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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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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**10.30am**

**Rev Nike Adebajo**

Our Regional Minister

**Angel Tree Cake Sale**



**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.30am**

**Rev Andy Gore**

We Enrich our Community by our  
Care for Creation

**4.00pm**

**Café Church**

David & Viki

**Paris to Venice and Back  
on the Orient Express**

*What's on this  
Week*

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Jolt 15.30 – 17.00

Monday Prayers 19.00 – 19.45

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Hope & Light 15.45 – 16.45

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

J3 15.30 – 17.00

ART GROUP reschedule to 30<sup>th</sup>

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 13.00

Communion 11.00

J2 15.30 – 17.00

Ukulele Group 18.30 – 19.30

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

## Gospel for the Week

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October:  
John 17 verses 1 - 5

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October:  
John 17 verses 6 - 19

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October:  
John 17 verse 20 - 26

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October:  
John 18 verses 1 - 11

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October:  
John 18 verses 12 - 27

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October:  
John 18 verse 28 – 40

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

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

## **Dronfield Light Switch On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November Craft Table**



Dear Church Member,  
Once again we have been asked to support the Dronfield Light Switch On by running a craft table on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November **4pm to 8pm** at the Civic Hall. Wendy and I would like some help with this please. The organisers (Town Council) would like to know if it could run for the whole event but Wendy and I are only able to be there until 6.30pm. So, we are asking for some general help and also someone to run the table from 6.30 to 8pm if possible. Generally everything winds down about 7.30pm. It is a worthwhile outreach and we would like it to continue. If you can help please let me know as soon as possible as the organisers want to know if they can advertise it as being run for the whole time. All the resources will be provided. Please let me know if you can help.

God Bless,  
Simon



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

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

## **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  
**20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## BMS Birthdays

Birthday wishes and celebrations to **Laura** on 17<sup>th</sup> of October. Thanks to your support, people in Chad are gaining access to support and care that they wouldn't have otherwise.



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



# 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](https://oakes.org.uk/opendays)



## Thought for the Week

*"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 5:11,12.*

Have you ever wondered if you would have the courage to stand up for Jesus if your family, your job, your possessions or even your life, was threatened? I know I have, and I fear I might be found wanting!

1 in 7 Christians around the world face moderate or extreme persecution.

Five years ago this figure was 1 in 9, so the situation is deteriorating. Violence against Christians in sub-Saharan Africa is hitting new heights as jihadists seek to make Africa the first Islamic continent. This is already having catastrophic consequences for the church.

16.2 million African Christians have been displaced by violence and conflict but it seems that nobody in the corridors of power is talking about it! Even when not specifically targeted for their faith Christians get caught up in regional conflicts such as in Sudan and Ethiopia – and are deemed soft targets who can be attacked with impunity.

In Nigeria, more Christians are killed – yes you heard me right – than all the other countries of the world put together! Villages burnt, livestock and valuables stolen and thousands of people displaced to seek refuge in IDP's (Internally Displaced People) camps. Others seek refuge with relatives in another part of the country or live on the streets of a large city where they can

disappear from sight from the Islamists hunting them down. Pastors and church workers are particularly vulnerable but no Christian is safe.

Paul wrote *"To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless." I Corinthians 4:11*

I met a 23yr old Nigerian man last week who in 2012 was sat at home with his parents and siblings watching TV. Loud bangs were heard as their home was invaded by young men wielding guns. Two of his brothers and his father were tied up. "If you are not going to renounce Christ, we are going to kill you today" said the militants. The men refused to deny Jesus, but it came at an awful cost. Their father was killed before their eyes, whilst the two boys were knifed and left to die. Miraculously they both survived. The Muslim surgeon later said "God must love you lots, this can only be God!" as he couldn't explain why his patient had survived with such a terrible injury to his neck.

When asked how we in the UK can best support our persecuted brothers and sisters he mentioned three things.

- 1)** Pray consistently. Our prayers can go where we can't!
- 2)** Link up with an existing organization which seeks to inform and also gives practical aid. This may be the provision of food or livestock, payment of hospital bills, materials to rebuild houses and churches or trauma counselling. If we know the needs we can then pray informed prayers and God may even move us to give financially!
- 3)** Get ready for persecution here in England! The Bible says it will come if we're putting our head above the parapet! Use the opportunity to grow



spiritually and get your priorities right. Do we have a real vision of heaven or are we 100% bound up with the comfortable life we enjoy now on earth? Are we prepared to be disliked or even slandered and targeted?

2 Timothy 3:12 *"In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted".*

Finally, be prepared to lobby those in positions of power on their behalf.

**Open Doors has started a campaign called "Arise Africa". Mike Glover brought a petition to church a couple of weeks ago for people to sign. I have put another copy in the porch in case you missed it, or you can sign online at [opendoorsuk.org/ariseafrica](http://opendoorsuk.org/ariseafrica)**

The petition will be presented to the UK Government, African Union, European Parliament and UN leaders at the Human Rights Council asking for Protection, Justice and Restoration. Please sign.

Helpful Christian organizations are listed below. Why not check them out?

[opendoorsuk.org](http://opendoorsuk.org)  
[releaseinternational.org](http://releaseinternational.org)  
[barnabasaid.org](http://barnabasaid.org)  
[csw.org.uk](http://csw.org.uk) (Christian Solidarity Worldwide)

Anne

## **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/kaau>

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

**Blessings, Mike**