are like me - we're ok with the first three chapters then we scratch our heads.

Another human trait we have is taking miracles for granted. We don't understand or explain God's involvement - we just ignore it! I'm sure we've all observed examples around us.

Try explaining why God loves us individually. That one blows my mind for two reasons. Why on earth should God love a world that has fallen so badly from His creation? Secondly there are billions of people at any point in time so together since creation numbers are incalculable - yet God loves me - just one individual in all that. God loves you as one individual. One unique individual in our fellowship, your family, your friends and acquaintances, this town, the UK etc. Does that fill you with awe?

Try explaining why God loves us so much that He intentionally and deliberately sent His only Son to earth to die just so that you could have a personal relationship with Him. If that doesn't fill you with awe what will? How can you explain that?

It's not a cop out to accept we can't explain God. It is rightly humbling. It is rightly awe inspiring - even celebrating. Meditate on the implications of our verse and just be thankful and reflect that back to God in praise.

Verse for Today, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8 NIVUK

Don Brennan

