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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 23rd November 2025



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10.30am

Revd Alex Harris (YBA)

Family Worship

4.00pm

Café Church

Mr David Lax

A trip around the National Memorial Arboretum

7.30pm

Youth Alpha @ Embrace

"What does a relationship with God look like?"

Monday 24th November

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Monday Prayers	19.00 – 19.45
Rooted	19.00 – 21.00

Tuesday 25th November

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

Wednesday 26th November

Art Group	13.30 - 15.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00

Thursday 27th November

Coffee Pot	10.30 – 12.00
Communion	11.00
J2	15.30 – 17.00
Kid's Prayer Session	16.00 – 17.00
Ukulele Group	18.30 – 19.30

Friday 28th November

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

Sunday 30th November

First Sunday in Advent

10.30am

Revd Andy Gore

"Know your enemy in the battle"
Ephesians 6:10-20, 1:20-23 &
1 Samuel 17:4-7, 26, 32-37

Family Worship / Gift Service

The notices for November/December
will be typed by Heather Machin
heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk
Please send by Wednesday. Thank you.

Letter of the week

"Eat this book"

Monday (24th November)

Revelation 14 verses 1 – 13

Tuesday (25th November):

Revelation 14 verse 14 – Rev 15 verse 8

Wednesday (26th November):

Revelation 16 verses 1 – 11

Thursday (27th November):

Revelation 16 verses 12 – 21

Friday (28th November):

Revelation 17 verses 1 – 18

Saturday (29th November):

Revelation 18 verses 1 – 24

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

At this afternoon's Café church David Lax will share images and memories from a trip around the National Memorial Arboretum



Fellowship Address Book

Individually named copies of the new address book will be available in the porch on Sunday morning.

If you have a copy of the old address book please dispose of it securely, by cutting up or shredding.

If you are unable to cut up or shred your old book, please bring it to church on a Sunday morning and pass it to Heather Machin or Bekki Birch.



Thursday 27th November

4.00 – 5.00pm.

Kids session in the prayer room for reception - Y6.

Activities to engage them with talking to God in a fun, creative way with some refreshments.

Older kids welcome to help go around the different stations with younger ones.



As you are aware Zania is leaving her position with DBC, we would like to mark this with a gift. Therefore, if you would like to give towards this then please place any gift in an envelope marked ZVS and place in the offering bag or hand in to Temby or Simon R.

Mike and Hellie Coates are playing a 1- hour set, guitar and flute, today from 2.30 - 3.30pm at the Crooked Spire Christmas Tree Festival. They would love to see some friendly faces.



Advent Prayer

We are opening up the prayer room again, this

time to mark the start of the season

of Advent. Let's pray, as we wait for the advent of our King and Saviour Jesus Christ.



The dates are as follows: Thursday 27th November 8am-8pm and Friday 28th November 8am-8pm.

The sign up sheets are available in the usual place in the church porch with separate sections for actually being present in the prayer room at church and for committing to pray at home. Thanks so much.

Tricia and Margaret.

The Mystery of Christmas

**Wednesday 3rd December
be seated for a 7.00pm start,
finishing at 8.00pm.**

Come with an open mind to a Godly Play session engaging with Advent in a different way.



Take time out from the busyness to pause, see & hear a Godly Play story, respond and reflect.

CHRISTINGLE

**Sunday December 7th
at 3pm**



Our annual Christingle Service includes as ever a party buffet tea. We need lots of donations please, can you help.

- Sandwiches 2 loaves each of Egg, Ham, Cheese, Tuna.
- Crisps Various
- Sausage rolls
- Christmas buns, tray bakes, biscuits, mince pies.

Please let me know

This is a huge outreach for us, all contributions very gratefully received.

Thank you Gill Smith

BabyBel Recycling.

Unfortunately, the BabyBel recycling scheme is closing.

Please DO NOT put any more BabyBel wrapping in the bin in the porch.



Sorry but at the moment they will have to be put into general rubbish. I will look into what else we can recycle.

Also, the pen and felt tip scheme closed some time ago so again please don't put anything in the bin that was for those. Thanks for your support for these schemes in the past. Margaret Keen.

Thought for the Week

When preparing an introduction for the leadership meeting the passage that came to mind was Joshua chapters 5 and 6. Joshua had been Moses assistant for many years but is now in command, facing his first battle. The Israelites have miraculously crossed the River Jordan but Jericho stands impregnable in front of him. I imagine he has spent sleepless nights trying to think of a way to attack the city, as God has commanded, but without success. Then he sees an armed man in front of him. The obvious question is "Are you for us or against us?" Every time I read this, I am brought up short by the answer "NO!" Commentators often suggest the man may have been an angel, but when he says "I am the commander of the Lord's Army" Joshua falls down in worship. An angel would not have allowed this. It must have been an appearance of Jesus himself. Joshua realises that the situation is, ultimately, not his to handle. Jesus appears, not to support Joshua, but to give instructions. He is the Commander. As we follow the story, we find that God's plan is something Joshua could never have planned himself - walk the Israelites many times round the city, then give a big shout and watch the walls fall down!

As we come to a time of change in the church it is of course right that we spend time discussing and planning what changes we need to make, and how we will continue to staff all the activities. At the same time, we recognise that Jesus is our Commander, and we must be open to him directing us, possibly in ways we cannot imagine or plan for. Ultimately our responsibility is to pray and listen, not be anxious however impossible things may appear to us. There are two

more days of prayer currently planned, so please support them (sign-up sheets in the porch), and pray for His wisdom as we move forward.

Chris Turk