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

Sunday 1st February 2026



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10.00am

Pre Service Prayers

10.30 am

Mr Andrew Crowson

'Vibrant, Vivacious Vassals'

Ecclesiastes 11:1-10

Communion

Godly Play

6.00pm

Healing Prayers

Monday 2nd February

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Jolt 15.30 – 17.00

Monday Prayers 19.00 – 19.45

J4 19.00 – 21.30

Leadership Meeting 19.00

Tuesday 3rd February

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 4th February

J3 15.30 – 17.00

Thursday 5th February

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 12.00

Thursday Communion 11.00

J2 15.30 – 17.00

Ukulele Group 18.30 – 19.30

Friday 6th February

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Beginner's Ukulele 14.15 – 15.00

Saturday 7th February

School's Out Dad's About 09.30 – 11.00

Sunday 8th February

10.30am

Rev Andy Gore

'But God.... is at work in You'

7.30pm

Embrace

'Alpha 9 What Happens Next?'

Letter of the week

"Eat this book"

Monday 2nd February:
Hosea 9 verse 1 -17

Tuesday 3rd February:
Hosea 10 verses 1 -15

Wednesday 4th February:
Hosea 11 verses 1 - 11

Thursday 5th February:
Hosea 11 verse 12 – 12 verse 14

Friday 6th February:
Hosea 13 verses 1 -16

Saturday 7th February:
Hosea 14 verses 1- 9

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

Does anybody know of a second hand car, manual, not too expensive, for sale.

Jonathan 's car has failed it's MOT and not worth repairing. Jonathan the "run around" needs a car to run around please !
Jill & Jonathon



"As you know, we met together at St John's on Sunday 31st August for a fantastic time of worshipping together.

We received lots of very positive feedback and some really constructive ways of making our next celebration together, even better.

The team are already busy planning our next celebration

BMS Box Holders



January is the time we choose for our half yearly count in support of the consistent and amazing support and work our volunteers give overseas. Any boxes can be given to **Marilyn** at any time during January. Thank You again.

Palm Sunday, 29th March

at St John's Church

10:30am-12.00noon

In response to the many suggestions we received we will have:

- A new upgraded audio and visual system including a loop
- 300 service and song sheets printed
- Children's and toddler activities available in the seats
- At least two refreshment stations
- A quiet space during the refreshment time
- Some of the celebration led by ordained leaders.

We can't wait to worship as one church in Dronfield again.

The notices for February will be typed by Gilli Gore

Please send by Wednesday. Thank You

But now being made free from sin,
and become servants to God,
ye have your fruit unto holiness,
and the end everlasting life.

Romans 6:22



Thought for the Week

Everyone is a slave to something

A saying attributed to different people - from Joshua Nero to Kenny Ackerman. At one level incredibly glib and simplistic at another deep and profound. Yet they weren't the first - it's a profound warning to Christians by Peter "... - for 'people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.'" 2 Peter 2:19b NIVUK. You only have to read Paul's view in Romans 6:15-23.

The word slave is emotive and raises all kinds of emotions and prejudices in the modern western mind. We have the modern view that slavery is abhorrent, brutish, and, diminishing - a denial of human rights and dignity.

We associate slavery with other words like addiction or helpless compulsion - an inability to act and be "normal" - whatever normal is (but that's a whole different Thought for the Week!)

Slavery is an image used throughout the old testament used by God's prophets to warn the Jews about their intentional behaviour - a thirst and compulsion to be like other nations and wilfully to leave God and His standards and love behind.

For Jesus one characteristic of slavery stood out - servitude. Who you submitted to, to whom you gave your allegiance, what you championed with your life, how you lived your life. For Jesus it was a stark either/or decision -

serve God or not. God was/is either THE priority relationship of a life of He isn't. Most of us would like to fudge that a little with our usual "get out" clauses - our excuses why we can't be more like Jesus, the complexities of modern living being so much more than what Jesus had to face, giving ourselves permission to fail.

Reality is starkly simple - we either believe that Jesus is THE Son of God, is unique - or He isn't. Paul said there's no compromise, no middle ground - we are either slaves of Christ or not. Seeking a compromise itself indicates who's slave you are - Christianity is unique - or it isn't. It gives some challenging views of multi faith equivalence. It gives some challenging views about stewardship of God's world? It gives some challenging views about society's moral compass and its laws. We live out what we believe - who's slave do you want to be? Read Romans 6:15-23

Remove the emotive word slavery - bring it down to basics. It's all about commitment and what has priority in your life? Jesus was right (what a surprise!) you can't serve 2 masters - be its slave, and at the same time be fully committed to God. The choice as always is ours - every hour of the day.

Verse for Today –

"But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life." Romans 6:22 NIVUK.

Don



Men's Night Out

The next Men's Night Out is on

Monday February 9h

The Royal Oak, Coal Aston

We meet at

8pm

for a chat and then join in the quiz.

Everyone welcome

David



Church Meeting
15th February
12 Noon



Church Based Thursday Morning Communion @ 11 am

Jill & Jonathon Lang are taking over the Thursday Morning Communion Rota from Don Brennan.

The communion takes place every week of everybody is very welcome. It's a short time of coming together to prepare ourselves to take tis precious sacrament.

We have a different person from the group, leading us each week.

You are welcome to enjoy Refreshments before or after at Coffee Pot in the hall between 10.30 – 12.00

