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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 24th August 2025



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10.30am

Revd. Andy Gore
Freddie and Nancy's
BIG Day
All Age Service

4pm
Mr Don Brennan
Café Church

Monday 25th August

Monday Prayers 19.00 – 19.45

Tuesday 26th August

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

Thursday 28th August

Summer Coffee Pot 10.30 – 12.00

Communion 11.00

Ukulele Group 18.30 – 19.30

Friday 29th August

Toddlers 09.30 – 11.30

Beginner's Ukulele 14.15 – 15.00

Sunday 31st August

10.30am

CTDD Service at St John the
Baptist's Church
No Service at DBC

Sunday 7th September

10.30am

Zania Van Schalkwyk
Communion

6pm
Healing Prayers

As most of us know Pam Wass recently lost another family member to Motor Neurone Disease.

In support of Pam and in memory of Kirsty & Jo, today Sunday, there will be a second offering to enable people to donate to the MND Association.

None of us can be unaware of the devastation and suffering caused to MND patients and their family, and the MND Association are desperately seeking ways to treat and combat the disease to improve the lives of those who develop the MND.

Letter of the Week

Monday (25th August)

Acts 3 verses 11 – 26

Tuesday (26th August):

Acts 4 verses 1 – 12

Wednesday (27th August):

Acts 4 verses 13 – 31

Thursday (28th August):

Acts 4 verse 32 – 5 verse 11

Friday (29th August):

Acts 5 verses 12 – 26

Saturday (30th August):

Acts 5 verses 27 – 42

"Eat this book"

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

National week of prayer.

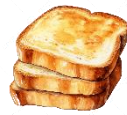
We are once again opening up our prayer room to coincide with World Prayer Centre's national week of prayer in September.
<https://worldprayer.org.uk/resources/national-week-of-prayer-6-14-september/>

We are asking for everyone to sign up for their chosen slot between 8am and 8pm on Thursday 11th, Friday 12th and Saturday 13th September.

Like last time, there will also be a separate sign up sheet for those who want to pray at home or elsewhere. PLEASE make sure you sign up on the correct sheet to avoid confusion. Many thanks. Tricia and Margaret.



COME TO BREAKFAST!



We would like to invite you to our church breakfast on

Saturday 30th August 2025
9.30 - 11.00am

We would love to see you there.
If you can make it, please contact

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



Outing to Old Moor RSPB Reserve. An outing is being organised by The Eco Group to Old Moor on:

Tuesday 26th August. Meet at church at 9.30am.



You can either bring a picnic or make use of the excellent cafe on site. It is a brilliant site for all ages.

For the young ones there is an Adventure Playground, wild play areas, a special family hide. You can hire discovery backpacks and there are family trails and activity sheets. You can also hire pond dipping kits. The hides are also accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs and motorised mobility scooters can be booked in advance. Please let me know if you plan to go - Margaret



The Notices for August will be typed by
Chris Harrop,
chrisharrop@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk
Please send by Wednesday. Thank You.

Coffee Pot and Thursday Morning Communion



Coffee Pot and Light Lunches need to evolve so that we can still provide friendship and faith on a Thursday morning.

If you feel you are able to contribute to this in the future, whether as a team leader, member or a baker at home, please contact me so this important outreach carries on.

We are proposing different teams each week, so that the commitment will only be once a month or possibly less.

Thanks, Andy.

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Christian Aid Book sale – 4 October 2025



Just a gentle reminder of the above so that books you no longer require can be donated to us. Jigsaws are very popular too.

No hard backed books please, unless they are recent ones. No Christian text ones, CDs or DVDs please. Items should be in good condition.

We look forward to seeing you at this event too to refresh your library and sample coffee, tea and homemade cakes. This is the biggest item of the year for Christian Aid locally, so please donate generously. There is so much need in the world at present.

Ray

Church Freezer:



The beginning of September will see the first three months of naming and dating produce in the church freezer. There has been a fabulous effort by those using this facility, thank you. We have some products currently in the freezer, that have not been named or dated.

Please use, name or remove soon!

Many thanks

Gilli

Thought for the Week

Secret Sins

About four weeks ago, I was due to visit my daughter in Scotland to have a couple of nights with her family before the rest of Clan Cameron (16 of us) joined us at the end of that week for our annual trip to the Trossachs. At the last minute the plans changed, and I was unable to go – I admit to being quite annoyed, but God had other plans!

I didn't make any alternative arrangements, Kenny was going away on business and so I decided to just lock the door, draw the curtains and relax. I spent my time listening to podcasts from other churches, reading my Bible and praying. I sang and played worship songs as I cleaned the house – no rushing and no schedule to meet. I felt soaked in God's love from head to toe. I could feel God's peace surround me. I just enjoyed being still.

During one of these days while sitting in the garden with a cup of tea and feeling pleased with how my plants were surviving (I'm not a great gardener) I was thinking how magnificent and luscious

one of my grass plants was looking and was just about to give myself a pat on the back when a slight breeze blew the grass and as it moved I caught sight of something growing at the back and trailing down. I got up, and lo and behold beautiful looking weeds had entwined themselves round my lovely grass. I pulled the weeds out, looked in my hand and thought Well actually, they don't look that bad - but I knew that they shouldn't be there as they would choke the grass.

I felt God gave me a picture of how even weeds (or sin) can look nice on the outside but it's the damage they do as they get right down into the roots and destroy. There are no "big sins" or "little sins". Sin is sin, and only God can see deep within and knows the "weeds" that need to be removed.

The more time we spend with God reading the Bible and praying, the closer we grow to him. This reveals to us what might be called secret sins that don't show on the outside but are taking root inside. During this time, God convicted me of my secret sins and of the need to repent – often these are things we do repeatedly that then become habits.

A chorus that I learned in Sunday School sums this up for me:

"Dig them up, Pull them up,

All the little bunnies in the field of doubt

Envy, Jealousy, Malice and Pride

They should never in our hearts abide"

Moyra

Have you a space in your car?



We are very grateful to everyone who gives lifts to people to come to church on a Sunday morning. I

know that through your kindness people's lives are blessed beyond measure. At this moment there is no formal structure or rota for organising lifts apart from people giving impromptu offers or being asked on an individual basis. I know that this has worked very well but at the same time on behalf of the pastoral team we would like to make a number of proposals:

1 We would like someone to be willing to act as lift coordinator to ensure that there are enough lifts for those who need them.

2 We would like to ask everyone who drives if they would be willing to offer a lift which does not need to be every week.

3 We would like to know who are those who need a lift.

If you able to help with this please see either myself or Gill Smith.

Thanks, Andy