

**Minister: Revd. Andy Gore**

Church Office Tel: 291856

**Website: [www.dronfieldbaptist.co.uk](http://www.dronfieldbaptist.co.uk)**

**Facebook: @dronfieldbaptist**

**2024 Church Text: "Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end." Hebrews 12:2**

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

**10.30am**

**Gift Service**

**Revd Andy Gore**

**4.00pm**

**Café Church**

**Ukulele Group**

**7.30pm**

**Embrace**

### Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> December

**10.30am**

**Communion Service**

**Revd Andy Gore**

**3.00pm**

**Christingle**



*What's on this*  
**Week**

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Base	18.00 – 19.30
Monday Prayers	19.00
Aftershock	19.30 – 21.00
Eco-Group	19.30

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Art Group	13.30 – 15.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
---------------	---------------

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Who Stole the Myrrh	18.30
---------------------	-------

## **Gospel for the week**

Monday (25<sup>th</sup> November)  
Matthew 9 verses 18 – 34

Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup> November):  
Matthew 9 verse 35 – 10 verse 15

Wednesday (27<sup>th</sup> November):  
Matthew 10 verses 16 – 33

Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> November):  
Matthew 10 verse 34 – 11 verse 1

Friday (29<sup>th</sup> November):  
Matthew 11 verses 2 – 19

Saturday (30<sup>th</sup> November):  
Matthew 11 verses 20 – 30

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

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

## **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



## **COME TO BREAKFAST!**

We would like to invite you to our church breakfast on **Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30 - 11.00am.**

We would love to see you there. If you can make it, please contact Sharon Taylor. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the church porch that you can use instead and to let us know of any dietary requirements.

## **Who Stole The Myrrh?**



Solve the crime on 30<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm. All money raised will be donated to Christian Aid.

**See fliers in the porch for details.**



### **David & Vicki Lax**

Please note David & Vicki do not have a land line anymore.



## **Women's Social**

*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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*



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!

**TAKE ACTION: ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL** on 29th November MPs will likely vote on this. Even top Government officials are very concerned about this Bill becoming law, the latest is Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Darren Jones. He says, *"..My view is that a Private Member's Bill is not the right way to try and introduce a change in law on such a complex issue.."* He says it won't get the scrutiny and debate it should have as would a Bill presented by the Government- he will vote against or abstain. Wes Streeting, the Health Secretary, has already said he did not believe the palliative care system is ready and would vote against it.

Please PRAY and Write to your MP now! Go to CARE (Care, Action, Research and Education) <https://care.org.uk> for more information on how to write to your MP and what to pray. "YOU are the salt of the earth" YOU are light of the world". Let's be salty and shine our light! As Andy encouraged us. If you require more information, you can contact me.

Blessings in Jesus, Mike Glover

### Thought for the Week

*'Lord when did we see you hungry, thirsty, take you in, clothe you or visit you?'* Matthew 25 verse 37

When I returned from sabbatical, one of the joys I had was falling back in love with you as a church and with this town too. It wasn't a case of absence making the heart grow fonder, but the far more robust reason of the love of Christ constraining me to do so. Being given the opportunity to step back, to take stock, to again learn how to be a listening sort of person meant that I was far more receptive to hearing what the Spirit was saying to me when I returned.

When I returned opportunity after opportunity came my way enabling me to deepen and expand how I minister to this town in the name of Jesus and this church. I have always loved doing this because enriching the community is a significant part of who I am as a Pastor and who I believe we are to be as a church as we live out the Gospel here in this town and district. Therefore, this parable is a great example of 'the bleeding obvious' in how we are to live.

Today is Gift Sunday, which is when we give gifts to enrich the lives of people who we will never meet. We do this to support the ministry of Angel Tree to children of prisoners, the Lighthouse Project for the homeless in Chesterfield and the Genesis Project for deprived families in Sheffield. When we give these gifts, my hunch is that we both enjoy it and find it something straightforward to do.

Jesus is being equally straightforward here. The examples Jesus uses in this parable would have been straightforward to all raised in the rich hospitality heritage of Middle Eastern culture. Jesus is not telling tales of the unexpected, in fact people not doing such things would have been unexpected whereas for us, I think, we find such things to be not as straightforward.

One of the biggest ironies when we reflect on what the New Testament says about this is the story of the financial gift organised by Paul in Acts given to the Christians in Jerusalem by Gentile Churches planted by Paul. In the first century everyone who heard about this gift would not have understand the motivation behind it or the willingness to do so. Whereas for us who live in a culture which has been steeped in a mindset of generosity we don't bat an eyelid.

Jesus is once again asking us to learn the lesson of the parable of the Good Samaritan, which is to love our neighbour. We understand the cultural hurdles which interfere with our hearing what Jesus is saying, so may we all clear out our ears and turn up our hearing aids so that we may hear clearly what Jesus is saying to us so that our town may be enriched as we lovingly obey Jesus in all that he says.

The notices for December will be typed  
by **Heather Machin**  
[heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk](mailto:heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk)  
Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.