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

Sunday 03rd May 2026



Sunday 3rd May

10.30am

Revd Andy Gore

'In Jesus, the time is right'
Ephesians 3:5-7, Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Communion

Godly Play & Comfy Church

6.00 pm

Healing Prayers

Monday 04th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 05th May

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 06th May

J3 15.30 – 17.00

Thursday 07th May

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 12.00

Thursday Communion 11.00

J2 15.30 – 17.00

Ukulele Group 18.30 – 19.30

Friday 08th May

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Beginner's Ukulele 14.15 – 15.00

Saturday 09th May

Jolly Crafters 10.00 – 12.00

Sunday 10th May

10.30am

Beth Robson-Smith

(St John's Church)

7.30 pm

Embrace

**The notices for May and June will
be typed by Heather Machin**

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Please send by Wednesday. Thank You

Letter of the week

"Eat this book"

Monday (4th May)

Deuteronomy 16 verses 1 – 20

Tuesday (5th May):

Deuteronomy 17 verses 8 – 20

Wednesday (6th May):

Deuteronomy 18 verses 9 – 22

Thursday (7th May):

Deuteronomy 19 verses 1 – 21

Friday (8th May):

Deuteronomy 21 verse 22 – 22 verse 8

Saturday (9th May):

Deuteronomy 24 verses 5 – 22

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

CAKE SALE



Angel Tree Cake Sale

We are pleased to announce that there will be cakes for sale to eat in or take away after the service on **Sunday morning, 10th May**.

All contributions will support Angel Tree in the buying of Christmas gifts for children with a parent in prison and your generosity is hugely appreciated. Keeping parents in contact with their children in this way is shown to minimise re-offending and give broken families a further opportunity to maintain positive contact. Thankyou for your support.



Marilyn and Chris



Christian Aid and Coffee Pot

We are pleased to be able to support Christian Aid throughout the month of May with all Coffee Pot refreshment contributions going directly to this amazing work of Christian Aid.

If you are not a regular visitor to Coffee Pot, do come along and see us. (Thursdays 10.30-12.00)

You are most welcome to pop in for a welcome and a chat and to enjoy our cakes/snacks and hot drinks.



The Coffee Pot Crew



Men's Night Out

The next Men's Night Out is on

**Monday May 11th at
The Royal Oak, Coal Aston**

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

Everyone welcome

The Death of the Assisted Dying Bill - the battle is not over!

As you probably know the Bill ran out of time in the House of Lords, which means in its present form it is dead. Supporters of the Bill accuse some of the Lords of intentionally bringing amendments so that time allowed for the Bill would run out. The reality is a number of MPs who voted for it were content for the Lords to sort out the details. One thousand amendments were put forward with real concerns regarding the Bill and its lack of safeguards for those who would be very vulnerable if this became law. Interestingly, that is why the Assisted Dying Bill was rejected by the Scottish Parliament.

Thank you to those who have prayed and written to MPs and Peers. The battle is not over, 100 or more MPs have expressed their intention to get another Assisted Dying Bill back in Parliament. So be watchful, pray and ready to act. Pray that MPs will see the dangers of such a bill and will focus on developing and financing better and more extensive palliative care.

Also, recently Parliament and the House of Lords voted to decriminalise abortion right up to birth for women who self-administer an abortion, also rejected was in-person consultations. The UK has, by comparison with other countries, the most extreme abortion laws anywhere in the world. And, now we have said that a woman can self-administer her own abortion without any medical care or in-person consultation right up to birth, for whatever reason and face no sanction whatsoever.

What a contrast to our recent experience of becoming grandparents to Flora, who was premature by nine weeks. All the staff in the High Dependency Unit were working hard to enable these tiny human beings to live and develop well, and making sure mother's were well looked after. Mothers and Fathers were doing all they could to help and love their babies. Sadly, as a nation we seem to becoming more pro-death but as followers of Jesus we are pro-life! Let us continue to "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.." Proverbs 31: 8,9

Mike Glover

Thought for the Week

"I was made a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace that was given to me."
(Ephesians 3 verse 7)

At our recent church meeting and AGM, I spoke about the Growth Collective we as a church are part of. We are the only church in the Collective who will be entering into a Pastoral Vacancy and the next 20 months will be a brilliant opportunity for us to prepare ourselves for this and to have an agreed focus in our mission and ministry as we look for a new minister.

The first steps we will be taking in this will be for the leadership team to honestly reflect on who we are as a church, of what dreams we as a church might have for our future and the next steps we might wish to take. This is something we will be doing in collaboration with Graham Ensor, our Regional Team Leader, will be helping us in this.

As was rightly requested at the church meeting this is not something the leadership are to do alone, but right for us as a whole church to participate in. I know many of you will remember we did a very similar exercise only a few years ago, and though there are resemblances with this there are also significant differences – primarily what sort of minister, and therefore what sort of ministry, are we considering and discerning.

This is what Paul is speaking about here in Ephesians 3 as he describes the shape and focus of his ministry as the Apostle to the Gentiles. He reminds this church (again!!), of the utter vastness of the Gospel he preached to them and the amazing life of Jesus this church entered into. Paul urges us as church to always dare to think, to live and to believe **BIG**. He encourages us to be courageous in life, abounding in grace, loving to our neighbour and faith filled in mission.

As your minister this is what I understand Paul to be saying to us in our here and now. It is what I aspire to in my life and ministry and it is what I yearn and pray for, for us as a church. These are only broadbrush strokes, but I know that I can confidently leave to the leadership team and to you as a church to discern what this will look like in detail. This will be our focus for the next 20 months. Please pray that we may all hear the voice of Jesus and know the guiding of the Holy Spirit as we all do so.

Andy