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**2025 Church Text: I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's Love. Ephesians 3 v17 & 18**

## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025



### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

**10.30am**  
**Revd. Dave Criddle**  
**Lent 1**

**4pm**  
**Messy Church**

**7.30pm**  
**Embrace**

### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

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

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

J3	15.30 – 17.00
Art Group	13.30 – 15.30

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Coffee Pot	10.30 – 12.30
Communion	11.00 – 11.30
J2	15.30 – 17.00
Ukulele Club	18.30 – 11.30

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
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### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March

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### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

**10.30am**  
**Revd. Andy Gore**  
**All Age Service**

'The Ministry of Love'  
Ephesians 1:1 – 2 4:11 – 16  
1 Timothy 1:3 – 5

**Lent 2**



*Angel Tree*

*Cake Sale after morning service*

**6.30pm**  
**Churches Together Resonate**  
**St Philip's Church**

The Notices for **March and April** will be  
typed by Chris Harrop.  
[chrisharrop@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk](mailto:chrisharrop@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk)  
Please send by Wednesday.  
Thank You

## Gift Aid

**The Giving page is now live** on the church website. May everyone please complete a new Gift Aid form online. Paper copies are available in the front porch.

Please fill these in and hand in to Temby or Richard Armstrong.



## Skills for Hire for Angel Tree

Do you have a skill for hire?

Could you offer to mow a lawn, shopping, childminding, dog walking, tip run, clothes

alterations/mending, computer help, car wash, fix something that's broken, general gardening.....or something else?

A donation made towards Angel Tree would help bring smiles to some young faces again this year.

If you are able to offer a skill to share, please let Marilyn know and we will hopefully be able to build up a bank of skills for hire to share.

Thank you! Marilyn 07960 505995  
mal.fenn24@gmail.com



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## Craft Fair

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**10am - 2pm**

**at Dronfield Baptist Church**

Tea • Coffee • Homemade Cakes

• Local crafters & makers

Raising funds for Angel Tree

Providing Christmas presents for children whose parents are in prison

For more info or to book a stall please contact: Linda



.....Alongside the craft fair there will be children's activities, face painting, paper crafts, name the teddy, 'Guess How many sweets?'

## Letter of the Week

Monday (10<sup>th</sup> March)

Galatians 3 verse 23 – 4 verse 7

Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup> March):

Galatians 4 verses 8 – 20

Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup> March):

Galatians 4 verse 21 – 5 verse 1

Thursday (13<sup>th</sup> March):

Galatians 5 verses 2 – 15

Friday (14<sup>th</sup> March):

Galatians 5 verses 16 – 26

Saturday (15<sup>th</sup> March):

Galatians 6 verses 1 – 18

## "Eat this book"

"What do you think Paul is saying to you today"

## Extraordinary Women



### WHERE

Dronfield Baptist Church  
Stubley Lane, S18 1PE

### WHEN

Saturday 22nd March 2025  
10:30am-12noon

*"He's in the Room"*

Talk by  
**Louise Davies**



Next Date:  
24th May 2025

Contact us for more info  
extraordinarywomen@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk  
01246 291 856

Hosted by  
**dronfield**  
baptist church

## Christian Aid - Lent

As you will all be aware **Lent begins on Wednesday 5th March** this week. As a result of our becoming more of a cashless society the monies coming from the Christian Aid boxes themselves will be somewhat diminished. It goes without saying however, that for those of you who do have boxes, please continue to put monies in them and at the end of the Lent period hand them in to me. As an alternative suggestion I wonder if folk would consider say giving £1 a day for the period of 40 days or alternatively any donation would be most welcome. If you are considering one of these options at the end of the period, please let me have a cheque for your donation made payable to Dronfield & District Churches Together.

Please do not make it payable to Christian Aid itself, we share banking facilities with this organisation as we do not have a bank account of our own. Please give generously. Ray Thompson



### BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME

**Happy Birthday** to Charlie Gore on 11<sup>th</sup> March, Charlie contributes to the BMS birthday scheme, which supports medical work and health ministries across the world.

If you are interested in joining this scheme, please contact Wendy



## Lifts Needed

As Jonathan is having a knee replacement on March 20<sup>th</sup>. He will not be able to pick Monica & Tilly up for Thursday coffee pot & communion. Monica is picked up at 10.15am & then Tilly.



They also need a lift home at about 11.30ish. If anyone can help, please can they speak either to Jonathan or myself for more details of what is required.

He can do the 20<sup>th</sup> as his op is late afternoon. Then he won't be able to drive probably for 6 weeks.

