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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 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025

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**10.30am**

**Rev Mike Glover**

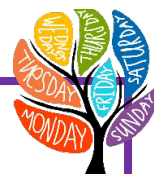
'Jesus - the Joy of Giving'

2 Corinthians 9: 1-7

**OR**

**10.30pm**

**Civic Service in the Civic Hall  
(Rev Andy Gore)**



### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Jolt 15.30 – 17.00

Monday Prayers 19.00 – 19.45

J4 18-30ish 😊 19.00 – 21.30

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Hope & Light 15.45 – 16.45

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

J3 15.30 – 17.00

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 12.00

Communion 11.00

J2 15.30 – 17.00

Ukulele Group 18.30 – 19.30

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Wendy's Toddlers 09.30 – 11.30

Beginner's Ukulele 14.15 – 15.00

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Extraordinary Women 10.30 – 12.00

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

**10.30am**

**Rev Andy Gore**

'Jesus – the Love of Giving'

Ephesians 1: 1-2, 4: 11-13,

Titus 1: 1-9



**4.00pm**

**Café Church**

**With the Dronfield Baptist Church  
Ukuele Band**

**7.30pm**

**Youth Alpha**

Jesus is.....?



## Coffee Pot and Thursday Morning Communion

**Coffee Pot is a wonderful outreach every week, and to continue providing friendship and faith on a Thursday morning we are working towards a slightly different format.**



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 us 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. Please contact Andy, Gill or Marilyn



Pam, Tim and all the family send their thanks and appreciation to all who have donated so generously to MND in memory of Jo and Kirsty. Your gifts will help to fund the research into preventing and treating this genetic disease which causes so much suffering and devastation. Bless you !

The notices for **September and October** will be typed by **Gilli**:  
Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

## Christian Book Sale 4<sup>th</sup> October



Time is getting closer to this event and can I remind everyone to either let me have or leave at Church any spare books you no longer



require. Paper backs, recent hardbacks, jigsaws, and items for the secondhand stall.

Of course it goes without saying that we would love you all to be there to support the work of Christian Aid locally. Over the next couple of weeks we will be contacting a few of you to help on the day itself.

Thank you. **Arlene**

### Letter of the Week

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September:  
Acts 13 verses 13 - 43

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September:  
Acts 13 verses 44 & 14 verses 1 - 7

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September:  
Acts 14 verse 8 - 28

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September:  
Acts 15 verses 1 - 21

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September:  
Acts 15 verses 22 - 35

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October:  
Acts 15 verses 36 & 16 verses 1 - 5

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

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



## Thought for the week

'In him you are also being built together for God's dwelling in the Spirit' (Ephesians 2 verse 22)

I'm rereading 'Animal Farm' by George Orwell for the first time since I was around 15 years old at school. In Animal Farm Orwell satirises life in the Soviet Union under the rule of Stalin because he had become thoroughly disillusioned by the contrast of vision given by 'The Old Major' aka Marx to create a home fit for the workers with the reality under 'Napoleon' aka Stalin.

I am also rereading 'Practice Resurrection' by Eugene Peterson. Peterson, like Orwell, is also tempted to be disillusioned but this time by the reality of the church, something I know we can all identify with. Peterson encourages us when we think and feel like this not to give up on the church but to continue to love her and he does so by teaching us to remember two things.

Firstly, we are to recognise that the church is, to use his daring phrase, by definition painfully ordinary. He's neither being negative or defeatist, instead he's just being honest. For myself I have high expectations for us as a church. I yearn, pray and preach for us to aspire as much as we can to be a people who are seeking to be and to live like Jesus. Yet, I know we are painfully ordinary. But that is okay as this is what I discover when I read the New Testament too.

Secondly, in direct contrast to the first we are to remember that God is at work in and among us and he dwells in us by his Spirit. This does not remove the ordinariness of us all, instead it is in the ordinariness that we discover the glory of God. In 2 Corinthians 4 verse 7 Paul speaks of us as vessels of clay so that we may show even more the surpassing power and glory of God.

Our ordinariness is not an excuse for us to love Jesus in a mediocre sort of way, but to realise it is how people are able to Jesus living in us the clearest. To be ordinary is not to be indifferent or unbelieving in our following of Jesus, it is to be dependent on the Spirit who lives in and among us so that we may dare to believe that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. To be ordinary is to know that we are all fearfully and wonderfully made and it is Christ who is at work in us that we may fulfil his good purpose.

I reread Practice Resurrection regularly for one purpose, to embrace both my ordinariness and to know the glory of Jesus in me by his Spirit. I know that sounds like two, but I like to think of it as one, like two sides of one coin. I reread it so that I may encourage all us not to despair but dare to believe that Jesus really does live in us and that he delights to be seen in and among us.

