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

Sunday 9th August 2026



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10.30am

Praise, Prayer & Communion
All Age Service

Monday 10th August

Prayer Meeting 19.00 – 19.45

Tuesday 11th August

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 12th August

Fellowship & Beyond 19.00 – 21.00

Thursday 13th August

Coffee Pot 10.30 – 12.00

Thursday Communion 11.00

Ukulele Group 18.30 – 19.30

Friday 14th August

Beginner's Ukulele 14.15 – 15.00

Saturday 15th August

WLTDO 09.30 – 11.00

Sunday 16th August

10.30am

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All Age Service

**The notices for 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.

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Men's Night Out



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The next Men's Night Out is tomorrow **Monday**

August 10th at The Royal Oak, Coal Aston

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

The Old Testament for the week

Monday (10th August)

1 Samuel 24 verses 1 – 22

Tuesday (11th August):

1 Samuel 26 verses 1 – 25

Wednesday (12th August):

1 Samuel 28 verses 3 – 25

Thursday (13th August):

1 Samuel 31 verses 1 – 13

Friday (14th August):

2 Samuel 1 verses 1 – 27

Saturday (15th August):

2 Samuel 2 verses 1 – 7

"Eat this book"

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



Counterfeit or Authentic

Some of my daily readings have been

striking home - not always welcomed but all hitting a nerve to make me think. One in particular made me reconsider what it means to be an authentic Christian, so I thought I'd share the thought and where it took me.

Apparently, experts have said that a simple test to spot counterfeit money is to know the real thing. The more you are familiar with the real thing the more success you will have in identifying the fake. If the money doesn't have the qualities of the real thing then it's a fake. If it deviates from what you've learned of the original in any way it's a fake. You can see where I'm going with this Thought - it applies to us as Christians.

Authenticity = Knowing the real thing. The only way to live a lifestyle that pleases Jesus is to know Him, His example and His teaching better. Sadly, that comes with effort and commitment. As members of DBC we have committed to "Engage more deeply with Jesus". To make that more than an intellectual agreement means working at it - not just sitting back and expecting it to happen by osmosis (just sitting next to the minister or fellow Christian). It takes work.

God knows how busy we are, how much competition there is in our life for how we use our time, but we still need to intentionally fit time in for Jesus if our relationship is to deepen. To grow and deepen a relationship takes time, intentionality and rounded effort. God

has given us tools - we need to use them all - prayer, studying God's Word, attentiveness to preaching, discussion - not just one.

Counterfeit = Creeping distortions. Most of us feel ok in recognising out and out attacks on Christianity. We believe we can spot false teaching. We believe we won't be conned into a cult.

Problem is we get pulled in by the "acceptabilities" of family, friends, tv, media, cinema. We forget the standards in God's Word. If something doesn't fit in with God's Word, Jesus' example and His teaching then it's not a grey area - it's a "no-no". Remember too that although Jesus condemned actions, He loved the person.

Tipping point = God's children have family responsibilities. We have to find a balance - we are told both not to be judgemental (Matthew 7:1) but also to be cautious - to test the spirit (1 John 4:1). We don't have cotton wool

between our ears - God gave us brains to use them to discern right from wrong. Our challenge is to use them and not drift into a counterfeit Christianity.

Verse for Today - "I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them." Romans 16:17 NIVUK

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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

**Family
MOVIE AFTERNOON**

Come and enjoy
'SING' on the big screen.

Refreshments available to purchase (cash/card payments).
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

DOORS OPEN AT 2PM
Film starts at 2:30pm

Tuesday 25th August

Dronfield Baptist Church, Stubble Lane, S18 1PE
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