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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 13th October 2024

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10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

Enabling all to meet Jesus
by the Truth we Tell

4.00pm

Messy Church

7.30pm

Embrace

Sunday 20th October

10.30am

Our Regional Minister

Rev Nike Adebajo

Angel Tree Cake Sale



What's on this
Week

Monday 14th October

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

Tuesday 15th October

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

Wednesday 16th October

J3	15.30 – 17.00
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Thursday 17th October

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

Friday 18th October

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
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Saturday 19th October

WLTDO	09.30 – 11.00
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Gospel for the Week

Monday 14th October:
John 15 verses 1 - 11

Tuesday 15th October:
John 15 verses 12 - 17

Wednesday 16th October:
John 15 verse 18 - 27

Thursday 17th October:
John 16 verses 1 - 15

Friday 18th October:
John 16 verses 16 - 22

Saturday 19th October:
John 16 verse 23- 33

"Eat this book"

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

The notices for **October** will be typed by **Gilli:**
gilligore@hotmail.com
Please send by **Wednesday**. Thank you.



Men's Night Out

The next men's night out will be on **Monday October 14th** at the **Royal Oak, Coal Aston**.

Meet at **8pm** for a chat and get to know each other and then join in the quiz. Everyone is welcome

David Lax

Thanksgiving Service

for Barbara Piper

Tuesday 22nd October at 1:15pm and the service will be at **Hutcliffe Wood Crematorium**. There will be no wake after this celebratory service.



Angel Tree Cake Sale
after the service on
20th October.

Bring your pennies 😊

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

Offering:

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

Friday Night Fellowship

Are next meeting **on Friday 18th Oct**

We start at 7,00pm with a sit down meal followed by a Bible Study. You can stay as long as you wish but we normally finish by 10.00pm



BMS Birthdays

Birthday wishes and celebrations to Joyce on 8th of October, and Rev Andy on the 12th. Thank you for being part of the BMS Birthday scheme.

"In a country with no national grid and a reliance on diesel

generators, the six-week closure of the oil refinery in Chad's capital city could have had huge ramifications for Guinebor II Hospital (G2). But thanks to those on the BMS Birthday Scheme, the team at G2 have been able to expand and upgrade their solar panel system, allowing them to continue providing critical healthcare to people in desperate need"

See Wendy if you would like to join the scheme and help others.

Thankyou

Our American friends, Daniel, Natalie, Abigail, Hailey and Luke Libby, who have been worshipping with us for six months, began their journey home last Sunday.



They want us to know that they are so glad for the loving welcome given them at DBC and say that they will be remembering us fondly as they settle back into familiar routines.

If you would like to stay in touch with them, just ask Marilyn or Ron for their home address



Open days



Coffee Morning

5 November 2024 10:30am

An opportunity to find out all about The Oakes with refreshments, talk and tour

Please RSVP at oakes.org.uk/opendays

Recycling

Unfortunately, the coffee bag recycling has finished. Please don't bring any more bags from coffee beans and ground coffee. Check the wrappers as some can be recycled at supermarkets. Thanks for your support.

Margaret

Are you able to pop a bunch of flowers in a vase?

Please see Margaret and add yourself to our rota to help beautify the church on a Sunday.



Thought for the Week

It's OK to be angry with God

That may surprise you. I'm certainly not advocating being angry with God but sometimes life's pain drives us to it. In the few times I've screamed at God I've learned a lot.

God can handle it. God's shoulders are broad enough to take our anger with Him as well as our praise and adoration. In many ways that's what happens in a healthy relationship. Each side feels comfortable with the other knowing that whatever is thrown at you the relationship is sound.

God gives protective hugs. In the times I've been angry with God I've found that as the anger dissipates, I realise God's there giving me a hug. Strong arms round me, holding me, while I thrash around. God's Word portrays that wonderful picture of God as Father. He's there like a parent holding a hurting child tightly so they can't hurt themselves or others, absorbing all the pent up energy being thrashed around, keeping them safe until they calm down.



God is always with us. It's easy to quote Jesus from Matthew 28:20b "And surely I am with you always, to

the very end of the age." but it's very different to experience it. If you're so far down, there's nowhere else to go and you're thrashing around in your anger then you experience Jesus being there with you - there's nothing like that experience. With His help you realise God

is holding you tightly as you thrash around. Jesus doesn't necessarily change the situation but when you calm down you know He is there with you - understands your anger, feels your pain, has been supporting you while you work stuff out. It both lifts you and stays with you for the rest of your life, becoming an anchor point in your life journey with Jesus.

There's a time lag. God is our Guardian (Psalm 121:5) and always acts in our best interests. Usually anger with God is because we're not getting things our own way and there's an inevitable time lag before we realise that God was right. Sometimes that time lag will only be revealed when we meet God face to face.

Hang onto Paul's reassurance. When we give our lives to Jesus nothing can separate us from God's love and protection (Romans 8:26-39) - not even our anger. Note Romans doesn't say you won't have to go through life's problems and the curve balls it throws at you. It doesn't say you won't feel pain, or escape victimisation or persecution or have roller coaster emotions that end up being angry with God in your distress. Hang onto Romans 8:26-39. Become very very familiar with it so it comes to mind when you are struggling with the situation that makes you want to be angry with God.

Verse for Today - *"He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters." Psalms 18:16 NIVU*

Don



Assisted Dying/ Assisted Suicide Bill

Please write to your MP!

A Bill is due in Parliament in favour of assisted dying, it could be debated and voted on before Christmas.

As a Christian I believe that everyone is created in the image of God (Gen. 1:26) and special (Psalm 8). It is God who gives life and who takes it away. Do we have the right to take our own life or the life of another? How do we respond to the terminally ill, pain and suffering?

Cicely Saunders, a Christian, knew that care of terminally ill patients was inadequate. She had a vision for giving wholistic care to those dying, and out of her vision came the hospice movement - which has continued to be at forefront of palliative and wholistic care.

A big problem with assisted dying laws, as in Canada and elsewhere, is that they go far beyond what was originally intended and have had devastating consequences. In a survey of 13,102 people who ended their lives in Canada more than one third of respondents said their decision was, in part, informed by a feeling they were a perceived burden on family, friends and caregivers. (Guardian).

Please watch, "Better Off Dead" Liz Carr's (the actress) documentary on assisted suicide. She travels to Canada to examine the impact of the most lenient assisted suicide laws. Not only those with terminal illness are being offered assisted suicide but also people with disabilities and those facing social hardship. This is on BBC iPlayer or follow the link: <https://righttolife.org.uk/kaua>

I encourage you to think and pray about this Bill and write to your MP.

Blessings, Mike



God Loves Me