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

Sunday 17th May 2026



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10.30am

Mr Joshua Douglass

All Age Worship

Monday 18th May

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.15
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Monday Prayers	19.00 – 19.45
J4	19.00 – 21.30

Tuesday 19th May

Table Tennis	10.00 – 12.00
Joyful Noise	19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 20th May

J3	15.30 – 17.00
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Thursday 21st May

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

Friday 22nd May

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

Saturday 23rd May

Extraordinary Women	11.00 – 14.00
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Sunday 24th May Pentecost Sunday

10.30am

Revd Simon Russell

*'Handling Life's Challenges when faced
by grief and loss'*

Family Worship

4.00pm

**Café Church
Christian Aid Focus**



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 (18th May)

Deuteronomy 31 verses 1 – 13

Tuesday (19th May):

Deuteronomy 31 verses 14 – 29

Wednesday (20th May):

Deuteronomy 31 verse 30 – 32 verse 14

Thursday (21st May):

Deuteronomy 32 verses 15 – 47

Friday (22nd May):

Deuteronomy 33 verses 1 – 29

Saturday (23rd May):

Deuteronomy 34 verses 1 – 12

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



Let your roots grow down into Him
Colossians 2:7

Saturday 23rd May

11.00-2.00

light lunch provided

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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



Mike and Helen Coates have been approached to take a lunchtime recital slot at the Crooked Spire Church, Chesterfield.

We are playing on Thursday 21st May from 12.15 to 1.00pm - please arrive about 12 noon.

We would love your support and to see all your friendly faces

Also, we are playing one or possibly two slots in the Crooked Spire Summer Solstice festival - outside weather permitting - on Saturday 20th June - one slot is between 5.00 & 6.00pm, the other one is a fill in to be arranged.

Mike and Helen

Church porch

Thank you to all who have helped to keep the porch so much tidier lately. It is the first place people see as they come in.

I am trying to keep the Events board up to date. Please feel free to put up posters for upcoming events.

If you want a bigger display, have a word with me or Heather.

Chris Turk



Love

Sometimes I think God conspires to

bring things together to overcome my dull wittedness to show me a truth. I use several different bible reading notes and when they all independently generate the same thought - I eventually get the point. Happened this morning so what better to share with you. Our God is AWESOME

Thought 1: Actions demonstrate Love. Genesis 1:1 - In the beginning God created... Just by speaking God created. Why? Love! Not for what was but for what would be. Not on a once and for all "that's it - job done" but continual, evolving, growing, expanding, sustaining creation. Not on a tiny scale either but on an unimaginable scale - beyond our understanding.

Astronomers, archaeologists and physicists provide evidence (usually contradicted by the next generation's evidence) that our expanding universe has billions of Galaxies, within each Galaxy there are billions of stars or solar systems. Our Galaxy - the Milky Way - has billions of stars of which our sun - our solar system - is but one. Earth is but one of the planets. Human beings are but one

part of creation. Since human beings were brought into existence there have been billions of us - and unless God chooses otherwise there could be billions more in the future.

Arguments still abound about how the Earth evolved and when human beings came about. Do "how" questions really matter? The important, life changing question is "why". Why has God chosen to reveal Himself to YOU! Why? Love!

This led to Thought 2: God is the definition of Love. We struggle to get a handle on what love is - restricted by language. It's only when we study God's Word that we get the definition of love. 1 John 4:8 is only one of many verses defining love as an attribute of God. John 3:16 says it far better than I can, especially if you take it with Romans 5:8. (Bit of homework if those verses don't jump out).

Which led to Thought 3: God demonstrated the depth of His love. God continually sustains creation despite us mucking up both nature and between us. Yet despite this God doesn't "throw His toys out of the pram". Instead He had a plan, Jesus is the plan. A unique plan. Once and for all. No repeats. There for all of time. Why? Love.

Which finished with thought 4: After going to all this trouble, the ultimate act of love is choice! God gave us free will - the power of choice. We can choose what we do with all this knowledge. Each and every day we choose what we do about God's love - that's up to me - up to you. Even doing nothing is a choice.

God is AWESOME. You are no surprise to God. He knew what He was getting when He chose you. What are you going to do about God's love for you - today?

Verse for Today - "... together with all the Lord's holy people, .. grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ... know this love that surpasses knowledge be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:18-19 NIVUK



Can you unjumble the names of these well-known Easter hymns?

1. lla oyrlg audl and orouhn
2. lla nveaeh arlsdcee
3. nda acn ti eb
4. eb lstli nda nkwo hatt i ma ogd
5. eb tllsi fro teh erscnepe fo eht rdol
6. earebht no em tabahr fo gdo
7. hrsict het rlod si eisnr ydaot
8. ofmr anehev ouy ocme
9. eh si rdol
10. i ecandd ni eht grnnimo
11. i oknw taht ym rdemreee eilsv
12. amke wya; amek awy
13. onrmnig ahs eonkrb
14. deri no; ider no ni mateysj
15. kroc fo gsae
16. eth dol rgdeug srcos
17. heter si a negre illh raf awya
18. tnihe eb teh lgoyr
19. eerw ouy heter
20. enwh i rsevuy the dunroswo ocsrs

Answers next week! 😊



This is the time the "Covid" kids sit their GCSE's as if nothing ever happened.

They didn't sit their SATS or go on residential. They missed two years of education.

They didn't have a Year 6 leaver's party. And their leavers play was recorded so we could watch it on TV.

They started a brand new school in Year 7 with no induction and wearing face masks.

They couldn't stand or sit next to the new friends they made.

They are the most amazing, resilient kids.



