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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 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

#### Remembrance Sunday

There is no morning service at DBC



The Service of Remembrance will take place at 10.45am at the War Memorial in the Library Garden

**4.00pm**

**Messy Church**

**7.30pm**

**Embrace Youth Service**

### Monday 11<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

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

J3	15.30 – 17.00
<b>Church Meeting</b>	<b>19.00</b>

### Thursday 14<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 15<sup>th</sup> November

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
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### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Who Let the Dads Out	09.30 – 11.00
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### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

**10.30am**

**Mr Joshua Douglass**

**All Age Service**

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

**A DBC recorded service will be available on YouTube from 8.00am this Sunday morning.**

## Gospel for the week

Monday (11<sup>th</sup> November)

Matthew 4 verse 23 – 5 verse 12

Tuesday (12<sup>th</sup> November):

Matthew 5 verses 13 – 20

Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup> November):

Matthew 5 verses 21 – 37

Thursday (14<sup>th</sup> November):

Matthew 5 verses 38 – 48

Friday (15<sup>th</sup> November):

Matthew 6 verses 1 – 18

Saturday (16<sup>th</sup> November):

Matthew 6 verses 19 – 34

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

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

## **Leadership Elections**

The next **Church Meeting** is on **Wednesday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm**

We have 2 nominees for election to Leadership. **Simon Russell as Church Secretary and Alison Simpson as a Deacon.**

If anyone would like a postal vote, please let David Lax know

## **Arty Crafters Exhibition,**

Dronfield Hall Barn,

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> to Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 10.00-16.00

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00-14.00

**Chris, Anne and Norman all have work for sale.** Do drop in to see us

**Coffee Pot** raised £100 for Macmillan in September and is raising money for Bluebell Wood in November.



## **COME TO BREAKFAST!**

We would like to invite you to our church breakfast on **Saturday November 30 2024, 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.



**Meet for Breakfast**



## **Who Stole The Myrrh?**

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



**Tickets for those wishing to take part are available at Geoff's DIY ONLY, priced £5 each.**

**PLEASE PAY IN CASH.**

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

## **Extraordinary Women**



**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**10.30am – 12.00noon**

**"He's in the Room"**

**Talk by Louise Davies**

## Men's Night Out

The Next Men's Night Out will be on Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at The Royal Oak at Coal Aston.

Everyone is welcome to come along and chat and then join in the Quiz at about 9.15pm

### GIFT SERVICE



One of the projects we support through our Gift Day is the Lighthouse Project in Brimington providing accommodation for the homeless. I asked

them what would be most helpful for the people they support and they suggested the following:

- Warm Socks
- Warm Gloves
- Warm Hats
- Treat food of a quality that you would like to give or be given at Christmas time
- Toiletries - such as toothbrushes and toothpaste in particular.

Thank you for your kindness in supporting this project Andy

### Thought for the Week

#### What is truth?

A couple of weeks ago Andy started his sermon with the question posed by Pilate "*What is truth?*" John 18:38. This got me thinking about another 2 verses "*Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.*" Isaiah 5:20 "*When he (**the devil**) lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the **father of lies.***" John 8:44 The devil is very active in our society spreading lies and we need to be on our guard.

Of course, we all need to be people who speak the truth, but this thought is about lies which surround us in our everyday lives.

Some are very blatant though they can still catch us and many others out; scams, false reviews, misleading adverts Fake news is all around us. It is not new (consider the witnesses at Jesus trial, or the 10th commandment), but it is perhaps far easier to produce and spread in these days of the Internet and social media.

But we also need to be aware of the **more subtle influences** at work We tend to accept major news providers like the BBC as reliable, but do we stop to think about who chooses what is reported on, and whose viewpoint is favoured? We only get to hear what they choose and that gives a distorted picture of the world. As an example, the Arise Africa petition (which you can still sign in the church porch!) is raising awareness of the vast scale of persecution of Christians in parts of Africa, but have you seen this reported in mainstream news? Another area which concerns me is television. The Soaps are supposed to reflect normal life, but do they actually promote certain forms of behaviour as being normal and thus influence the way society develops? Reality shows and competitions select the competitors, but they ensure that certain minority groups are over-represented, again giving a distorted picture of society. If a clergyman appears in Midsomer Murders he will always be evil or a laughing stock! Some misinformation is even more subtle. Political Correctness tries to force us to accept certain views as correct, and many are afraid to speak out. Words gradually change their meanings; this is normal and usually innocent but some changes are more deliberate. The word gay used to mean light-hearted and

carefree. It was subverted to convey the message that abandoning conventional moral standards was the way to become happy. Lately the word wicked has come to mean very good and exciting. This may seem harmless but it supports the view that there are no absolute rights and wrongs. Wicked no longer means evil! I am sure you can think of other examples.

**So how do we respond?**  
**Jesus said "I am ... the truth"** John 14:6

This is our foundation; we need to spend time getting His perspective on the issues we face.

St Paul said *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed** by the renewing of your mind.* Romans 12:2

And the Palmist wrote '*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law*' (Psalm 119:18).

Do you know what Jesus says, what The Bible says, about marriage, divorce, homosexuality, gender fluidity, abortion, "Assisted dying" (to be debated and probably voted on in parliament on 29th November) and other issues. If we don't think through these issues, we will find it harder to be "salt and light" in Dronfield as Andy was taking about in his sermon last Sunday.

Good starting points are regular Bible reading and prayer, discussion with fellow Christians and seeking out reliable sources of information, perhaps from churches and Missionary societies.

**Jesus said "I am ... the truth"**  
Chris Turk