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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 12th October 2025

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10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

Harvest

After service Cake & Cuppa
Donations of Cake Essential!



7.30pm

Youth Alpha

'What Does Real Love Look Like'

Sunday 19th October

10.30am

Joshua. Douglass

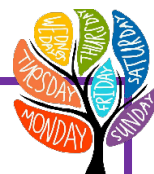
All Age

The notices for **October** will be typed
by **Gilli:**

 **BMS Birthdays** 

12th October – Today! Rev Andy Gore 

 17th October – Laura



Monday 13th October

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
Men's Night Out (Royal Oak)	20.00

Tuesday 14th October

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

Wednesday 15th October

J3	15.30 – 17.00
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Thursday 16th October

Coffee Pot	10.30 – 12.00
Communion	11.00
J2	15.30 – 17.00
Ukulele Group	18.30 – 19.30

Friday 17th October

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

Saturday 18th October

WLTD0	09.30 – 11.00
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Men's Night Out

The next Men's Night Out is on
Monday October 13th at The Royal Oak,
Coal Aston

We meet at 8pm for a chat and then
join in the quiz. Everyone welcome
David

Angel Tree Children's Gifts 2025

Applications from Parents in prison are now coming through. This Prison Fellowship charity, working with HMPPS, is pleased to support Parents in prison keep in touch with their children in this way, and this has shown over the years that partakers in the scheme are significantly less likely to re-offend.

If you are able to and would like to purchase a gift for a child this year, please let Marilyn know asap so that you can be matched up with a request. If you have bought gifts previously, we won't presume that you are automatically in a position to buy again and we don't keep a list of buyers.

Leaflets with information about Angel Tree are in the porch and we shall be able to give you a gift buying guideline. If there is anything else you would like to know, Chris and Marilyn are happy to help and we have gift buying guidelines too.

Marilyn



Café Church

26th October @ 4.00pm

All Welcome, All Age. Come and share
with Joshua and his Testamony

Christian Aid Book Sale



We want to say a huge thank you to all those in the church family who helped us on the day to get this event off the ground. Everyone was extremely helpful particularly at the end when collecting the remaining books together tends to be a headache for us. Despite the dreadful weather and not so many books this year we managed to raise in the region of £600 which is great.



Blessings
Raymond & Arlene

Letter of the Week

Monday 13th October:
Acts 21 verse 37 & Acts 22 verses - 21

Tuesday 14th October:
Acts 22 verse 22 & Acts 23 verses - 11

Wednesday 15th October:
Acts 23 verses 12 - 35

Thursday 16th October:
Acts 24 verses 1 - 23

Friday 17th October:
Acts 24 verse 24 & Acts 25 verses - 12

Saturday 18th October:
Acts 25 verses 13 - 36

"Eat this book"

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

Thought for the week
Psalm 118 verse 1 "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever"

This Sunday, we celebrate harvest to say thank you to God for all his provision. It causes me to think about God's goodness to us as a fellowship. Sometimes we can be so busy focusing on the *negatives*, rather than the many *positives*.

On a long train journey from Scotland last week, this verse came to mind, and I immediately wanted to list *some* of these *positives*.

We have two thriving **Mother and Toddler groups** both of which have run for years and are well known within Dronfield for being excellent.

We have a **Table Tennis group** for both men and women which has trebled in size - so much so they have purchased another table. If you walk through the hall on a Tuesday morning you do so at your own risk as you may encounter a top-spin forehand smash! Despite the two tables, there is always a queue to play, but the waiting time is used for drinking coffee and chatting.

Thursday Coffee Pot continues to run, although in a slightly different way, serving hot drinks and cake, and giving people a place to come and meet up with friends or make new ones.

The **Ukulele Group** continues to blossom, meeting to play and sing on a Thursday evening, adding to their repertoire and preparing for their next performance.

Jolly Crafters and an **Art Class** continue to meet, allowing their creative juices to flow.

