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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 01st December 2024



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Advent Sunday

10.30am

Communion Service

Revd Andy Gore

3.00pm

Christingle



Monday 02nd December

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Monday Prayers	19.00
J4	19.00 – 21.30

Tuesday 03rd December

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

Wednesday 04th December

J3	15.30 – 17.00
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Thursday 05th December

Coffee Pot	10.30 – 13.00
Communion	11.00 – 11.30
J2	15.30 – 17.00
Ukulele Club	18.30 – 19.30

Friday 06th December

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
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Saturday 07th December

School's Out Dad's	
About	09.30 – 11.00

Sunday 08th December

10.30am

Revd Simon Russell

7.30pm

Embrace

The notices for December will be typed
by **Heather Machin**
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Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

**Don't forget to bring any food for
Christingle this Sunday morning**

Gospel for the week

Monday (2nd December)
Matthew 12 verses 1 – 21

Tuesday (3rd December):
Matthew 12 verses 22 – 37

Wednesday (4th December):
Matthew 12 verses 38 – 50

Thursday (5th December):
Matthew 13 verses 1 – 23

Friday (6th December):
Matthew 13 verses 24 – 43

Saturday (7th December):
Matthew 13 verses 44 – 58

“Eat this book”

“What do you think Matthew is saying to you today?”

Christmas is coming and can you please pray for me in all that I am doing this week to share the life and story of Jesus this Christmas time.

Tuesday - A Christmas uke gig at the Healds Wood Community centre in Mansfield

Wednesday - Taking Christmas works to every class at Stonelow Junior school

Thursday - A Christmas uke gig at Gorsey Brigg school

Friday - A Christmas uke gig at William Levick school

Saturday - A Christmas uke gig at John's as part of the Christmas Tree festival

Thanks, Andy



YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Do you have one Sunday Afternoon in the year free? Would you consider joining the wonderful team who provide a tea at Cafe Church? It is very rewarding and the speakers are always entertaining. Please see Gilli as I am organising the new Rota for 2025



Church Walking Group

This notice is an invitation to come and join our friendly and sociable walking group.

There is a monthly walk on the fourth Thursday out in the Peak District or in interesting areas in Derbyshire or Nottinghamshire. Each walk is surveyed beforehand by the leader and is usually around 6 miles in length. Lifts to the start point can be arranged. **For more information, please see Chris Bygrave**

Lost property



Please reclaim anything you have left behind; we do not have storage space. Any clothing, umbrellas etc which have been abandoned for a few weeks will be sent to the Manor Project if good enough condition, otherwise thrown away.



Friday Night Monthly Fellowship

The next Friday Night Fellowship is on **December 13th** starting at **7.00pm** with a sit-down meal followed by a Bible study. You can stay as long as you want but we normally finish by 10.00 pm.


Please let us know if you can come and of any dietary requirements. You will be made very welcome.

Sandra and Mike Herman



Life are collecting donations of Christmas boxes of chocolates to distribute to those isolated, alone at

Christmas or just in need of cheering up! Please drop off in the porch next to the sign until 11th December. Many thanks!





Women's Social

Tuesday 10th December 1pm-3pm
The Jolly Farmer, Pentland Road, S18 8ZQ

Join other women for a celebratory Christmas lunch & get to know each other better!

Book your place by 1st December with Anna

Thought for the Week

The Fellowship of the Believers – Fellowship.

Acts 2:42 *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

As I said last time, this verse has been referred to as highlighting the three Ships of the Christian life, Discipleship, Fellowship and Worship. This time I am thinking about the second 'ship' – fellowship.

One scripture that always springs to mind in this context, is Hebrews 10:24-25

'and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.'

I guess that illustrates the effect of memorising bible verses which I referred to in my last thought. That verse is always near the surface. It reminds me of how we should meet together, not just to be in a service looking forward and worshipping God. We should encourage one another, and help each other to lead godly, lives in which we serve others. This includes reminding each other to live to Jesus' standards. We should remind each other that these are the last times and some of the dreadful things we see happening around us in the world are mentioned in the Bible as signs of the end, showing that Jesus' return is nearer than it was,

Do you ever look around at church and think 'these are the people I will spend eternity with'? Does it occur to you that you have an opportunity now to get to know the family God has chosen for us and that heaven starts here as we grow

closer to one another now? Is there someone in our 'Fellowship' that you have never spoken to, for whatever reason, or even ignored because you don't think they are like you, or, even worse, you have decided that you don't like them so they aren't worth your effort.

1 John 1:7 says *'But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.'*

Fellowship takes effort, it is a sign of obedience to Christ. Simply, it means thinking of others before yourself, seeing them as Christ sees them, being a loving Christian friend. I encourage you to speak to someone you've never spoken to this week, even just to say hello. Start a friendship that will last into eternity.

Alison Bygrave



God of hope,
awaken our hearts
to You this Advent season
and fill our hearts
with hopeful anticipation
of Your coming
so that when Jesus arrives,
we are ready to receive Him
in our hearts and minds.

Amen.