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**2026 Church Text: 'But God.... But Now' (Ephesians 2: 4 & 13)**

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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**10.30 am**

**Rev Andy Gore**

'But God.... I was Dead'

Ephesians 2: 1-3, Romans 3: 19-23



### **Covenant Service & Family Communion**

**10.30 am**

**Embrace**

**Alpha 7 'How Does God Help us to Overcome Evil?'**

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**10.30am**

**Rev Simon Russell**

'Handling Life's Challenges when Faced with Terminal Illness'



### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

Toddler Group 09.30

– 11.30

Jolt 15.30 – 17.00

Monday Prayers 19.00 – 19.45

Rooted 19.00

Men's Night Out 20.00

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

J3 15.30 – 17.00

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 12.00

Thursday Communion 11.00

J2 15.30 – 17.00

Ukulele Group 18.30 – 19.30

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Beginner's Ukulele 14.15 – 15.00

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Who Let The Dads Out 09.30 – 11.00

## Letter of the week

### **“Eat this book”**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January:  
Amos 1 verses 1 - 15

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January:  
Amos 2 verses 1 - 16

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January:  
Amos 3 verses 1 - 15

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January  
Amos 4 verses 1 - 13

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January:  
Amos 5 verses 1 - 17

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January:  
Amos 5 verses 18 - 27

*“What do you think Jesus is saying today to you through Amos?”*

## **Rotas**



The rotas for Sunday worship are now being kept in slim line files on the window-ledge in the porch.

There are two files:

- **One for the “behind the scenes” roles** (Flowers, Welcoming, AV Desk, Refreshments, Offering Counting, Café Church Refreshments).

**One for those taking part in the service.** (Opening notices, Reading, Praying)

**If you feel at all able to help in any of these areas, please see Heather who will put you in touch with the relevant co-ordinator.**



**There will be no Friday night group on the 16<sup>th</sup> January.**

**I am having my hand operation that week.**

**Sandra & Mike**

*(All the best for the 16<sup>th</sup> Sandra)*



**Let your roots grow down into Him**  
**Colossians 2:7**

**Saturday 24th January 2026**

10.30am - 12noon

**Guest Speaker - Dawn Kay**  
**“Journeying”**

**Dronfield Baptist Church**  
Stubley Lane, S18 1PE

**Next Date:**  
**28th March 2026**

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**Men's Night Out**

**The next Men's Night Out is on  
Monday January 12th at  
The Royal Oak, Coal Aston  
We meet at 8pm for a chat and  
then  
join in the quiz.  
Everyone welcome**

**The notices for January & February  
will be typed by Gilli Gore**

**Please send by Wednesday. Thank You**



### **Thought for the Week**

**"BUT..."**

**(Ephesians 2 verses 4 and 13)**

I have over my lifetime gained a collection of unwelcome and unwanted nicknames. At my Grammar school it was 'Gumby Gore', at Portsmouth Poly it was 'Mr P', at Spurgeon's College it was 'Mr Predictable' and at William Levick school it is 'Rev'd Chaos'. Nicknames are peculiar things. I honestly don't like any of them for though they are in one sense accurate, I also know that I am more than what they say about me.

The title for this 'Thought for the Week' won't surprise you and you could even say that it is predictable thus confirming my College nickname as being true. **BUT...**, and this is an important **BUT...**, that's ok. In fact, this may be one of my favourite words for this year and though I

wouldn't want you to start counting every time I use it, that might be a useful exercise.

The truth is, is that this should be one of the words in our Bibles which we should both memorise and apply in our lives each and every day.

**BUT...**, reminds us that we are never to omit God from any equation. To forget or not apply him to any situation is to deprive yourself of your greatest asset. To forget or not apply him to any situation is to hem yourself in without giving yourself the remotest chance of escape. To forget or not apply him to any situation is to commit the sin which Israel committed again and again and for which they were sent into Exile.

**BUT...**, reminds us that with God nothing is impossible. **BUT...**, reminds us that we can do all things through him who strengthens us. **BUT...**, reminds us that the Word of the Lord endures for ever. **BUT...**, reminds us that we can add whichever promise we like to this and know it can be fulfilled for us.

I love the idea of **BUT...** because it fills me with hope, with peace, with comfort, with strength and especially with love for this is what our God is like.

May you know the power of **BUT...**, in your life this day, this week and for always.

**Andy**

(ps I used the word **BUT...**, 9 times in this 'Thought for the Week', or 11 if you include the title and in this ps too, just for your information!!)

