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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 08<sup>th</sup> December 2024



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**10.30am**

**Revd Simon Russell**

**7.30pm**

**Embrace**

### Monday 09<sup>th</sup> December

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Base	18.00 – 19.30
Monday Prayers	19.00
Aftershock	19.30 – 21.30
Men's Night Out	20.00

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Art Group	13.30 – 15.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
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### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Jolly Crafters	10.00 – 12.00
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### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

**10.30am**

**Family Carol Service**

**Mrs Zania van Schalkwyk**



## Gospel for the week

Monday (9<sup>th</sup> December)

Matthew 14 verses 1 – 12

Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup> December):

Matthew 14 verses 13 – 36

Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup> December):

Matthew 15 verses 1 – 20

Thursday (12<sup>th</sup> December):

Matthew 15 verses 21 – 28

Friday (13<sup>th</sup> December):

Matthew 15 verses 29 – 39

Saturday (14<sup>th</sup> December):

Matthew 16 verses 1 – 12

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

What do you think Matthew is saying to you today?



**A huge thank you** to the breakfast team, Sharon, Phil, Gill, Roger, & Pauline for an

outstanding breakfast on Saturday. Great atmosphere, and opportunity to meet others within our Church Fellowship.

**Thank you.**

**FOOD**  
Fellowship

### **Friday Night Fellowship**

The next Friday Night Monthly Fellowship is a **Bring & Share Social** this Friday **Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.** You will be made very welcome.

**Sandra and Mike Herman**



**Andy's Advent Diary** - please pray for him this week as he seeks to share the life and story of Jesus this Christmas time.

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

✚ Christmas RE Workshops at Lenthall Infant school

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

✚ Christmas RE workshop at William Levick (Year 3)

✚ At the William Levick Years 1 - 3 concert

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

✚ Christmas RE workshop at William Levick (Year 6)

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

✚ Ukulele Christmas Gig at the Green Care Home

✚ Christmas RE workshop at William Levick (Year 5)

### **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.

### **Men's Night Out**

The next men's night out will be on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8pm at The Royal Oak, Coal Aston. Come and join us for a chat to get to know each other and then join in the quiz. All are welcome



**YOUR  
CHURCH  
NEEDS  
YOU!**

### **Café Church**

Do you have one Sunday Afternoon in the year free?

Would you

consider joining the

wonderful team that provides 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!**



### **Coffee Pot Help**

Coffee Pot are looking for people to come and help out on a Thursday,

it does not have to be every week.

They are also looking for people who could bake as well, again it doesn't have to be every week.

This is due to losing a member of the team in January. So, to keep the group going they are looking for help.



### **Christian Aid Event – Who stole the myrrh.**

The sum of £220 was raised which will go to the current appeal from Christian Aid, for Gaza. The feedback from participants was good too. A fun night out. Congratulations to the winners, the Birch family. Thank you particularly to the folk from DBC who came along together with people from other churches which was good to see. The

food was great and for those who assisted in any way towards the success of the evening a big thank you. What a wonderful fellowship, when the time came to reinstate the chairs in the church, all played their part in taking away tables and rearranging the chairs. So thankful to you all, it saved us the extra task!

You have the additional knowledge that your contributions will go towards helping the folk in Gaza especially at this time of the year.

Blessings, Raymond & Arlene



God of peace,  
instill in us Your peace  
that surpasses all understanding.  
As we prepare for His coming,  
make us instruments of Your peace  
and help us to find rest  
in the Prince of Peace,  
Your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### **Thought for the Week**

#### **What is faith?**

We can always hide behind the definition - "Faith is confidence or trust in a person, thing, or concept" but it made me think.

It takes faith to be agnostic, atheistic, humanistic, new age, pagan or Christian but what stands out about Christian faith?

Christian faith begins with choice. (John 20:27b) No one can force faith on you. You can't inherit it. You can't buy it. You can't sell it. You can't swap it. Yet everyone lives by it. Faith is how we live our lives. A silly example but every time we walk into a room, we have faith the ceiling will stay up and the walls not collapse. Christian faith begins with the choices we make about Jesus.

