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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 15th September 2024

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10.30am
Rev Simon Russell

approx 12.30pm
Church Meeting

Sunday 22nd September

10.30am
Rev Andy Gore

4.00pm
Café Church
Christian Aid Special



7.30pm
Embrace

What's on this
Week

Monday 16th September

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Monday Prayers	19.00 – 19.45
Godly Play	19.00 – 20.30

Tuesday 17th September

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

Wednesday 18th September

J3	15.30 – 17.00
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Thursday 19th September

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

Friday 20th September

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
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Saturday 21st September

Who Let the Dad's Out	09.30 – 11.00
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Gospel for the Week

Monday 16th September:
Mark 12 verses 28 - 34

Tuesday 17th September:
Mark 12 verses 35 - 44

Wednesday 18th September:
Mark 13 verse 1 - 13

Thursday 19th September:
Mark 13 verses 14 - 23

Friday 20th September:
Mark 13 verses 24 - 31

Saturday 21st September:
Mark 13 verses 32 - 37

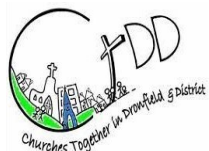
"Eat this book"

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

Coffee Pot: On Thursday, after their summer break, the team are back to the normal time of **10.30am to 1.00pm.**

Lunches served from 11.30am

Advance Notice:



There will be no morning service here on **Sunday 29th September.**

Instead, we will be joining with members of other Dronfield Church congregations, the Town Council and members of the community at the **Civic Service in the Civic Hall starting at 11.00am.**



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:

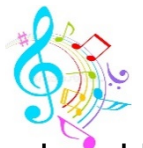
Gill Smith
Sharon Taylor
Richard Armstrong
Wendy Temple
Arlene Thompson

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.



**Godly Play –
Introductory Session
Monday 16th
September
7pm – 8.30pm**

A session for adults and young people who'd like to experience what the children do when they go out for 'Godly Play' including an explanation behind 'why' and 'what' Godly Play is.

For ALL adults, not just parents or those who help with Sunday Groups.

Children are a vital part of our church community, capable of deep and meaningful relationships with God and it is our responsibility to understand and engage with that, even if we aren't 'helping' directly.

If you would like more info, talk to Anna
or email
annarattigan@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk



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.

Thank you for the support and encouragement we have so far received. We still need men to be part of the team and help with cooking as well as just chatting with the dads who are a great bunch of blokes. If you are able to offer support, please see me or Matt Pocock.

Thanks, Andy



**Café Church:
Christian
Aid will
be**



**sharing with us on 22nd
September at 4.00pm.**

In October we will be delighted to welcome David & Vicky Lax. They will be sharing their adventures on the Orient Express.

The notices for **September and
October** will be typed by **Gilli:**

Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

Christian Aid



On **Saturday 5th October** Christian Aid are holding their **Annual Book Sale** in the **Civic Hall from 10am to 12 noon**. Any spare paper backed novels would be welcome. Also, jigsaws, and children's books. No DVDs or CDs please.

Items can be left in the church porch or in the foyer of the Council Offices the week previous to the sale. We are away on holiday from 11 September for a week but for more information speak to Arlene or Ray Thompson on 01246 498526 or leave a message and we will get back to you.

Following on from our previous notice, we are still very short of volunteers on the local Committee and are holding our next meeting here at DBC on Monday 30 September at 2.00pm for anyone who would like to help in any way.

Thank you.

Friday Night Fellowship

Friday Night Fellowship starts at **7pm** with a sit-down meal followed by a Bible study. You can stay as long as you want but we normally finish by 10 pm. This term we will continue with different biblical characters.

Please let us know if you can come and dietary requirements. You will be made very welcome.

The dates are:-

Friday Sept. 27th

Fri. Oct. 18th

Fri. Nov. 22nd

Fri. Dec.13th

Sandra and Mike Herman



BMS Birthdays

We wish Tony Simpkins and very Happy Birthday on the 21st September. Have a great day Tony

Rooted – Women's Conference

Saturday 5th October, 10am-3pm,

Coal Aston Village Hall, £12

A group of local women are organising a day of real-life stories, worship, connection and good food!

The theme of the day is based on 'Rooted', thinking about the question: How do we stay rooted in our faith especially in times of uncertainty?

Tickets can be booked on Eventbrite (search Rooted Women's Conference) or with cash via Anna Rattigan.



A bookmark for you to colour

Thought for the Week

Can a Christian believe in Evolution?

Please note that the following is my own personal view. I welcome discussion and challenge!

Ever since my teens I have encountered numerous ways in which Christians have tried to reconcile the first chapters of the Bible with the theory of evolution. Some have been far-fetched, some tolerably convincing, but none totally satisfactory. But then I was confronted by one argument, which for me has settled the matter!

All the portrayals of the prehistoric world describe it as bloodthirsty, savage, cruel, uncaring, disease-ridden and ruled by death. This is said to be before mankind existed, so cannot be the result of sin. It would therefore follow that this was how God planned it - as a revelation of His character! Is this the God we worship?

The Bible view of creation is that God created a perfect world, but this was damaged by sin. Death is a result of sin. *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people...*Romans 5:12 **Death was not a part of God's original plan!** Adam and Eve need not have died, they were created immortal!

The basic truth of our faith is that we have sinned, the penalty is death, and Jesus died to take away the penalty. *Christ died for our sins* 1 Corinthians 15:3

It seems to me that there is absolutely no way this can be reconciled with evolution. **Either** we believe that death was a part of creation from the start, **or** we believe that it is a result of sin.

Evolution teaches us that humans are the result of thousands (millions) of years of pre-human creatures dying (before

anyone had sinned). If we accept evolution we reject the idea that death is a result of sin. Thus we reject the idea that Christ's death is a substitute for our death, to pay for our sin! So evolution not only denies the beginning of Genesis, it goes totally against NEW TESTAMENT teaching as well.

So what are we to make of the indoctrination to believe in evolution? It is claimed that science has proved it. Science involves observing what happens now, and predicting future events (without any great accuracy, just look at the weather forecast!). Science **cannot** actually prove anything - just think about how many scientific beliefs (facts?) have changed over time, even in your own lifetime. It helps us to understand and control the world around us. We can look at the evidence of fossils, rock strata and so on, but how we **interpret** the past from them depends on our beliefs, it is not fact. There is **no** evidence which **proves** evolution, **evolution is a belief system** which tries to interpret the evidence on the assumption that God has never intervened in the process. If you would like to discuss the science, either collar me or look online at creation.com

My conclusion: Evolution cannot be reconciled with the basic truths of Christianity. It goes against the whole Bible, not just the first few chapters. There is **ONLY ONE** eye witness to Creation and He has given us His account of how it happened. Perhaps we should believe it! Please read Genesis chapters 1 to 10 again.

Chris Turk