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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 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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**10.30am**

**Mr Don Brennan**  
**All Age Service**

**4pm**

**Café Church**  
**Mr Norman Crowson**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**10.30am**

**Revd Andy Gore**

"Enabling all to meet Jesus as  
His witnesses"

**Communion**

**6pm**

**Healing Prayers**

The notices for **September and October** will be typed by **Gilli**, email [gilligore@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk](mailto:gilligore@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk)  
Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Monday Prayers 19.00 – 19.45

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 12.00

Communion 11.00

Ukulele Club 18.30 – 19.30

**Psalm 62:6 NLT**

**He alone is my rock and my  
salvation, my fortress where I  
will not be shaken.**

*What's on this  
Week*

## **Gospel for the week**

Monday (26th August)  
Mark 8 verses 11 – 21

Tuesday (27th August):  
Mark 8 verses 22 – 26

Wednesday (28th August):  
Mark 8 verse 27 – 9 verse 1

Thursday (29th August):  
Mark 9 verses 2 – 13

Friday (30th August):  
Mark 9 verses 14 – 29

Saturday (31st August):  
Mark 9 verses 30 – 37

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

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



## **Replacement Coffee Machine**

It is hoped to replace the current Coffee Machine this Autumn.

Gifts and pledges have been coming in nicely and we are almost there.

Thank you. Decaf Coffee will be an option. The new coffee machine selected will be at this stage contactless/card only, that is, no cash.

Please let Ron, Marilyn, Gilli or Steve know if this may be an issue for you.

Ron Fenn on behalf of the Coffee Machine Team.

## **B. M. S. Birthday Scheme Prayer Points.**

*Last winter, your faithful giving provided Syrian refugees in Lebanon with food, fuel, and blankets. Your generosity also supports vocational training for refugees to help them learn the skills they need to thrive in a new country*



1. Syrian refugees living in Lebanon often face discrimination. Pray that churches will continue to welcome refugees and love them as people made in the image of God.

2. Give thanks for the vocational training classes that BMS World Mission's partner, Thimar, runs for Syrian refugees. Pray that the refugees who take part will learn the skills they need to earn a living.

3. Pray that churches in Lebanon will continue to build strong relationships, trust and rapport with the communities they serve.

4. Many people are concerned about war breaking out between the Lebanon based militant group Hezbollah and Israeli armed forces. Pray for peace and for an end to outbreaks of violence along the border with Israel-Palestine.



## **Outing to Poolsbrook Country Park. Wednesday 28th August.**

Meet at Poolsbrook by the front of the cafe overlooking the lake from 10.30am.

There will be the opportunity to go on a short nature walk.

There is a children's play area, cafe and toilets. Come for the morning or the day. Bring a picnic or buy some lunch at the cafe.

For more information contact Margaret Keen

## 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:

**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.

### **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.



**We are currently supporting Oxfam with our used stamps.**

Thank you to all those who have given stamps, especially when they are beautifully neatly trimmed, which many have been. It is much appreciated.

**Please continue saving them.**



**Christian Aid** has been active in the churches in Dronfield since 1967 but is now facing difficulties as the committee is losing members.

We would like to continue with committee representatives from all the churches in Dronfield and district and would be delighted to share with any members who would like more details with a desire to become more involved.

The next meeting of the group will be on **Monday 30 September at 2.00pm** here, at DBC. Please feel free to join us to learn more.

The annual book sale for this year at least will still take place on **Saturday 5 October**. Ray and Arlene Thompson

## SODA

As part of our ongoing outreach to families we run SODA; School's Out, Dads About. SODA is on the first Saturday of the month and it is designed to provide the next step for dads who used to go to 'Who let the Dads Out?', a toddler group for Dads and Grandads run by Ed, but who can no longer go as their children are now at school.

SODA has been run very well by Paul Taylor and Pete Casson now they have stepped down from leading it and we are looking to expand the team to continue this way of keeping in touch with these dads.

We need people to help with cooking as well as just chatting with the dads who are a great bunch of blokes. If you are able to help, please see me or Matt Pocock.

Thanks  
Andy

## Thought for the Day

### Taking Stock?

It may seem like splitting hairs but sometimes priorities and perceptions are worth questioning. We spend a lot of time "doing" things rather than "being" Christians. If I read God's Word correctly, He is more interested in the "why" questions than the "what" ones. It helps from time to time to check our priorities - how are we actually living Christ-like lives?

Where's our focus? Psalm 103:2 What do we seek from our relationship with God? What drives us? Do we seek God for His gifts - focus on us? Do we pursue God's qualities and character - focus on being more like Jesus? Would it change much if we focused on what God gets out of our relationship? Would it change how we pray? Would it change why we do things? Would it change our witness?

What do we hang onto? Mark 10:21 Everyday life can be a ball and chain. It's all too easy for our work, our social lives, our comforts, our commitments to become our priority. Yes, they are important and God wants us to act responsibly and with accountability. Can we really give up everything for a relationship with Jesus? What are you hanging on to?

Do we work with the Holy Spirit? Proverbs 3:5 Do we get too focused on what we're doing rather than why we're doing it? Do we do things for God rather than through Him? Do we rely on our strength, skills and talents or God's through His Holy Spirit?

What's your witness? John 9:25 Where do you look for evidence? The best evidence is personal. Yes it's good to talk about what Christians believe or what the

church is doing or what our fellowship is doing but most people we talk to are interested in us. Each of us has a unique journey with Jesus. Only you can attest to what Jesus means to you. Only you can validate your relationship with Him. It's your life story - don't ever be afraid to share it.

How do you refresh yourself? Philippians 3:13: Do you look backwards all the time or forwards? Do you dwell on things you can't change now - good or bad? Your successes - mountain top experiences, or, your failings - to beat yourselves up. One thing's for sure you can't go back and change them. Jesus is only interested in you today and where you want to be tomorrow.

We live in a world of relativities - everything depends on your perspective. Yet God's Word clearly shows there is only one perspective that matters - His. We need to wrestle with what our Verse for Today means practically for each of us.

Verse for Today - Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'" John 6:68 NIVUK

Cheers

Don