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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 6th October 2024



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10.30am

Our Harvest Celebration

Rev Andy Gore

Communion



6.00pm

Healing Prayers

Sunday 13th October

10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

Enabling all to meet Jesus
by the Truth we Tell

4.00pm

Messy Church

7.30pm

Embrace

What's on this
Week

Monday 7th October

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Monday Prayers	19.00 – 19.45
Leadership Meeting	19.00

Tuesday 8th October

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

Wednesday 9th October

Art Group	13.30 – 15.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00

Thursday 10th October

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

Friday 11th October

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
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Saturday 12th October

The Gathering	09.30 – 12.30
Jolly Crafters	10.00 – 12.00

Gospel for the Week

Monday 7th October:
John 13 verses 1 - 11

Tuesday 8th October:
John 13 verses 12 - 20

Wednesday 9th October:
John 13 verse 21 - 30

Thursday 10th October:
John 13 verses 31 - 38

Friday 11th October:
John 14 verses 1 - 14

Saturday 12th October:
John 14 verses 15 - 31

"Eat this book"

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



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.

The notices for **October** will be typed by **Gilli**.
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

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

Gill
Sharon

Richard
Wendy
Arlene

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
Gill**

Offering:

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

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

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

Sandra & Mike



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.

BMS Birthdays



Happy Birthday wishes are sent to Barbara for the 5th of October. Thank you for being part of the BMS Birthday scheme, for making sure that those who have had to leave their homes and their lives behind have access to the support needed to help them rebuild their lives again. See Wendy if you would like to join the scheme.

***Let us therefore bring our tribute
of praise to our creator***

Rule of St Benedict

Found at Rievaulx Abbey by Wendy



Thought for the Week

Recently Anna organised a session of "Godly Play", (which is our new once a month teaching session for young children) for adults so we could see and experience how it works and ask questions.

We experienced "Godly Play" exactly as the children do. The Bible story was a very familiar one: The escape of Moses and the Israelites across the desert, the parting of the Red Sea and their safe arrival on the other side. It involved simple props of sand, little wooden figures and some blue material. The way it was laid out and told drew me into the story in a very powerful way which I hadn't experienced before. This was followed by some simple open ended questions and then an opportunity to play with crafts in any way I liked based on what I had heard, seen, felt or imagined.

The narrated story ended with a group of people standing safely in a circle on the other side of the Red Sea and Miriam dancing in the middle. One of our group said afterwards that they could associate with Miriam and her expression of exuberant worship and praise for their safe deliverance.

That got me thinking, why weren't more people dancing, quickly followed by what we all know happened next. They started complaining about everything, the conditions, the food, Moses, Aaron and God. God reacted angrily and the whole nation had to wander around the desert for forty years and only their descendants lived to see the promised land.

So are we too slow to worship exuberantly and far too quick to

complain? I know I am sometimes. Does the high of Sunday Worship all too often give way to mid week complaining? And are the actions of Christians who like to grumble holding back God's blessing on us all?

A couple of bible texts have spoken to me as well;

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 about responding to difficulties.

And he said: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Matthew 18:3-4 about how we respond to God's word.

And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

I will be really excited to see how our children respond to "Godly Play" and thank Anna for bringing it to us.

Ed

