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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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024



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**10.30am**

**Revd Andy Gore**

**Lent 5**

**Passion Sunday**

**All Age Service**

'In Jesus we face suffering'

**Romans 8:18-25**

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Jolt 15.30 – 17.00

Prayer Meeting 19.00 – 19.45

J4 19.30 – 21.00

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Daytime Faith, Food

& Fellowship 12.30 – 14.30

Hope & Light 15.45 – 16.45

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

J3 15.30 – 17.00

God on Mute 19.00 – 21.00

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 13.00

Communion 11.00 – 11.30

J2 15.30 – 17.00

Ukulele Club 18.30 – 19.30

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Extraordinary Women 10.30 – 12.00

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

**10.30am**

**Revd. Nike Adebajo**

**Lent 6**

**Palm Sunday**

**4pm**

**Café Church**

**7.30pm**

**Embrace**

## Gospel for the week

Monday (18th March)  
John 11 verses 28 – 44

Tuesday (19th March):  
John 11 verses 45 – 57

Wednesday (20th March):  
John 12 verses 1 – 11

Thursday (21st March):  
John 12 verses 12 – 19

Friday (22nd March):  
John 12 verses 20 – 36

Saturday (23rd March):  
John 12 verses 37 – 50

### **"Eat this book"**

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



**Easter Morning  
31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Come and**



**BAPTISM**

**Celebrate Easter  
Morning  
Communion with us  
@ 9.00am**

**A Baptism Service  
@ 10.30am**

**Followed by a  
Bring and Share Lunch**

## **Favourite Hymns and Songs**

Please could you put in the black box any songs you would like us to sing in services



## **Job of the Month**

### **Prayer Chain Coordinator.**



The job of the coordinator involves keeping the address list updated, calling for and adding new members, receiving the prayer requests, editing them if necessary, and passing them on. And praying of course, as well as keeping confidentiality where requested. Some requests are 'Prayer Chain Only' and others can be shared more widely in the church. Sometimes decisions have to be made about wording or appropriateness, and the coordinators may discuss this together or with Andy. Some weeks we don't have any requests, sometimes we might have four or five in a day. We are always glad to have people join the chain and if anyone is interested in becoming a coordinator, please see one of us, as we would be glad to share this role.

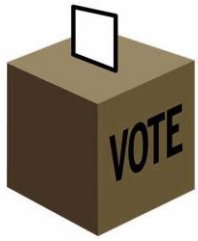
Alison Bygrave and Gill Smith

## **A shout out for someone with sewing skills & time!!**



Anna Rattigan is hoping for a volunteer to make a simple post office apron/jacket & post bags for roleplay playing at toddlers!

Anyone who is willing would be reimbursed for any fabric purchased.  
**If you can help, please contact Anna**



## Leadership Elections

There will be elections for the Leadership at the **AGM on April 17th.**

Ed Tomlinson is standing down after 9 years so we do have vacancies for more people to join us.

David Lax position as Secretary is due for renewal at this meeting.

If anyone knows of someone who would like to stand for election or you yourself would wish to stand, please get a form for this from David Lax

**David Lax**

Church Secretary

## Thank you

**A very big thank you** for all the cards, flowers, prayers and good wishes we have recently. The diagnosis is resulting in major surgery at the end of the month, and we would value your continued prayer that nothing stops the surgery from going ahead and that our Lord guides the surgeon's hands. Please also pray for Daniel, Katy, Kristy and Paul to give them peace over the next few weeks. We are so grateful knowing we have our Church family on this journey with us.

Thank you so much. Don and Linda



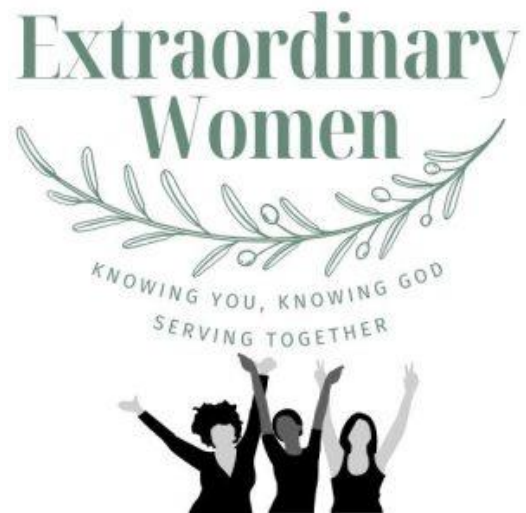
**BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME**  
**Happy Birthday to Joan Tuesday and to Richard who have birthdays this week**

Joan and Richard contribute to the BMS birthday scheme, which supports medical work and health ministries across the world.

