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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 8th September 2024

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10.30am
Mrs Zania van Schalkwyk
"Enabling All to Meet
Jesus When we Pray for All"

4.00pm
Messy Church

7.30pm
Embrace

Sunday 15th September

10.30am
Rev Simon Russell

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

What's on this
Week

Monday 9th September

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Base	18.00 – 19.30
Aftershock	19.30 – 21.00
Monday Prayers	19.00 – 19.45
Godly Play	19.00 – 20.30
Men's Night Out	20.00

Tuesday 10th September

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

Wednesday 11th September

Art for Fun	13.30 – 15.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00

Thursday 12th September

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

Friday 13th September

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
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Gospel for the Week

Monday 9th September:
Mark 11 verses 1 - 11

Tuesday 10th September:
Mark 11 verses 12 - 26

Wednesday 11th September:
Mark 11 verse 27 - 33

Thursday 12th September:
Mark 12 verses 1 - 12

Friday 13th September:
Mark 12 verses 13 - 17

Saturday 14th September:
Mark 12 verses 18 - 27

"Eat this book"

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

Malcolm & Hilary's daughter, Bethany, is running in the Great North Run this Sunday and she's raising money for Ashgate Hospice. If people would like to give, a sponsor form is in the vestibule.



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

Men's night out is on **Monday Sept 9th at 8pm at the Royal Oak, Coal Aston.** Everyone is welcome, come along for a chat, get to know each other and join in the quiz at 9pm

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 us.

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.



Café Church:

The speakers at September

Cafe Church will be the Christian Aid Committee



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

Thought for the Day

'I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have received.'

Ephesians 4 verse 1

One of the things I promise not to say too much, though it is important that I do refer to it, is the phrase 'when I was on sabbatical...' I know it has the potential to become an irritating and annoying phrase if used too often, and it becomes so to you then please gently nudge me to find another phrase. Yet I want to use it because I am so grateful for the opportunity you gave me to know afresh the healing and loving touch of Jesus within my life, as well as to hear his voice anew.

One of the benefits of being on sabbatical is that it gives Jesus the space and the time to surprise and stop you in your tracks. It is my experience that these surprises usually happen through those things in your life where you are susceptible to Jesus speaking to you. Thus, for me through my love of reading is when I often hear Jesus speak loud and clear, which is one of the reasons why I love to read. One of those loud and clear moments was when I read 'Practice Resurrection' by Eugene Peterson.

In chapter two of the book Peterson describes Ephesians 4 verse 1 as being the pivot, or most important, verse for the whole of Ephesians.

Paul uses broad brush strokes to describe the vastness of what the breadth and length and the height and depth of the love of God in Jesus for us looks like. But he wants to grab our attention and he does this by using a very focused picture to describe how we are to live and that is we are to live like a prisoner.

To be a prisoner means you have no freedom, no choice, and no self-

determination. You are told what to do, you are told what your identity is, and you are told you have no value or worth. Yet this is exactly how Paul describes himself, and all who are in Jesus. But, in Jesus turns all of these things completely on their head.

As a prisoner of the Lord, I know I have the freedom to love God with all that I am. I know I have the freedom to choose to love. I know I am free to obey and follow him with all that I am. I know I have the freedom to hear him speak and to delight in his call on my life. I know I have the freedom to embrace the identity he gives to me. I know I have a value and worth which is beyond all measure.

To know this is to live gloriously and fully, as this is how Jesus lived the truly human life, and this is how we are to live too.
Andy



**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.

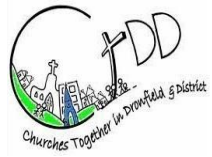
For ALL adults, not just parents or those who help with Sunday Groups.

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



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.

Thanks, Andy

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 when we get back.

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.

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**.



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