Thank you, Jill

## CONCERNS OF ASSISTED DYING BILL COMMITTEE CHANGES.

There has been much criticism of the Committee by the media and MP's across the parties. Here is just a couple of examples:

Kim Leadbeater has decided to do away with her own much promoted safeguard and dispense with the need for someone's death to be signed off by a High Court Judge. This was one of the main reasons many MPs voted for the Bill. Now it is to be a panel of experts overseen by a Voluntary Assisted Dying Commission led by a Court Judge which means the impartial and legal safeguard of a Court Judge signing off individual cases will be missing.

The Bill has been criticised particularly over the definition of terminal illness; currently someone would only be able to access Assisted Suicide if they were a consenting adult over 18 years old, and had a terminal illness which meant that they had under 6 months to live, according to a doctor's prognosis. However, in other jurisdictions around the world, this has meant Assisted

Suicides being greenlit for conditions which would not normally be thought of as terminal illness, including diabetes, arthritis and anorexia. Labour MP Naz Shah proposed an amendment which would have clarified that someone who "would not otherwise" qualify as terminally ill "shall not be considered to meet those requirements as a result of stopping eating or drinking." But this amendment was rejected by a majority of the Committee.

The arbitrary "six months to live" is being put forward on the Committee by some as could be less than six months. So the slippery slope is actually being seen in the Committee Stage. Sadly this Bill is being rushed through and expected to be voted on in Parliament in April.

If you have not yet contacted your MP, please do so now by using the online tool available [here](https://righttolife.org.uk/) or <https://righttolife.org.uk/>. Or for more information you can speak with me. Thank you for your prayers and writing to your MP. Blessings, Mike

## **Thought for the Week**

### **Money**

We have heard quite a bit about church finances recently so I thought I would look at what The Bible has to say about money. It turns out there is a vast amount! So I have picked out just a few texts to consider:

***Jesus said you cannot serve both God and money*** Matthew 6:24  
***For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.*** 1 Timothy 6:10

There is no suggestion that there is anything wrong with having money, it is entirely our attitude to it that matters.

***'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the Lord Almighty.*** Haggai 2:8

This one is a reminder that I am not really giving God a bit of MY money, only deciding how much of what He has given me I will spend on myself! God

loves to give generously and it is right to enjoy His gifts, spend enough on ourselves to live well, have holidays..., and also to provide for our families' future. But we also need to be generous in what we give. When someone gives you a gift, they hope you will enjoy it, not give it away! But some gifts are meant for sharing!

***Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple.*** Malachi 3:10

I was brought up with the idea of "tithing", based on the Old Testament teaching - one tenth of everything I receive should be given to God. I still believe this is an excellent starting point but it is **only** a starting point! The **tithe** was required, but on top of this was the **sin offering**, the **thanks offering** and numerous other special offerings! Obviously we don't need to make a sin offering, but perhaps the thanks offering should be much greater!

***You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."*** 2 Corinthians 9:7

***On the first day of each week, you should each put aside a portion of the money you have earned. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.*** 1 Corinthians 16:2

So we need to pray about our giving, plan it and put it aside

A few practical suggestions

1. Giving is a priority. I find it best to separate it out as soon as possible. I use standing orders, some to specific charities and some into a Charities Aid Fund account for distributing later.
2. Make use of Gift Aid where possible. There are few areas



where we can directly control the Government, but we can make them give money to the charities we support!

3. Give a lot of thought to who you support. Probably our first and greatest obligation is to our own church. After that, consider specifically Christian organisations which will get less public support.
4. It is not possible to give to every need. A significant gift to an organisation you really care about and pray for is better than lots of little gifts.
5. Be generous and spontaneous with extra unplanned giving.
6. We also give in many other ways than simply sending money: hospitality, food parcels, giving lifts, bringing stuff in for groups, not claiming all our church expenses, sponsoring walks...

Nicky Gumbell: ***Your attitude towards money is a barometer of your whole outlook on life.***

John Wesley: ***Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can.***

So to finish let's read the full text of Malachi 3:10

***Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!***

Chris

## **Church Life**

**The Pastoral Team:** The members of the pastoral team are here for you and 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.

### **Please note new email address**

**Email:** [pastoral@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk](mailto:pastoral@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk)

Or speak to us directly or use the Church Address book to contact one of us individually.

Gill Smith

Sharon Taylor

Richard Armstrong

Wendy Temple

Arlene Thompson

**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 Bygrave** Tel: 415494

[alisonbygrave@hotmail.com](mailto:alisonbygrave@hotmail.com)

**Gill Smith** 07850 407636

[gillsm2012@gmail.com](mailto:gillsm2012@gmail.com)

### **Hymns and Songs:**

Joyful Noise would like to hear of any songs that are particularly meaningful to you and could be included in our Sunday Worship. Please put any requests in the black box in the porch.

### **Offering:**

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

**How are we doing?:** Please give any feedback on church life to a member of the leadership team.