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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 24th March 2024

The
WEEK
AHEAD

Sunday 24th March

10.30am

Revd. Nike Adebajo

Lent 6

Palm Sunday

4pm

**Café Church
with our Ukulele Group**

7.30pm

Embrace

Monday 25th March

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

Tuesday 26th 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 27th March

Art Group 13.30 – 15.30

J3 15.30 – 17.00

God on Mute 19.00 – 21.00

Concluding with a Communion Service

Thursday 28th March

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 13.00

Communion 11.00 – 11.30

J2 15.30 – 17.00

Ukulele Club 18.30 – 19.30

Friday 29th March

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Good Friday CTDD 11.00

Service, Library Gardens

Sunday 31st March

9.00am

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Easter Morning Communion

10.30am

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Easter Morning

Baptismal Service

Bring and Share Lunch



Gospel for the week

Monday (25th March)
John 11 verses 28 – 44

Tuesday (26th March):
John 11 verses 45 – 57

Wednesday (27th March):
John 12 verses 1 – 11

Thursday (28th March):
John 12 verses 12 – 19

Friday (29th March):
John 12 verses 20 – 36

Saturday (30th March):
John 12 verses 37 – 50

"Eat this book"

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

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

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

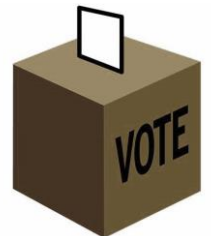
church. Sometimes decisions have to be made about wording or appropriateness, and the coordinators may discuss this together or with Andy. Some weeks we don't have any requests, sometimes we might have four or five in a day. We are always glad to have people join the chain and if anyone is interested in becoming a coordinator, please see one of us, as we would be glad to share this role.

Alison Bygrave and Gill Smith

Favourite Hymns and Songs

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

Leadership Elections



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

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. **Forms must be given to David by Saturday March 30th**

David Lax
Church Secretary

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

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.

suitable for all ages and is very accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs. There is also a children's play area. **We will meet at church at 9.30am on Thursday 11th April 2024** and travel by car to Old Moor. We will try to fill up cars so we are not taking too many cars. You can either bring a picnic or take advantage of the lovely cafe on site.

For more information or if you require transport contact Margaret Keen



BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME
Happy Birthday to Pam this week, Pam contributes 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.

Angel Tree - the figures for last year's total have been made available by Prison Fellowship. In total 96 prisons participated and 5172 gifts were sent. In 1994, the first year Angel Tree was run in the UK 60 gifts were sent. This outreach has grown because of support financially and in prayer from all those who have been a part of Angel Tree. Thank you.



Visit to RSPB Old Moor Reserve - Thursday 11th April 2024.

As a follow up to the Get Outside for Lent series that we have looked at over the last few weeks and in particular to the last in the series about Bird and Air, the Eco Church Group are organising a visit to the RSPB Old Moor Reserve in the Dearne Valley. This is

Holy Week Communion and Breakfasts

From Monday 25th March to Saturday 30th 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

Church "Spring Cleaning" Day

I would like to revive an old tradition in the church and have a day dedicated to cleaning all the areas that don't get routinely cleaned on a weekly basis. Eg all the cobwebs around the ceiling in the hall and staircase and other nooks and crannies where dirt and dust accumulate. It will be on **Wednesday 3rd April starting at 9am** and continuing into the afternoon. The more the merrier and the sooner we will be finished. Come for the whole session or for an hour during the day. We have cleaning materials in church but if you want to bring some of your own as well that would be very helpful.

I will put a sign-up sheet in the porch so we have an idea of who is coming. Thanks in advance for your help. Ed

Angel Tree Craft Fair

There will be a Craft Fair to raise money for Angel Tree on **Saturday April 27th from 10am to 2pm** in Church.

Vicki is looking for people to bake for this event, if you can help this way, please let her know.

Because of this, there will be no Angel Tree cake sale on Sunday April 21st

Easter RE Workshops at William Levick school

Monday 25th March 11:00am Year 1
Monday 25th March 1:00pm Year 3
Monday 25th March 2:00pm Reception Class

Wednesday 27th March 9:00am Year 4
Wednesday 27th March 11:00am Year 2



Dronfield2gether
11th April
10.00am-2.00pm



Christian Aid is having a bookstall at this event and we would welcome books/jigsaws to sell.

Please leave in the church porch or let us know and we will collect them.

Remember the date, Thursday 11th April at Dronfield Sports Centre & Civic Centre 10.00am – 2.00pm and be sure to come along. You may learn something new or given all sorts of information that could be helpful to you or your extended family. Ray & Arlene



Thought For the Week

One year we were on holiday in Menorca on Palm Sunday. We went to a village up in the mountains which was famous for its macaroons. The scenery was incredible and the air was so fresh and invigorating. The thing that I remember most is the crowds of people coming out of church waving palm branches in the sunshine. There was a very real sense of occasion and worship.

Matthew 21 says in vv7-11, They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Bible Gateway resource tells me that Hosanna is a Hebrew expression meaning "Save!" which became an exclamation of praise, and my dictionary says it is an adoring cry. I fell into a bit of a rabbit hole researching when it began to be used and what it really means. Vocabulary.com for example tells me, 'A hosanna is a statement or exclamation of praise. Usually, hosannas praise God. The noun hosanna referring to a cry of praise can claim along pedigree in English: it

first appeared in the 12th century. It's from a Biblical Hebrew phrase meaning "Pray, save us." Hosanna made stops in Greek and Latin before arriving in English in the earliest translations of the Bible. Any kind of thanks and adoration aimed at God could be considered a hosanna. In church, many of the prayers and songs are hosannas.'

To us it is a very church based, maybe outdated word, but imagine you were in Jerusalem on that day when Jesus arrived. The sun shining, the excited crowds, the fulfilment of a prophecy, (Zechariah 9:9*), the hope of salvation. Wouldn't you want to shout and 'Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever' (Psalm 118:29). And use a word to praise him in unison with our fellow believers down through the centuries.

*'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

Hosanna

Alison Bygrave