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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 12th May 2024

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10.30am

Revd Mark Herd

4pm

Messy Church

7.30pm

Embrace

What's on this
Week

Monday 13th May

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Base	18.00 – 19.30
Monday Prayers	19.00
Leadership Meeting	19.00
Aftershock	19.30 – 21.00

Tuesday 14th May

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

Wednesday 15th May

Art Group	13.30 – 15.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00

Thursday 16th May

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

Friday 17th May

Toddlers	09.30 – 11.30
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Saturday 18th May

Who Let the Dads Out	09.30 – 11.00
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Sunday 19th May

Pentecost Sunday



10.30am

Mr Joshua Douglass



All Age Service

The notices for **May & June** will be typed by Heather

heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk

Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

Gospel for the week

Monday (13th May)

Luke 7 verses 36 – 50

Tuesday (14th May):

Luke 8 verses 1 – 15

Wednesday (15th May):

Luke 8 verses 16 – 25

Thursday (16th May):

Luke 8 verses 26 – 39

Friday (17th May):

Luke 8 verses 40 – 56

Saturday (18th May):

Luke 9 verses 1 – 17

“Eat this book”

“What do you think Luke is saying to you today?”



Leadership Meeting

Please pray for the Leadership as they meet on Monday evening.

“Father, we lift our leaders up to you. Draw them close to yourself, your wisdom, and your ways through your grace.

Lord, we ask that you would help lead them in making the right decisions that align with what you would like to accomplish in your will and Your plan.”



Our new payment machine is finally here!!!

If you haven't got cash for today's collection, you can give our new card machine a go! It's at the back of the church near the AV desk. Why not try our using the QR code.



BMS: The Baptist Missionary Society has a focus each week to guide our prayers.

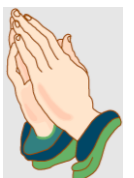
We support the ministry of our workers and volunteers in their involvement with education, medicine, the environment and justice around the world through our Birthday Scheme and our individual savings boxes. Please ask Wendy or Marilyn if you would like to know more.

For 12-18th May we are asked to give thanks to God for how BMS is part of a global Baptist family, full of people from every tribe, tongue and nation.



Sunday Readers & Prayers

Thank you to those who regularly offer to read or lead prayers on Sunday mornings. We are looking for others to get involved, is this something you would like to do on an occasional basis - on a date to suit you?



If so, please see me on Sundays or email me

Many thanks, Julia.

Fellowship, Faith & Food is back!

Wednesdays at 7.00pm
Light dinner will be served.
RSVP: Gerhard

Bring a testimony or a song



I will soon be drawing up the new rotas for helpers on Sunday mornings.

If you would like to help with welcoming folk to Church, counting the collection, refreshments after the service or on the AV desk please let Chris Turk know.

Saturday 25th May 11am-2:30pm



*"Walking in your Royal Identity"
Morning & afternoon
talks by Jodie Thorpe*

*Light lunch
provided*

Thought for the Week

Don't drop your Guard

One of the most important verses in the Bible is 1 John 4:1. Temptation is a universal part of life - we have to accept that. What is critical is how we respond to it.

Direct assaults on our Christian lifestyle are usually fairly obvious if we stop and think about it. Not thinking is the problem and ends in regret. The direct assault ends up putting what we want ahead of God's priorities. What is much more insidious and dangerous is distortion.

Distortion is just that - letting the truths of the Bible be bent to suit our agendas. The truth isn't denied but "bent". What leads us astray are things that promote attitudes like "it's all down to interpretation" or "it depends how you look at it", or "it's all relative" or "times have moved on" or "Jesus didn't face that sort of situation".

WANTED

ALL ENGINEERS
AT HEART TO

★ **Join the** ★
**Maintenance
Team**

On our WhatsApp group,
all needs are discussed,
and solutions found.



If you feel passionate about joining this team,
please let me know.
We will arrange a site visit
at Church to open the conversations and put some structure together.
Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Women's Social

Mondays 7pm

May 20th - The Hyde Park Inn

June 17th - The Jolly Farmer

July 15th - The Hyde Park Inn



Some distortions become obvious when they grow into cults - like folk following and joining cults because a charismatic personality reinterprets the Bible or has super-spiritual special understanding - the doomsday cults who predict the end of the world on date "X" or lead to confrontational stand offs.

Some distortions twist God's truth getting things back to front, over emphasising an element of Christ-like living to the detriment of other parts, or developing Jesus + salvation, or in the extreme become theological heresies.

Some distortions come from our own laziness or over confidence. We begin to let things slip. We don't keep on top of God's Word so we don't actually know what God has said so don't have the resources when challenged and can be swayed by the logic of others.

If we are to grow closer to God spiritually and not slip into distortions then we need to be careful about the sources we trust and the voices we listen to. In a much earlier Thought I mentioned 5 tests we have at our disposal in discerning whether something is from God or not.

Does it make sense with God's Word - God is consistent - He will never contradict Himself? Contexts and circumstances may change but never the way God wants you to act. **Does** it make sense with the life of Jesus - WWJD - What Would Jesus Do is a good acid test? **Is your conscience pricking** you - those twinges will probably be the Holy Spirit trying to guide you? **Does** it make sense to Christian friends - you're not the only one in whom the Holy Spirit lives? **Most important** of all - have you prayed about it and has your understanding of any of the first 4 changed as a result?

God's Word reminds us never to drop our guard - because that opens the door to the devil. The devil succeeds when we forget he is there or explain him away to make us feel more comfortable. Take the caution of Peter "..... Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." 1 Peter 5:8b NIVUK. Don't drop your guard.

Verse for Today - "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1 NIVUK

Don Brennan

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.

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 either of the following so that the message can be passed on to prayer chain members.

**Alison Bygrave
Gill Smith**

Hymns and Songs:

Our Worship Band would like to hear of any songs that are particularly meaningful to you and could be included in our Sunday Worship. Please put any requests in the black box in the porch.



How are we doing?: Please give any feedback on church life to a member of the leadership team.