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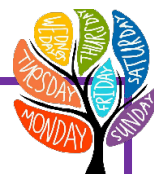
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2025 Church Text: I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's Love. Ephesians 3 v17 & 18

Sunday 28th September 2025



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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

Rev Andy Gore

With our very own

Dronfield Baptist Church Ukulele Band

7.30pm

Youth Alpha

Jesus is.....?

Sunday 5th October

10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

Communion/Godly Play

'Praying in the teeth of battle'

Ephesians 1:15-23 & 6: 1-20

6.00pm

Healing Prayers

Monday 29th September

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Jolt 15.30 – 17.00

Monday Prayers 19.00 – 19.45

Rooted Yr 7 – Yr 13 19.00 – 21.00

Tuesday 30th September

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Hope & Light 15.45 – 16.45

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 1st October

J3 15.30 – 17.00

Thursday 2nd October

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 12.00

Communion 11.00

J2 15.30 – 17.00

Ukulele Group 18.30 – 19.30

Friday 3rd October

Wendy's Toddlers 09.30 – 11.30

Beginner's Ukulele 14.15 – 15.00

Saturday 4th October

SODA 09.30 – 11.00

**Coffee Pot and
Coffee Pot
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 **October** will be typed by **Gilli:**

Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

**Christian Book Sale 4th
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 29th September:
Acts 16 verses 6 - 24

Tuesday 30th September:
Acts 16 verses 25 - 40

Wednesday 1st October:
Acts 17 verse 1 - 15

Thursday 2nd October:
Acts 17 verses 16 - 34

Friday 3rd October:
Acts 18 verses 1 - 21

Saturday 4th October:
Acts 18 verses 22 to 19 verses 7

"Eat this book"

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

Thought for the week

Confidence

Where do you get your confidence?
There are many sources.

Some get their confidence from success. The danger is they can develop an inflated ego - "I did it". They take the credit - I did it by my talent, skill, drive, determination. If we take that to extremes, success and confidence becomes arrogance - even egotistical. Christians can sometimes forget we are merely using the gifts and talents God has given us. Our confidence should be in God not ourselves. We should give Him the honour for the blessing He has given us. "Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe." Proverbs 28:26 NIVUK

Some get their confidence from what others think of them. The danger is they can be tempted to act for the praise of others. Sadly Christians can forget that our only directive, ambition, aspiration, should be to please God - to be in tune with Him in all things. ***"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,"*** Colossians 3:23 NIVUK

Some get their confidence from status. The danger is status can so easily lead to snobbery - a "holier than thou" attitude. Within a fellowship this lack of mutual respect can develop into "us and them" cliques - dividing a fellowship instead of binding it together. Christians should be Christ centred. The WWJD has in many ways become too familiar and started to lose its bite - but it is still our compass. Christians should be focused on, and draw their confidence

from, being more like Jesus. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves," Philippians 2:3 NIVUK

Christian confidence is based in our relationship with God and only that - the rest is smoke and mirrors. We need the Holy Spirit to help us become more and more aware of God's involvement in our lives - from the trivial, to the ordinary, to the crisis. Celebrate the situations where you have had success - give thanks to God. Be encouraged by any appropriate praise others have given you - praise God for the blessing. Continue to mature as a Christian - that's your true status - a child of God. ***"So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,"*** Galatians 3:26 NIVUK

Whatever curve balls life throws at you be confident in your walk with Jesus. Remember everything we have comes from God one way or another - with Jesus by our side we are never abandoned, never alone, always in His presence. Remember Jesus' promise at the end of our Great Commission "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20 NIVUK

Verse for Today - ***"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in humans."*** Psalms 118:8 NIVUK

Don



Harvest Festival
12th October
Celebrate God's goodness with a

cake & cuppa after the service.
Donations of cakes very welcome

Peers warn that Assisted Dying Bill would unleash 'the stuff of nightmares'

Members of the House of Lords debated Kim Leadbeater's Bill over two days due to the number of Peers who wanted to speak. 96 Lords spoke against the Bill, compared to just 53 who supported it and 12 undecided. In a relatively unusual move, the Bill will next go to a Select Committee, before proceeding to the Committee Stage. This gives the Peers the opportunity to collect oral evidence about the impact of the Bill in its entirety, before scrutinising it line-by-line. It will report back by 7th November, at which point the Committee Stage will begin. There will be four days before Christmas when Peers will debate possible amendments to the Bill. The Bill is receiving more scrutiny and debate than it did in the Commons. If there is an attempt to block the Bill it is expected to be in the Third Reading. The contributions to the debate by the Lords against the Bill reiterated some of our concerns and more. They are worth looking at - there is a taster below, if you would like to see more click the link:

<https://care.org.uk/news/2025/09/assisted-suicide-bill-to-go-to-house-of-lords-selected-committee>

"Before the summer, the Bill passed the Commons with a small and decreasing majority. Over the summer, we were given a moment to pause, stop and examine ourselves as a nation. Is this the sort of nation we want to be, where protection is removed for the vulnerable, the poorest, the elderly and those with disabilities; where budgets for health provision can be cut because the vulnerable are being encouraged to

choose death? I can just hear the Department of Health working through the budgetary reductions with the OBR, based on the percentage increase of those expected to choose assisted dying. I believe that this country can be better than this, that we should be having a different conversation and that the palliative care we provide for those who are terminally ill could be developed so that we become a world leader. Now that would be an ambitious vision that would be worth voting for." Baroness Stroud.

Thanks for your prayers and for writing to the Lords, as you can see they listen. Please continue to pray. Mike Glover

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

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.

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

Missing

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



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

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.



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.

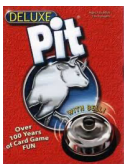
If you, your mate, your colleague, your husband, your boyfriend, your neighbour, your partners friends significant other or anyone you know is interested, you are so welcome.

"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

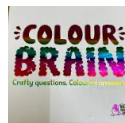
Will Lee



We thought it would be fun to hold a Games Afternoon!

16 November

Bring your own packed lunch and a game (optional) and play! The Snooker Table and Table Tennis will be available too.



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