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

Sunday 26th July 2026



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**10.30am
Encounter Worship**



"A Close Walk with God"

**4pm
Café Church
Revd. Andy Gore**

Monday 27th July

Prayer Meeting 19.00 – 19.45

Tuesday 28st July

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00
Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 29th July

Fellowship & Beyond 19.00 – 21.00

Thursday 30th July

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

Friday 31st July

Beginner's Ukulele 14.15 – 15.00

Saturday 1st August

SODA 09.30 – 11.00

Sunday 2nd August

**10.30am
Revd. Andy Gore**

Holiday Club Service

(No Communion)

**The notices for July & August will be
typed by Chris Harrop**

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Please send by Wednesday. Thank you



Women's Weekend

Places are signing up fast for this event over the weekend

of **13th - 15th November**. It's not too late to come and join us at the fantastic Go Beyond Centre near Ashbourne. All ages, abilities, and diets catered for 😊. The Theme will be Personal Preparation to Make Your Advent Matter. It is your weekend and although there will be activities prepared and provided there will also be time out for quiet, reading, walking, chatting, fellowship, food, & a fire pit with Devotional Times and Worship together. Fancy a Chocolate Fountain and a Quiz. Then you know where you need to be!

Planning is well under way and forms will be sent out soon requesting a deposit of £50 to secure your place. Please do not let finances be a barrier to attending. All are welcome. A WhatsApp group is being set up. I shall ensure those unable to access this for paper copies (also available on request - I do like written info on paper 😊) Full cost is £190 including all food, accommodation and activities.

Gilli

BMS Boxes



A big thankyou to those who contribute to our Baptist World

Mission by saving with a BMS box. July is an opportunity for a half yearly count up and boxes may be given to Marilyn or left on the back windowsill of church, whichever is most convenient, throughout this month. Several members have kindly given full boxes to

me recently, so there is no need to hand these in again just now.

Many find that having a box is a helpful way of contributing in small amounts, either regularly or whenever they have certain coins in their pockets or loose change. If this sounds worth a try for yourself, please either pick up a box from the porch or ask me for one. Hundreds of pounds are sent by us to BMS after the July and January counts and together with the Birthday Scheme, contribute positively to this Christian support network overseas.

Thank you so much, everyone! Marilyn

💖 Ashgate Sparkle Walk 💖

Over £900 has been raised for Ashgate Hospice from the Ukulele Band and the Sparkle Walk. Thank you to all of you who have financially contributed to this magnificent sum.

Many of us will be returning again next year and have already signed up! Come and join us. We are upgrading our Tutu's - you know you want one too 😊💖 pop your name on the list!

Andy & Gilli



Thank you.

Chris and Alison would like to thank everyone for their cards, good wishes and flowers as they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 17 July. It was lovely to be able to share our celebration cake with you on the previous Sunday.

Thank you, Alison xx



Would your children say that God is the centre of your life?

That was another breadcrumb from a Quiet Time that slapped me round the face. If not children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters - those who know you best. I'm familiar with the oft quoted "If you're on trial for being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?" but this took me by surprise.

Perhaps you could bring out a short list of what you're doing for God? Is that evidence or are you too busy doing things to show who you are at your core? My kids know me at my core. They strip away any masks. They call a spade a spade, and, sadly they know more about how I should behave as a Christian than I seem to.

Do we get dragged into what's sometimes called "Functional Atheism" (concept nicked from another Quiet Time) - so much doing that we forget why we're doing it. Things have become a routine - a chore - we do it cos we do it. We don't let Jesus shine through us like we used to. We become jaded.

That thought took me to Revelation and the Ephesian church and what God said for and against them. He acknowledged and praised their stickability "You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary." Revelation 2:3 NIVUK. I imagine when they heard this as the book was read out they might even have felt pleased with themselves and the churches who would be their partners.

Then the hand grenade thrown into their midst "Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken the love you had at first." Revelation 2:4 NIVUK. What a bombshell!

Your children see you as you are. They see the tears, the anger, the frustration, any financial worries, the pain of loss. They see how you are Monday to Saturday. They see you at play, under work stresses, under church activities. Doesn't matter the age of the child, they see YOU.

First love is an odd thing - it can last for ever whilst at the same time be constantly changing cos life changes. Or it can be over-sentimentalised. We use First Love as an opportunity to revel in the best but forget the struggles that were involved - the heartache, the adjustments, not getting your own way - in short learning to be a couple.

Like most I suspect I have a story about first committing myself to Christ - whether a process or a shock. Perhaps one of the ways we can help each other is sharing those stories with family, friends and in conversations. We don't have to take the initiative - just relax and talk about ourselves. Perhaps then the answer to the question at the start is the kids certainly know Jesus is the centre of our lives.

Verse for Today - "Yet I hold this against you: you have forsaken the love you had at first." Revelation 2:4 NIVUK.

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The Old Testament for the week

Monday (27th July)

1 Samuel 14 verses 24 – 46

Tuesday (28th July):

1 Samuel 15 verses 1 – 23

Wednesday (29th July):

1 Samuel 16 verses 1 – 23

Thursday (30th July):

1 Samuel 17 verses 1 – 30

Friday (31st July):

1 Samuel 17 verses 31 – 54

Saturday (1st August):

1 Samuel 17 verse 55 – 18 verse 16

“Eat this book”

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

Plums



**Please take some
plums from the
box in the
entrance, bring
your-own-bag.**

There will be an envelope for donations
to Ashgate Hospice. Thank you,

Christine