Christian faith does not have to explain everything. If everything was explained it would not be faith. Faith needs a degree of uncertainty otherwise we couldn't make meaningful choices.

Christian faith is strengthened by stickability. (Hebrews 3:14). Faith can last a lifetime or 30 seconds. Take the "butterfly mind" - having faith in the latest thing or interest. The butterfly has faith in something until the next attraction. Faith is always there - just always changing. Christian faith needs stickability or tenacity or perseverance to see things through to completion. Even under stress you stick at it.

Christian faith is rational and consistent. It means our choices tend to reinforce each other. It's rarely rational to do a complete about turn which is why we can only introduce folk to Jesus and have to leave the conversion to the Holy Spirit.

Christian faith gives hope. (2 Corinthians 5:7) Hope is a far ranging, wide concept. Many had hope in the England men's football team. Many have hope for personalities or teams in sporting events like the Olympics. Hope is the way you look at the future, based on past experience and then how it affects the way you act. Hope is a rational and consistent response to faith - the inspiration for faith lived out.

Christian faith depends on personal experience. Experience reinforces choices, stickability and hope. My experience is that I would not be a Christian if I did not recognise God's presence in my life from the age of 16 when I gave my life to Jesus. My faith in God for the future is therefore a no-brainer.

What do you think about faith?

**Verse for Today** - "Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." 1 John 5:5 NIVUK

Don

### **Assisted Dying Bill**

Parliament voted to progress the assisted dying bill, sparking the next stage in the battle to protect life and dignity for the most vulnerable. Both sides of the debate were carried out with compassion and courtesy. When the result of the debate was given, there was sober silence. This reflected the gravity and paradigm shift of this bill - from the sanctity of human life to "my right to die".

Not one of us wants people to suffer, we want to see vast improvement in palliative care so they don't, and we want to protect the vulnerable from feeling the pressure to die because they are not valued or cost effective. *"By 330 votes to 275, following less than five hours of debate, the vote split traditional party divisions to back the proposed bill to permit assisted dying. This does not mean it has become law, there are various procedures it has to go through before it returns to Parliament in Spring*

*to be voted on again, and then it goes to the House of Lords. A significant number of MPs who voted for the law expressed concerns about some of its features and noted the insufficiency of its safeguards, as well as MPs who did not vote at this stage. it is not a foregone conclusion that it will become law."* Danny Webster (Evangelical Alliance).

One of the most notable contributions during the debate came from Labour MP Florence Eshalomi, who concluded her speech with these words: *"My late mother lived with chronic illness all her life, and I knew that one day her pain would be too unbearable for her, but she did not let that limit her. She wanted to live. I do not believe that the Bill would protect the wishes of people in her situation, because freedom in death is possible only if we have had freedom in life. How can we possibly be satisfied that this Bill will deliver equality and freedom in death when we do not yet have it in life?"*

Thank you to all those who have prayed and have written to your MP's. I will aim to keep you informed.

Blessings, Mike Glover

## **North East Derbyshire Refugee and Asylum Seekers Support group**

The government is now processing asylum claims much more quickly, with many asylum seekers both getting refused and also accepted. Unfortunately, when they become refugees and get Leave to Remain the responsibility for finding accommodation passes to the council like any homeless person. Locally, refugees are quickly ejected from the Sandpiper hotel and they have nowhere to go whilst the

council processes their case. They can then end up on the street.

If anyone thinks they have a spare room and can put up a refugee for a few days while Pathways are phoning round all housing associations please get in touch. There are a lot of men with Leave to Remain being evicted from the hotel within the next couple of weeks. The council cannot help.

We are trying to avoid people being on the street and are also concerned about what will happen over Christmas when agencies are closed.

If you have a caravan this would be better than the street.

Many Thanks, Mandy Kemp

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