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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 27th October 2024

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10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

We Enrich our Community by our
Care for Creation

4.00pm

Café Church

David & Viki Lax

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

Sunday 3rd November

10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

We Enrich our Community by
Being Salt & Light

Communion

6.00pm

Healing Prayers

6.30pm

Annual Memorial Service

@ St John's the Parish Church

What's on this
Week

Half Term

Monday 28th October

Monday Prayers 19.00 – 19.45

Tuesday 29th October

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 30th October

Art Group (rescheduled) 13.30 – 15.30

Thursday 31st October

Dronfield Together Town Event

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 13.00

Communion 11.00

Ukulele Group 18.30 – 19.30

Saturday 2nd November

SODA 09.30 – 11.00

Gospel for the Week

Monday 28th October:
John 19 verses 1 - 16

Tuesday 29th October:
John 19 verses 17 - 30

Wednesday 30th October:
John 19 verse 31 - 42

Thursday 31st October:
John 20 verses 1 - 10

Friday 1st November:
John 20 verses 11 - 18

Saturday 2nd November:
John 20 verse 19 – 31

"Eat this book"

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

The notices for November & December will be typed by **Heather:**

Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

Angel Tree Cake Sale raised an amazing £159.60. Thank you to the bakers, the helpers and of course all of you who purchased the goodies.



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

Leadership Elections

During the Church Meeting on Wednesday 13th November, we will be holding elections for the Leadership Team. We already have one nomination, that of Simon Russell for the position of Church Secretary. If you would like to stand for the Leadership Team or know of anyone you would like to nominate please let me know by Sunday 3rd November.

David Lax

Refugees & Asylum Seekers in our Area need our Help

In the Sandpiper Hotel in Unstone there are 84 men who desperately need



trousers, jeans, joggers, hoodies, T shirts and jumpers. Also coats, cagoules, hats, scarves, and gloves.

They also need **old working smart phones, bicycles** (they don't get bus fares), **rucksacks** for college and **wheelie suitcases.**

If you can help, please contact Mandy Kemp - mandy.kemp16@gmail.com

Share your Kindness – it's time to Donate



**Dronfield Light Switch
On
Friday 29th 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 29th 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

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.

Oakes holiday centre 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/pendays

Recycle4Charity

Thank you so much for bringing your used ink cartridges (and any new ones which can't be used) and putting them in the box in the porch.

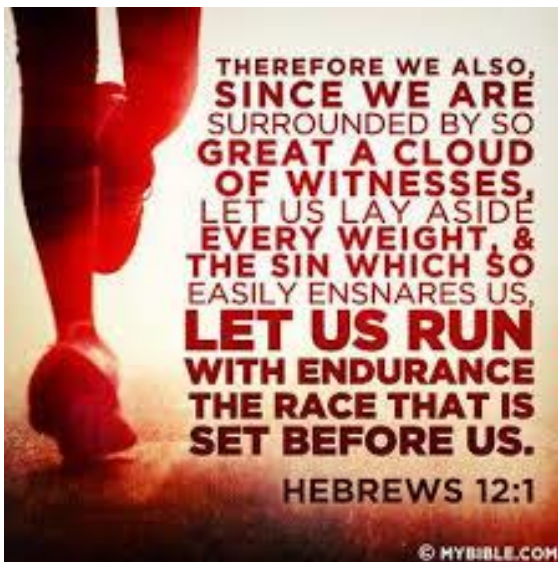
They have just notified me that the box I sent last week has raised £70.90.

The money goes to Medaille Trust, a small charity providing safe housing, training and counselling for the victims of modern slavery. The figure is particularly high this time as there were several unused cartridges which can be sold on.

Well Done!

Anne

Thought for the Week



A LIFE WELL-LIVED

A fortnight ago, I attended the funeral of my uncle up in Glasgow. It was held in the church that my siblings and I were brought up in, became Christians in and served in. My Uncle Thomas and Aunt Isobel had been a couple who welcomed everyone any anyone into their home and made them feel like family. I was sad that I would not see him again and upset for the loss of a husband and father to my aunt and cousins and their families, but I was excited about meeting people that I had not seen for a long time – in fact some of them for 40 years. Many of them come to church through the Boys Brigade in which my uncle was an officer for many years. One of the rules was that if wanted to go the BB or attend the youth club, you had to go to Bible Class on a Sunday.....and this was where many friendships and romances began!

What I was not expecting was the joy and celebration that flowed from the start of the service until the end. The impact of this small Northern Irishman had on the lives of so many people, of all ages and walks of life, was evident in the 200+ people who had come for the

service. His faithfulness in serving God and walking alongside people, giving of his time, his skills, his home and his money was all part of his walk with Jesus. I was seated right behind my Aunt Isobel and marvelled at the way she sang each hymn word for word with the assurance that Uncle Thomas had run the race and would be welcomed into the Kingdom of the Father. For me, it was the just the most wonderful Christian celebration I had ever experienced. It was such a wonderful witness to both believers and non-believers who commented on how happy the occasion was, despite the grief. I reflected for many days, touched by the atmosphere during the service, and asked myself "In what way do I show God's love? Have I been an example in my daily walk with God? Do I show God's love in all areas of my life? Does my light shine?"

I left the funeral saying to Kenny and my family "This is what I want my funeral to be like - a testimony to God's faithfulness and goodness, and the certainty that I have run the race and finished well." It certainly made me think about how I can best use the time I have left, and what things in my life need to change. What about you? Will your farewell be a celebration of a life committed to Jesus?

Hebrews Ch12 v1: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us"

Moyra