On Saturdays once a month we have **Who Let the Dad Out? (WLTD0)** and **Schools Out Dads About (SODA)** giving dads and grandads a chance to bring their children.....without any Mums! The SODA team were pleased to see new faces in the October session

Outside the church grounds, many members are often found in the **Leabrook Valley**, enabling it to flourish and support a wider variety of wildlife. Within the church grounds, we have a small team that, somewhat invisibly, make sure the garden always look good.

What do all these groups have in common? They form part of our **Outreach** to share God's love within our community. Many of the people that come to these activities have no Church-connection, but we hope that they see and feel the love of Jesus as they make new friendships within the groups. This makes the first step of coming to church feel a little easier.

For our children and young people, we have a host of **after-school and evening clubs**, run by Joshua and Zania along with a dedicated band of helpers.

If all of this is Outreach, what other things happen within the church to help us grow?

During Sunday worship, we have our **Sunday School**, including creche, with over 20 there on the first Sunday of October many of them taking part in Godly Play. **Joyful Noise** has brought a new depth to our worship as

they lead in hymns and songs both old and new. Every second Sunday evening, we also have **Embrace** – they are in the midst of a Youth Alpha course with many new teenagers arriving.

We have many gifted and willing helpers who meet-and-greet and create a welcoming atmosphere that is especially important for first-time visitors.....who may already have been served hot drinks before they enter the grounds by our all-weather volunteers! The after-service drinks of course rely on yet another team of volunteers, who create more getting-to-know-you time in the hall. In a similar way, **Café Church** is held monthly and is a different way of “doing church”

We have many **House Groups** that meet throughout the week to pray, study and support.

On Monday evening we have a small **Prayer Group** who faithfully and quietly bring our many needs and thanks to God. We also now have a beautiful Prayer Room upstairs, which is open and available to anyone most days of the week.

On Thursday mornings, our **Communion Group** continues to thrive, not just for our church but is open to all.

Extraordinary Women continues to grow with roughly 50 each time, drawn from 6 different churches in Dronfield, Chesterfield and Sheffield. A recent venture has been tea-and-chat for the same ladies, on a Friday once every two months, making it easier to really get to know each other.

We have a dedicated **Pastoral Team** who visit, shop and manage lifts for hospital appointments. God continues to bless us

with new people coming in every month, with three new members just last week

Then, of course, we have our **Leadership Team** which refreshes itself each year, as some complete their term of office and new deacons are elected. We have worked extremely hard in the last couple of years, spending time in prayer and building strong relationships within the team. We have grown deeper in Jesus as we have discussed and prayed over the challenges that affect all churches. I am so proud and blessed to serve with the brothers and sisters on this team.

I hope you agree that the many *positives* outweigh the *negatives*, and that we have many blessings to count. If some of these activities have surprised you, and you want to know more please talk to any of the Leadership team.

Reflect on these things and thank God for His faithfulness and goodness as we serve within our church and within the wider community as part of our Outreach.

My heart’s desire is that we seek His wisdom and be consistent in prayer for these future days as we continue to grow deeper in love with Him.

Moyra





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
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.

Will Lee

Hall Bookings

We have a couple of ad hoc hall bookings over the next 6 months or so which will necessitate someone letting the group in and locking up when they leave. If you are a keyholder and would be willing to be called upon (you may only be needed once if enough people volunteer) could you please get in touch.

Manythanks
Julia Harris



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

16th November

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



Litter Pick

Dronfield Nature Park

10am-1pm, Thursday, 30th October

All ages welcome to help us make our Park a better place for people and nature.

Free tea, coffee and cake.

Drop us a line to Volunteer@dcrt.org.uk to let us know you're coming so we can make sure we have enough kit and cake for everyone!



Thanks to Dronfield Town Council for collecting all our litter bags



"A great opportunity to care for God's world and bless our local community"

More details from Anne Turk