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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 29th September 2024



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11.00 am

**The Dronfield Civic Service
Civic Hall**

Join with other members of our local congregations, the Town Council and members of the Community.

Rev Andy Gore will be preaching while giving his Christmas Suit its first airing – come along and find out why!

**There will be no morning service
at Dronfield Baptist Church**

Sunday 6th October

11.00am

**Rev Andy Gore
Harvest Celebration
Communion**

See Details Below

6.00pm

Healing Prayers

*What's on this
Week*

Monday 30th September

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Christian Aid	14.00
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Monday Prayers	19.00 – 19.45
J4	19.00 – 21.30
Eco Group	19.30

Tuesday 1st October

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

Wednesday 2nd October

J3	15.30 – 17.00
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Thursday 3rd October

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

Friday 4th October

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
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Saturday 5th October

SODA	09.30 - 11.00
Christian Aid Book Sale	10.00 – 12.00

Gospel for the Week

Monday 30th September:
Mark 15 verses 1 - 15

Tuesday 1st October:
Mark 15 verses 16 - 32

Wednesday 2nd October:
Mark 15 verse 33 - 41

Thursday 3rd October:
Mark 15 verses 42 - 47

Friday 4th October:
Mark 16 verses 1 - 8

Saturday 5th October:
Mark 16 verses 9 - 20

"Eat this book"

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

The notices for **September and October** will be typed by **Gilli**:
Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

SUMMER COFFEE POT



Many thanks to all who supported us through the summer, we have donated £150 to Motor Neurone Research, Pam Wass and Family are very grateful.

Also £125.65 to Angel Tree.

Chris Harrop, Sharon Taylor,
and Gill Smith.

Ed Note: We would also like to thank the team for giving of their time and expertise over the summer providing a space to meet over a cuppa and delish cakes.

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.

Please note the Angel Tree
Craft Day on 26th October
has been cancelled.



Harvest - 6th October

For Harvest this year we are using the material provided by BMS describing something of their ministry in Bangladesh. The material is called 'Seek first the Kingdom of God' and it tells the story of the ministry of BMS workers Bina and James who minister to those who work in the tea plantations and their families who live there.

There will also be envelopes provided in which you can put a financial gift if you wish to help.

Our harvest service will also have a Bangladeshi feel about it, though I don't think we'll be turning up the heating to 30 degrees C or 86 F!!

As usual we will also be collecting tinned and dried goods for the New Hope foodbank which is based in Killamarsh as we have done in previous years.



On 27th October we are very excited to welcome David & Vicky Lax. They will be sharing their adventures on the Orient Express.

November 24th the Dronfield Baptist Church Ukulele Group will be sharing Christmas Carols in their own unique way with a short Christmas Message – an opportunity to get in the mood for advent in December ☺

Angel Tree Cake Sale

after the service on
20th October. Scrumptious Cakes
Bring your pennies ☺



The Gathering 12th October

The Gathering is an opportunity when we as individual churches can be inspired and excited, but also challenged, as we hear about what God is doing in our town. This is an opportunity when we remind ourselves that we are journeying together as a community of different churches following the lead and guidance of the Spirit. A time of worship, news to inform our prayers, hearing from James Morely, sharing communion, and food together.

We are meeting at **The Oaks** in Lea Road at **9:30am for a 10:00am** start and we will be finished by **12:30pm**. This is a really important way for us to meet. Everyone is welcome. Come and participate.

Christian Aid Café Church

Thank you to all who braved the rain and came to share in the Feast or Famine Café Church this month. Soup, Cheese and a roll with a club biscuit for the famine with an afternoon tea spread for the Feast. Those on the elite table looked smug to begin with but quickly found their generous supply of food too much to keep to themselves and very soon were sharing the goodies with the rest of the room. Christian Aid in action in practise!

We learnt how Christian Aid is often one of the first charities on the scene at crisis situations and will stay and work with long term development in the communities.

Thank you to Ray, Arlene and Andy who compared the afternoon and concluded with a short quiz.

It's never too late to donate.

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. For more information speak to Arlene or Ray Thompson or leave a message and we will get back to you.

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.

Thought for the Week

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? *Psalms 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.

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

Cheers Don