If you are interested in joining this scheme, please contact Wendy Temple.



The next **Angel Tree** cake sale will be this Sunday. Last month you helped us raise over £100, thank you. Again, if anyone would like to contribute with either a large cake or a traybake we would be grateful



**Where:**

**Dronfield Baptist Church  
Stubley Lane, S18 1PE**

**When:**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
10.30am – 12noon**

**"Stepping Out in Faith"**

**Talk by**

**Linda Rose**

**Next Dates: 25<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> July,  
28<sup>th</sup> September.**

## **Holy Week Communion and Breakfasts**

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March we as Churches Together will be meeting together each day for worship and communion at 8:00am and breakfast at 8:45am. The theme for this year is 'Lord teach me to pray' and we will be studying Jesus' different prayers we he prayed in the Gospels. This week is a wonderful way to prepare our hearts, minds and souls as we journey towards Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday and the wonderful celebration of Easter Sunday. When we moved here Gilli and I soon discovered the joy of worshipping together, eating together and learning to treasure the wonderful fellowship we have here as Churches in this town. If you have never been come and see and experience for yourself as I sure that you will be blessed.

On Maundy Thursday morning, we as a church, will be giving out hot cross buns at Dronfield station and on Good Friday there will be an open-air service in the Library Gardens at 11:00am.

### **Hospitality during my Sabbatical**

My sabbatical is coming ever closer and one of the joys will be the opportunity for us to hear different preachers. Some of these preachers will be coming to us from a distance and I would like to offer them lunchtime hospitality, if they would so like. This is an opportunity for you to bless those who will seek to bless us through the words they speak. If you are able to do this, please see either myself or Chris Turk, we will be providing a full schedule, when we will be having such guests.

Thanks, Andy

**'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?'**

### **Mark 15 verse 34**

Today is Passion Sunday which, in all honesty, meant absolutely nothing to me until I read 'The Crucified God' at College. I've mentioned this book at both 'God on Mute' on Wednesday and today in my sermon because it helped me to understand more of what the height and length and breadth and depth of what the cross is all about.

The word Passion comes from the Latin passion which means to suffer, and the focus of Passion Sunday is the suffering Christ experienced upon the cross. As evangelicals we don't tend to think much about Christ's sufferings as we focus more on his dying in our place, taking upon himself our sin and condemnation. This is where 'The Crucified God' comes into play.

Published in 1973 Jurgan Moltmann wrote reacting to the 'Death of God' movement as well as his own ongoing response to the horrors of the Holocaust. As a German, who had been a Luftwaffe pilot, Moltmann used his writings to help contribute to the healing and wholeness of his country as they responded to the horrors of the Nazi regime and to give them a hope and a future to look forward to. In the book he writes about the pathos of God, in contrast to the apatheia, traditionally ascribed to God. That is, he speaks of God as being genuinely and fully able to experience pain, suffering and sorrow (pathos) instead of the idea that is either aloof or untouched by it (apatheia).

He also writes very movingly about the fact that at times suffering is meaningless and attempts to find either meaning or purpose may well be more because of our own inability to accept it. At such times, like Job's comforters, we need the courage to be quiet and to merely journey with people through such dark and shadowy times. This is probably one of the hardest things we can do, when it is so very tempting to say something, when all that is required is your silence and presence. When Jesus on the cross cries out the Cry of Desolation ('My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?') he does so that we may know him, who has journeyed through such valleys, walk with us when we journey through such dark and terrible times ourselves.

Passion Sunday is not about our explaining suffering, it is about our being brave enough to explore it knowing that we are not alone. As Pete Grieg says, God's silence is never to be explained as his absence but as his choosing to be our silent companion who dares us to believe even when everything says otherwise. May we all dare to be so brave.

Andy Gore

### **Easter RE in school**

#### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

9:00am – 3:00pm

at Stonelow Junior School.



#### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

11:00am – 12:00noon Year 5

1:10pm – 2:10pm Year 6

at William Levick Primary School.

## **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.

### **How are we doing?**

Please give any feedback on church life to a member of the leadership team.

The notices for **March/April** will be typed by Chris Harrop  
[chrisharrop@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk](mailto:chrisharrop@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk)  
Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

**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**