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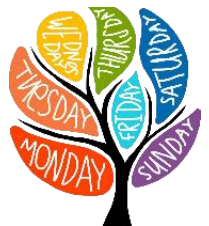
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2025 Church Text: I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's Love. Ephesians 3 v17 & 18

Sunday 09th November 2025



Sunday 9th November

10.45am



**Service of Remembrance
at the War Memorial**



No Service at Dronfield Baptist

7.30pm

Youth Alpha @ Embrace

"Why would I want a relationship with God?"

Monday 10th November

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

Tuesday 11th November

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

Wednesday 12th November

Art Group	13.30 – 15.30
J3	15.30 – 17.00

Thursday 13th November

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

Friday 14th November

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

Saturday 15th November

Who Let the Dads Out 09.30 – 11.00

Sunday 16th November

10.30am

Revd Simon Russell

**All-Age
Worship**



Letter of the week

"Eat this book"

Monday (10th November)
Revelation 5 verses 1 – 14

Tuesday (11th November):
Revelation 6 verses 1 – 17

Wednesday (12th November):
Revelation 7 verses 1 – 17

Thursday (13th November):
Revelation 8 verses 1 – 13

Friday (14th November):
Revelation 9 verses 1 – 12

Saturday (15th November):
Revelation 9 verses 13 – 21

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



It is with sadness that I have resigned from being Chair of the Dronfield Christian Aid group on health grounds.

This will mean the local group looks as if it will be disbanded unless someone is prepared to volunteer to help.

What will happen now is that any events we as a church do during the year will be sent in the name of DBC rather than the Dronfield group.

Arlene and I will still promote their work and if we can persuade a couple of folk to join with us when we organise something in the future that would be great.
Ray



Friday Monthly Fellowship Group

Friday 14th November

Including a meal and a Bible Study. At the moment we are looking at various Biblical characters.

You will be made most welcome at the home of Sandra and Mike Herman. We start at 7.00pm and aim to finish around 9.30pm.

Do let us know if you have any specific dietary requirements.



Men's Night Out

The next Men's Night Out is **Monday November 10th at The Royal Oak, Coal Aston.**



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



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.



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



Saturday
22nd November
10.30am - 12noon

Guest Speaker
Sam Graham
"Are all your
rooms available to Jesus?"

Next Date: 24th January 2026



Angel Tree

A huge thank you to all who have offered to fund gifts and postage costs for the children who have a parent in prison this Christmas. Your generosity is outstanding, encouraging, and humbling. We are sorry that some of you are still waiting to be matched with a child. We hear from the Chaplains that this slow take up from the parents in prison may be due to the government's early release programme, shorter sentences, restrictions on child contact and all the uncertainty this brings. We are hoping that many more names will still come through but it is possible that sadly, not all of us will have a child to buy for this year.

Please be assured that your love and prayers for the Angel Tree venture and all of Prison Fellowship's engagement with HMPPS is hugely valued as a contribution towards keeping families together and to a reduction in the number of parents re-offending.

Copies of the Prison Fellowship's November prayer diary are in the porch for you.

Many thanks again for your care and patience,

Marilyn and Chris



Update on Coffee Pot

The new style coffee pot on Thursday mornings has got off to a great start.

We contributed to church funds £218 in September (4 Thursdays) and £387 in October (5 Thursdays).

Lots of visitors staying to chat, both new friends and not so new.

Huge thanks to all who organise, help and contribute.

If you would like to be part of this ministry please speak to Marilyn or Gill



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.

Mike and Hellie Coates are playing a 1- hour set, guitar and flute, on Sunday 23rd November 2.30 - 3.30pm at the



Crooked Spire Christmas Tree Festival (120 Christmas Tree's) a mixture of Christmas and traditional music.

It would be lovely to see some friendly faces.
Mike and Hellie



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.

Thought for the Week

"He has watched over your journey through this immense wilderness. The Lord your God has been with you... you have lacked nothing."

(Deuteronomy 2 verse 7)

This year another of my heroes who I have journeyed with throughout my ministry has died. His name is Walter Breuggemann and though he was cut from a very different theological cloth to me, I have found him to be an incredibly helpful, thought provoking and soul stirring companion on the way.

I am currently reading one of his books, called 'The Land', and something he wrote really struck me and inspired me. I hope you find it so too.

On Lacking Nothing

Israel discerns Yahweh peculiarly in the desert. He enters into the desolation with his people. He subjects himself to the same circumstances as Israel. He also sojourns without rootage, with his people, en route to the fulfilling land of promise.

Wilderness, landlessness for Israel, is a place without resources. But it is also the place where Yahweh is present with and to his people. Israel characteristically

'looked to the wilderness' and there discerns his inscrutable presence. Wilderness, precarious as it is, is where Yahweh is present. That requires a new discernment of Yahweh. It also provides a fresh understanding of wilderness, no doubt experienced only by those who discern his presence by fully facing wilderness. Others worry about food and death. But the traditions of Israel offer a remarkably different reading of Israel's experience. They draw a bold conclusion "you have lacked nothing."

Israel's reflection on that forty years of landlessness leads to a remarkable affirmation. Wilderness should have been a place of death, but life is given. Wilderness should have been a place of weariness, sickness, poverty, and disease, but Israel is sustained and kept well. Israel has no tattered clothes, no sore feet. It is subjected to the worst thinkable conditions and is kept well. The place of all lacks, because Yahweh is present, is where nothing is lacking.

Wilderness is not the place of destiny Israel or anyone else would prefer. But Israel is a people created in impossibility (Sarah) and sustained against every deathly prognosis. Israel lives only by miracle. It never decides its destiny is landlessness, but it concludes in these traditions that landlessness as a way to land is a bearable, even celebrative event because Yahweh is there with his people. And because Yahweh is there, gifts are given, healings emerge, newness governs, and nothing grows old. It is against all the wise expectations of this age, of all those who would reasonably leave Israel there to die.

As Israel discovered, may we all discover this to be true in our lives.

Andy

Gift Service - Lilies Clothes Bank

In previous years as part of the Gift Service, along with Angel Tree and the Lighthouse Project, we have donated items to the Genesis project.

This project is no more and we are replacing it with Lilies Clothes Bank which is at the Meadowhead Christian Fellowship at Jordanthorpe.

They supply Clothing, Coats and Footwear for men, women, children and babies to those who need it. The items must be in good condition and clean.

It would give the chance for people in Church to look through their clothes and see if they have any unwanted items.

If not, people could buy for about £5 or less items from Poundstretcher in the Civic such as woolly hats, gloves or socks,

Alternatively, people could go into the Charity Shops in the Civic to buy some clothes at a small price therefore helping two places for the price of one.

David Lax

Dronfield Friends will host a Christmas Lunch for anyone not looking forward to Christmas Day on their own (singles or couples). **Lunch with entertainment will be provided for up to 50 people at Coal Aston Village Hall.**

Time to be confirmed, transport can be arranged.