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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 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024



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**10.30am**

**Revd Andy Gore**

'In Jesus there is now no separation'  
Romans 8:31-39

**4pm**

**Messy Church**

**7.30pm**

**Embrace**

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**10.30am**

**Mrs Zania van Schalkwyk**

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Toddlers	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Prayer Meeting	19.00 – 19.45
J4	19.00 – 21.30

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Table Tennis	10.00 – 12.00
Hope and Light	15.45 – 16.45
Joyful Noise	19.00 – 21.00

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

J3	15.30 – 17.00
Annual General Meeting/Leadership Elections	19.30 – 21.00

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Coffee Pot	10.30 – 13.00
Communion	11.00 – 11.30
Ukulele Club	18.30 – 19.30
J2	15.30 – 17.00

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Toddlers	09.30 – 11.30
Friday Night Fellowship and Meal	

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

WLTD0	09.30 – 11.00
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## Leadership Elections

Leadership Elections  
We have two people standing for the Leadership Team Elections on

Wednesday April 17th,  
Jill Lang as a Deacon, and David Lax as Church Secretary.

David is only standing for a further 12 months and not the normal 3 years. Any Member who cannot attend and wishes a postal vote please see David  
Thanks

### Gospel for the week

Monday (15th April)  
Luke 1 verses 1 – 25

Tuesday (16th April):  
Luke 1 verses 26 – 38

Wednesday (17th April):  
Luke 1 verses 39 – 56

Thursday (18th April):  
Luke 1 verses 57 – 80

Friday (19th April):  
Luke 2 verses 1 – 20

Saturday (20th April):  
Luke 2 verses 21 – 40

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

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

**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.

## 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:

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

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



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## Angel Tree Craft Fair

There will be a Craft Fair to raise money for Angel Tree on **Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

## Favourite Hymns and Songs

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



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

### Men's Night Out



The next Men's Night Out is **Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Royal Oak, Coal Aston. Everyone is welcome, meet at 8pm for a chat and get to know each other and then join in the quiz



### Coffee Pot Help

We are going to be one, possibly two members of our team short from July onwards. If you would like to help, it wouldn't be every week and you do not need to be a Masterchef, or actually need to cook.

Please contact Vicki

### BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME



**Happy Birthday! To Kathy 21<sup>st</sup>, Jeannette 23<sup>rd</sup>, Robert 26<sup>th</sup>,** all 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

### 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

### 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.

### Friday Night Fellowship Meal and Study Dates

Here are the next dates for our Friday Fellowship at our home.

19th April, 17th May, 14th June, 19th July. We hope you can join us. Contact Mike or Sandra



**We send our dearest congratulations to both Simon & Wendy and Pete & Jeanette** as

they celebrate their 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. Best Wishes and Blessings from all at Dronfield Baptist Church

## Thought for the Week

### I'm slipping!

In today's Word Live Tony Horsfall said "one day it dawned on me that it was not my ability to trust God that mattered, but the fact that He is trustworthy" and off my thoughts went again.

How often do we beat ourselves up because we think we are losing our trust in God? Life grinds us down. All we can see is the problem. All we experience is the emotional pain. Life looks very bleak with no light at the end of the tunnel we feel in. Sharing what's going on with family or friends, especially Christians, becomes nigh on impossible. We feel isolated and cut off.

We need to paraphrase what Tony said God is trustworthy - fact! Thankfully once we have established that relationship with God through Jesus how we feel each day isn't what's critical. What is important and life changing is that God is totally, absolutely, infinitely trustworthy.

An image I've found helpful is the simple image of 2 hands holding each other by the wrist. Holding by the wrist is the most secure way of connecting two people. It's also a good image of the strength of your relationship with God once you've brought Jesus intentionally into your life. The relationship is secure.

Imagine you're up to your neck in water (or let's call it sin - the real world we live in day by day). You are holding God's arm in this way and He is holding yours.

God will never let go - He is trustworthy. You might loosen your grip or even slip up and try to let go but as long as God holds onto you then you are safe - He is trustworthy. You might bob under the water (do something you later regret and need forgiveness from God for). As long as God has hold of you then you are being pulled out of the water - out of the sin. God is there with you by His grip on you - He is trustworthy. You might panic and thrash about in the water - you might feel totally overwhelmed by your situation - but nothing can break the hold God has on you - He is trustworthy. You might feel you are slipping away from God - we are often our own worst critics and go straight to catastrophising situations - because the water seems so overpowering but God has hold of you and ..... He is trustworthy.

Be reassured, once you have given your life to God it's a one way trip no matter how you feel day by day in the roller coaster of life. God does not change (Hebrews 13:8), God will not abandon you - whatever (Hebrews 13:5), His promises are eternal (Psalm 119:89), you are safe in His grip (Psalm 121) - God is trustworthy.

Verse for Today - "..... God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'"

Hebrews 13:5 NIVUK      Don Brennan