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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 7th July 2024

Sunday 07th July

10.30am

Revd Dave Criddle

Family Service

6.00pm

Healing Prayers

Sunday 14th July

10.30am

Revd Mike Glover

4pm

Messy Church

7.30pm

Embrace

What's on this
Week

Monday 8th July

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Monday Prayers	19.00
J4	19.00 – 21.30

Tuesday 9th July

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

Wednesday 10th July

Art Group	13.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00
Fellowship, Faith & Food	19.00

Thursday 11th July

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

Friday 12th July

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
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Saturday 13th July

Jolly Crafters	10.00 – 12.00
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The notices for **July & August** will be typed by **Chris Harrop**
chrisharrop@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk
Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

Gospel for the week

Monday (8th July)
Luke 20 verse 41 – 21 verse 4

Tuesday (9th July):
Luke 21 verses 5 – 19

Wednesday (10th July):
Luke 21 verses 20 – 28

Thursday (11th July):
Luke 21 verses 29 – 38

Friday (12th July):
Luke 22 verses 1 – 13

Saturday (13th July):
Luke 22 verses 14 – 23

“Eat this book”

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

Lawns at Church

For the past few years Ray Thompson and I have shared



the task of mowing the church lawns. On this basis it probably averages about one cut per month each during the growing season. We have been very grateful to Ray for this service which he has now given up. Thankfully he has gifted his petrol rotary mower to the church and we are extremely grateful for that.

I now need a volunteer to share this workload with me again either fully or simply when I'm unable to do it due to holidays etc. The mower is at church and is very easy to use. If you would like

to help, please let me know. Thanks in advance. Ed Tomlinson.



BMS boxes half yearly count

Thank you, all box holders! Please can you leave your boxes on the back window sill of church, next to our library, or give them directly to Marilyn **by Sunday 7th July?** Bless you all for your giving!

Urgent Help Needed.

We need someone to volunteer for the Sound **AUDIO-VISUAL** Desk on Sunday 21st July morning service. If you could possibly help, please see Chris Turk or any of the AV team. Training can be given and you could sit alongside someone on any Sunday before then.



AUDIO-VISUAL

MEN'S NIGHT OUT 8th July At THE ROYAL OAK, Coal Aston at 8pm, for the QUIZ NIGHT.



Everyone is welcome, come along for a chat and get to know each other and join in on the quiz.

Women's Social
Friday 26th July 12pm-2pm
Have a lovely lunch, meet up with other women & get to know each other better!
Ferndale Coffee Shop,
Dyche Lane, S18 3BJ
Book your place by 15th July



Holiday Club

5th – 8th August

Ages 5 – 11

£20 Registration

Book online at

www.dronfieldbaptist.co.uk

Friday Night Fellowship

Meal and Study

The next date for Friday Fellowship at our home is **19th July**.

We hope you can join us. Contact Mike or Sandra

The Topsy Turvy Kingdom

In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. James 3:5

Starting a quarrel is like opening a floodgate, so stop before a dispute breaks out. Proverbs 17:14

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends. Proverbs 17:9

I apologise if this thought comes out a little disconnected. I started with a thought from my daily reading but other related thoughts have cropped up over the days since and I'm trying to put them together. I have found it hard to write as it sets a standard so hard to

live up to. It's a bit long but please read it to the end! Please read the whole passage in James 3. Our words have enormous power for good or for bad, and James urges us to think carefully about what we say - every word has an effect on those around us So we start with gossip, just passing on stories about other people, which show them in a (slightly?) unfavourable light. It is so easy to do especially if we are feeling a bit annoyed at the time. Also, we are usually happy to listen to others, and even pass it on. But we all know the effect of Chinese Whispers! And what about criticizing the way things are run, or those who are running them. It is easy to criticise, much harder to stand up and try to make a difference. Proverbs 16:28 says A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends. Nicky Gumbel's comment on this was: Just as receiving stolen goods is as serious a crime in the eyes of the law as theft; so, listening to gossip is as damaging as gossiping. Why do we do it? Because others around us do? To let off steam? Because it's a good story? Are we tempted (probably subconsciously) to feel that putting someone else down makes us seem a little better by comparison? Is it to find someone who shares our grumble? ... Are we genuinely doing it out of love for the person we are talking about? We rarely actually know ALL the facts, what they have been through in the past, what they are going through now, how much that person is hurting and what God is working on in their life at present. We need to ask ourselves: Is sharing this story helping to build up unity and love in our fellowship? Of course, there are times when someone has hurt us and we need to share this with a friend, or there is something in the fellowship which concerns us and we need to discuss it with others to decide what to do, and there are times when it is right to challenge someone for what they have said or done but we must remember Jesus words in Love each other. Just as I have 35 -John 13:34loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." This principle of love must always underlie what

we say to others particularly when we are being critical. It is so distressing when I hear of people who have left our fellowship because of hurtful things that have been said to them or about them. The other side of this, which, praise God, we see more often, is the opportunity to encourage each other. Our words and attitude have so much impact. It was so encouraging last Sunday to hear Eleanor saying how much the support and care she has received have impacted her life, and to have this echoed by one of our lunch guests. This is the true meaning of fellowship.

Another daily reading confronted me with a real challenge which shows the way God's kingdom turns things totally upside down! Even to have such lawsuits with one another is a defeat for you. Why not just accept the injustice and leave it at that? Why not let yourselves be cheated? 1 Corinthians 6:7 This is discussing a situation where two Christians are in dispute. In their case it had got as far as the court. The startling thing is Paul addresses and rebukes the one who is in the right! Jesus, our Saviour, totally faultless, went to the cross willingly, without complaint, praying for forgiveness for those doing it as he went! This is the greatest gift God could give us! He asks us to do the same! Perhaps the greatest gift you can give to this church is to accept an injustice to yourself without complaint and without harbouring resentment.

Chris Turk PS Check out this link <https://youtube.com/watch?v=3ZqDXLzXdV4&feature=shared>.

Thank You

Vicki and David would like to thank the Church for the Rose that we received for our Golden Wedding, it has now been planted in the garden and also thank you for the beautiful cards and good wishes we received. We had a really good Open House on the Friday!



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.



Offering:

If you prefer to use a card for today's offering, a card payment machine is available.



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

Jill & Jonathan are unable to give Tilly & Monica their lifts to Thursday morning communion on the 18th July as they are away on holiday. If anybody would kindly volunteer, please could they contact Jill or Jonathan before the 10th July.





'Thanking all our sponsors for their support. We sparkled on the night!' What a

great event to be part of, and some of us have already signed up for next year!

We continue to collect funds which are currently over £500 which is amazing.



Gilli & Andy, Simon & Wendy, Beki & Millie, Uke Wendy,



Lorraine, Catherine, & Malcolm.

Thank you all for your love, your time and your encouragement for Angel Tree.

Please speak to me if I can help you at all. Gill

"I can't tell you in words how much my kids are happy. I can only say from my heart, you didn't send gifts, you sent happiness and smiles."

- A Dad in prison

Angel Tree

We all know that the fund raising for Angel Tree is



on hold at the present time due to Linda Brennan not being at all well and Don taking care of her.

It's been suggested by a church member that we hold a series of special offerings throughout July to help with the funding of this very valuable and necessary outreach. We will never know how many fragile lives will be touched by the giving and receiving of these gifts.

We will have a separate offering bag, clearly marked, available, also gifts can be made via the new card machine if that is more convenient for you.

Matt 6 3-4. Jesus said but when you give to the needy do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.