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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 08th June 2025



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10.30am

Family Worship

Revd Nike Adebajo



7.30pm

Embrace Youth Service

Monday 09th June

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Base	18.00 – 19.30
Monday Prayers	19.00 – 19.45
Aftershock	19.30 – 21.00

Tuesday 10th June

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

Wednesday 11th June

Art Group	13.30 – 15.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00
Church Meeting	19.00

Thursday 12th June

Coffee Pot	10.30 – 12.30
Communion	11.00
J2	15.30 – 17.00

Friday 13th June

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Beginner's Ukulele	14.15 – 15.00

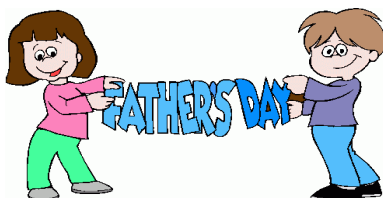
Saturday 14th June 19.00
"Testament of a Troubadour"
See separate notice

Sunday 15th June

10.30am

All-Age Worship

**Gill Smith and
Wendy & Simon Temple**



Gospel for the week

"Eat this book"

Monday (9th June)

Romans 1 verses 1 – 17

Tuesday (10th June):

Romans 1 verses 18 – 32

Wednesday (11th June):

Romans 2 verses 1 – 16

Thursday (12th June):

Romans 2 verses 17 – 29

Friday (13th June):

Romans 3 verses 1 – 20

Saturday (14th June):

Romans 3 verses 21 – 31

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



The Church
Fellowship
Meeting is on
**Wednesday at
7.00pm**

Food & Fellowship



Food & Fellowship at The Herman's

The next two dates for a meal at 7.00pm followed

by a time of fellowship are:

This Friday June 13th with a study

Friday July 11th. Social

You will be made welcome just let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

Sandra & Mike Herman

At 7.30pm this Monday evening

Joshua is undertaking an Ice Bucket Challenge, aiming to raise at least £500 for Angel Tree.



You can donate a minimum of £3 to throw a bucket of ice over his head or simply donate to show your appreciation.

Donations can be

made to Joshua or via JustGiving.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/icebucket-4-angeltree>



"Testament of a Troubadour"

Stories of journey and faith, in word and song with Ian Price, singer, songwriter and priest

**Saturday 14th
June at 7.00pm**

Refreshments served - Free tickets from Anne Turk

Ian at ianp@dronfieldteamministry.org



Please note:

Andy is on holiday from 12th – 19th June. For any issues, please contact the church secretary or any other member of the leadership team.



To all the fantastic people of Dronfield Baptist Church

Sian and I wish to extend to you all, our deepest gratitude for all of your kind and loving words, your prayers, your cards,

your generous gifts and incredible support that you have given to our family throughout the pregnancy and birth of baby Oscar Ian Douglass.

As I am sure you're aware by now, Oscar FINALLY arrived on the 12th May at 02:11, weighing 7lb 13oz.

The delivery was not the most straightforward of things and many hushed words and looks were exchanged between hospital staff as we waited on the eventual delivery, which ended up being no more than 90 seconds from being a category 1 Caesarean. Thankfully, Oscar readied himself in the nick of time and was delivered in theatre by way of forceps.

Although almost nothing went according to plan, we remained calm and secure in the knowledge that God was with us throughout the seeming aeons that labour lasted and we are incredibly thankful to have been blessed by the Lord with this special gift of new life and to be surrounded by such a wonderful family of brothers and sisters in Christ in which little Oscar and Dylan will both be raised.

May you all be bestowed with an abundance of blessings and prosperity throughout your lives.

Many thanks, The Douglass Family

It's Sparkle Time!!



This year at least 10 of us will be donning pink bunny ears, tutu's and will sparkle along the streets of Chesterfield raising funds for Ashgate Hospice. It's a magical evening and

fun to do, but has its serious side too. Please sponsor us. There is a large A3 sheet for those that prefer paper to logins. Our Just Giving Page is under the name of Dronfield Baptist for Ashgate Hospice. We are made up of Church Members and Members of the Ukulele Band.