Andy

## Harvest Festival 12 October



A bring & share a cuppa, chat, & cake after the morning service

## Jolly Crafters

Linda's family will be bringing a lot of her craft things to Jolly Crafters (Craft Club) on Saturday October 11th from 11:30. People are then welcome to take whatever they want after Craft Club has finished and donate whatever they feel they want to, or are able to. Linda would want her things to go to people who loved craft as much as she did and it would mean a lot to her family for them to go to good homes. Any money raised will go to Angel Tree.

**Jolly Crafters will continue to run the second Saturday of each month from 10am - 12 noon**

We mainly do papercraft but welcome any adult to join us with their own craft activity.



**The next dates are,  
Sat. 11th October  
(including an Origami demo)  
Saturday 8th November  
Saturday 13th December**



**A new Fellowship Address Book** will be published in October.

Please contact  
**Heather Machin if you need to update details**

[heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk](mailto:heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk)

For the next few weeks Heather will have a printed copy of the version going forward available for checking on a Sunday morning.

Please try to check your entry with her.  
**If you are not in the address book and would like to be included please complete a GDPR form.**

## Church Life

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

**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.

Richard Armstrong

Gill Smith

Sharon Taylor

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 wither of the following so that the message can be passed on to prayer chain members.

Alison Bygrave

Gill Smith

### 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 notebook on the window ledge in the 'Joyful Noise Corner'.

### 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.





Let your roots grow down into Him  
Colossians 2:7

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

10.30am - 12noon

**Guest Speaker - Emma Heath**

**Dronfield Baptist Church**  
Stubley Lane, S18 1PE

Next Date:  
22nd November 2025

### **UK National Week of Prayer Thank You**

We participated in the UK National Week of Prayer with a planned 36 hours of prayer in the Engedi prayer room last week.

There were 25 hourly prayer slots filled, by 27 participants, some praying at home and the rest in the church prayer room.

We would like to encourage those who were unable to participate this time, to look out for the next opportunity, which is planned for end of November.

God is faithful to meet with us when we carve out sacred spaces in our lives for Him. Thank you

Regards

Tricia and Margaret

**PLAY FOOTBALL  
SUPPORT FOOTBANKS**

### **Football for Foodbanks**

I'm delighted to share that Football for Foodbanks, a weekly game of football, is coming to Gosforth Fields each Sunday night from 5th October 8pm - 9pm for men aged 18+.

If you're unfit, out of practice or just want a kick about, you're in great company and FFF is for you.

If you, your mate, your colleague, your husband, your boyfriend, your neighbour, your partners friends significant other or anyone you know is interested, you are so welcome.

"Football For Foodbanks" is a charity that sets up football games, despite being pretty rubbish at football. We encourage rubbish players, because sometimes there isn't always a platform for them to play.

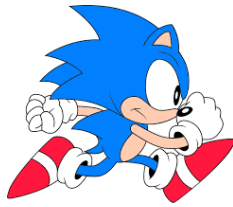
Every time you play with us, a portion of your fees goes towards filling cupboards in your local community. We are proud to be able to say that 70% of our profits go directly to local food banks."

To sign up for each upcoming game, please sign up on the Chesterfield Football for Foodbanks Men's Division [page.boyfriend](#), your neighbour, your partners friends

Will Lee

**"THE BEST PART IS, IT FEELS  
LIKE ANYONE CAN BELONG!"**

On Sunday 28th September, William Lee is running the Sheffield 10k in aid of The Salvation Army's work with individuals and families in crisis and in poverty across the UK.



*"I currently work for The Salvation Army as a specialist in Marketing and Fundraising. It's our work supporting families in crisis that inspires me the most so I'm pleased to raise money for a brilliant cause."*

If you'd like to sponsor Will or find out more about The Salvation Army's work, visit

[justgiving.com/page/wills10k](https://justgiving.com/page/wills10k)

## Missing



angeltree

It looks as if the large, green, Angel Tree tablecloth may

have been re-tidied from its box in the photocopier room. 😊😞 Please let Marilyn or Chris Harrop know if it is spotted around.

Also several Sellotape tape dispensers needed for Angel Tree wrapping day have managed to escape. Anyone spot them? 🛹 Thank You. Marilyn



September is a great month to have a birthday! We send our very best wishes to Tony, Janis, Mike and Alison Thank you for choosing to bless

others on your special day. Because of your commitment to the Scheme you're changing lives and sharing God's Heart for his children on a global scale. Please see Wendy for more information and to sign up to the scheme

## Ephesians 2: 11- 22

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