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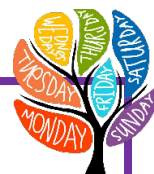
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2025 Church Text: I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's Love. Ephesians 3 v17 & 18

Sunday 5th October 2025



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10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

Communion/Godly Play

'Praying in the teeth of battle'

Ephesians 1: 15-23 & 6: 10-20

6.00pm

Healing Prayers



Monday 6th October

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Jolt 15.30 – 17.00

Monday Prayers 19.00 – 19.45

Leadership Meeting 19.00 – 21.30

Tuesday 7th October

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Hope & Light 15.45 – 16.45

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 8th October

Art Group 13.30 – 15.30

J3 15.30 – 17.00

Thursday 9th October

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 12.00

Communion 11.00

J2 15.30 – 17.00

Ukulele Group 18.30 – 19.30

Friday 10th October

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Beginner's Ukulele 14.15 – 15.00

Saturday 11th October

Jolly Crafters 10.00 – 12.00

Sunday 12th October

10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

Harvest

After service Cake & Cuppa

Donations of Cake Welcome

7.30pm

Youth Alpha

'What Does Real Love Look Like'

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**

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

Harvest Festival 12th October

Celebrate God's goodness with a
cake & cuppa after the service.
Donations of cakes very welcome



Letter of the Week

Monday 6th October:
Acts 19 verses 8 - 20

Tuesday 7th October:
Acts 19 verses 21 - 41

Wednesday 8th October:
Acts 20 verse 1 - 16

Thursday 9th October:
Acts 20 verses 17 - 38

Friday 10th October:
Acts 21 verses 1 - 16

Saturday 11th October:
Acts 21 verses 17 - 36

"Eat this book"

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



New Fellowship Address Book

Please check your entry, if you have an old book, and contact Heather

Machin if you need to update details (particularly any landlines no longer in use)

Any amendments should be received by Heather by tonight 5th October.

If you are not in the address book, and would like to be included please complete a GDPR form

Thought for the week

Why do I go to church?

1. I've always done it, (at 6 weeks old I was taught to sleep through the sermon!)

2. I'm expected to

3. Most weeks I have a job to do on one of the rotas

4. I like to meet up with friends

All excellent reasons and all true!

However, if that is all, it misses the point. We are not just a social club.

Marilyn introduced the service last Sunday by reminding us we were there to worship God and to meet with our brothers and sisters in

fellowship. During his sermon Andy added that we meet together to have the opportunity to give, both financially and in service, but most importantly to share God's love with others.

Throughout the Old Testament and the Gospels there are many references to the House Of God, as the place where God meets with his special people, the Jews.

In Psalm 122:1 David said I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.

Jesus said *It is written, **My house** shall be called the house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves.*

Matthew 21:13

After Jesus resurrection, the Temple as a building starts to lose its special significance, but the meeting together of believers remains central to the lives of the Christians.

AI provides a surprisingly clear summary: Christians go to church to worship and learn about God, find spiritual maturity and community with fellow believers, serve one another, and participate in God's mission to the world. Key Bible verses include Matthew 18:20 ("*For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them*"), Hebrews 10:24-25 ("*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... not neglecting to meet together*"), and Acts 2:42 ("*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer*").

We each need to learn to make this the MAIN focus of our time together. We come together to worship, praise and pray, to listen to His Word and to learn to love each other. We should not be thinking about "What do I get from this service", but "What can I give through this service – to God and to others"

Chris Turk

PS. <https://allendalebaptist.org/church-biblical-reasons> lists 28 reasons for going to church – well worth reading



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 H

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**

Harvest 2025

Our Harvest service is on Sunday 12th October and our harvest gifts are two fold.

Firstly: we will be collecting dried, tinned and packaged foodstuffs for the foodbank in Killamarsh which we have supported for many years.

Secondly: we will be using the harvest materials from BMS for the service itself. The materials focuses on the ministry of 'All4Aid' in Cyprus which reaches out to the many migrants who journey to Cyprus on their way to mainland Europe. The title for this material is 'Refugees Welcome' The video and written material is very thought provoking and gives us a better understanding of the current worldwide refugee crisis and how Christians are involved ministering the love and presence of Jesus to all they meet. I think that it is very pertinent to helping us understand how we should ourselves respond at this time. Envelopes will be available to specifically give to this ministry as part of their harvest offering.



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



Care for the family

Left to Their Own Devices?

Our live event, *Left to Their Own Devices?* Will equip you with practical skills and knowledge so you can stay ahead of the curve and help your children navigate the online world safely and to their advantage.

Tuesday, October 7, 7.30pm

Christ Church Fulwood

Canterbury Avenue Sheffield S10 3RT

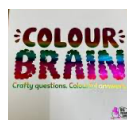
Full details at cff.org.uk/owndevices



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.



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.



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!

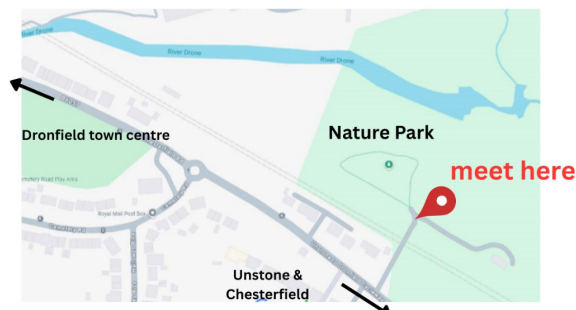


Thanks to Dronfield Town Council for collecting all our litter bags



Make a difference - whatever your age!

Litter is an eyesore. It can turn the Garden of Eden into a rubbish dump. If Covid taught us anything, it was how important our rivers, woods and green spaces are for our wellbeing. More than that, the plastics we leave lying around go down into our rivers, seas and everywhere. That includes the food chain - micro plastics have even been found in our brains. Scary stuff! So let's get together to make a difference by getting rid of the litter in Dronfield Nature Park



Free refreshments

We'll have a free tea, coffee and cake break at 11.30am. Let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

Travel

The 43 bus stops nearby on Chesterfield Road (southbound) and Cemetery Road (northbound). There is parking at the end of the lane to the park after crossing the railway bridge. We'll meet at the end of the lane.

Any queries? Ring Nigel on 07989251333

BMS Birthdays

By supporting BMS through the Birthday Scheme like Barbara, Joyce and Andy, you can help make a difference where it's been needed the most. A forcibly displaced woman on the Greek island of Lesbos was speechless when BMS showed they cared. "In my life, I've met a lot of bad people" she said. "I didn't believe that good people existed anymore". To join the scheme contact Wendy and you too can make a difference to others.

Happy Birthday to Barbara today on the 5th, Joyce on the 8th, & Andy on the 12th



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