Thank you for your generosity both for 2025 and in the past.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/gilligore-2?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_transaction_received--nth_donation&utm_content=f1d1db7f-b2e6-4ac5-a4a0-ed3d3af7932b&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1749062299930--

Gilli & Andy, Simon & Wendy, Cathy & Mike, Catherine, Wendy, Lorraine and Malcom





Mike Coates and his daughter Helen have been invited to play a thirty minute slot - guitar and flute - in the Soltice Festival at

the Crooked Spire Church on Saturday 21st June starting at 1.10pm. They are playing 8 songs inc Hallelujah , I Don't Know How To Love Him, Unchained Melody And Wonderful Tonight. They would love your support - it is outside (weather permitting) or inside the church if wet.

Assisted Dying Bill

Further debate is expected this month on the Bill and a crucial vote expected.

Please write to your MP again or for the first time - it makes a difference. CARE has produced the following template for you to use and you can add your details and edit it to make it your own. It covers some very important points that have come out of the debate so far.

Email Header - Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill

I was troubled to learn that an amendment to give hospices and care homes an opt out from 'assisted dying' legislation was voted down on the 16th of May.

If this law goes ahead, amazing hospices and care homes that operate with a Christian ethos may be forced to close their doors. This would be unjust and harmful for the communities they serve. I know that many disabled people are worried about the Bill because of the message it sends – that lives marked by disability and illness aren't worth living –

and because of the pressure which disabled people who lack state support would feel to choose assisted death.

It would be wrong to legislate for a situation where it is easier to choose death than it is to access support to live. But this is what assisted suicide would mean for many people. I don't understand why amendments to protect people with learning disabilities have been voted down in the parliamentary process so far. Downs syndrome charities and campaigners have stressed the vulnerabilities of the people they serve in calling for no doctor to be allowed to raise the idea of assisted death with a patient who lives with the condition.

At a time when NHS services in our area are overburdened, and people are waiting far too long for basic care, how can we even contemplate an assisted suicide law? Patients will not have a genuine 'choice' at the end of their lives when they can't get the best standard of care. I don't think the Bill you are looking at has sufficient safeguards, and I agree with the Justice Secretary that it has not had enough debate and scrutiny.

Please stand up for the vulnerable people I have mentioned and vote against it when it reaches third reading.

Yours faithfully,

For more information -

<https://care.org.uk/>

Then go to Topics for Assisted Dying

Thanks for your prayers and action.

Blessings, Mike Glover

The notices for June will be typed by

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Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

Thought for the Week – Alison Bygrave

Although the truths of the Bible are unchanging, the vocabulary Christians use to express them can be very different from generation to generation. Words the Victorians used to talk about their faith no longer communicate anything to 21st century people. Words which used to be 'fashionable' describe principles which have not changed but we no longer understand or use them. However, there are some words which we need to remind ourselves about and learn to live by again.

One such word is perseverance. In our modern age of instant messaging, instant gratification, fast food, road rage, express delivery, we want things now! We don't want to work towards things or wait for something to mature.

Hebrews 12:1 reminds us 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.' Perseverance means persisting in the face of difficulty, being steadfast despite seeming failure or opposition. Perseverance is required to perfect just about any skill. I have heard it said, for example, that to play a musical instrument well, 10,000 hours of practice is essential. That is quite a commitment. You can't just pick a violin up and play with a prestigious orchestra.

Why should we persevere? It is because God wants us to be strong in our faith and useful contributors to his kingdom. As James 1:2 says 'Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything'.

God doesn't want us to be babies, ill-equipped to serve in his kingdom. He wants us to be grown-ups with the tools we need to lead a godly life. 2 Peter 1:4-7 reminds us that the following are the characteristic he wants us to have. God wants us 'to participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.'

As pilgrims through life, we will need to keep going like Christian did in John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, journeying from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. We will have help, we will not be alone 'Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore, have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.' Isaiah 50:7. As Bunyan's old hymn says about our pilgrimage through life.

*Who would true valour see,
Let him come hither;
One here will constant be,
Come wind, come weather
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.*

*Whoso beset him round
with dismal stories,
do but themselves confound;
his strength the more is.
No lion can him fright,
he'll with a giant fight,
but he will have a right
to be a pilgrim.*



