dronfield baptist church
SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Engaging deeper with Jesus
Enabling all to meet Jesus
Enriching our Community

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

Sunday 22nd November 2026

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10. 30am

Rev Andy Gore

'Being filled with the vision, day by day'

Ephesians 4:7-10; Psalm 68:7-19

4.00pm

Café Church

Mr Simon Temple

7.30pm

Embrace

Sunday 29th November

10. 30am

Rev Leone Martin (YBA)

Gift Service



This week

Monday 23rd November

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.15
Jolt	15.30 – 17.00
Prayer Meeting	19.00
Rooted	19.00 – 20.30

Tuesday 24th November

Table Tennis	10.00 – 12.00
Joyful Noise	19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 25th November

J3	15.30 – 17.00
FAB	19.00 – 21.00

Thursday 26th November

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

Friday 27th November

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

Saturday 28th November

Extraordinary Women	10.30 – 12.00

The Old Testament for the week

Monday (23rd November)
Isaiah 40 verses 1 – 11

Tuesday (24th November):
Isaiah 40 verses 12 – 26

Wednesday (25th November):
Isaiah 40 verse 27 – 41 verse 7

Thursday (26th November):
Isaiah 41 verses 8 – 20

Friday (27th November):
Isaiah 41 verse 21 – 42 verse 9

Saturday (28th November):
Isaiah 42 verses 10 – 17

"Eat this book"

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

Gift Service

29th November
10.30am



Next week is our gift service giving us chance to support a local Christian Charity.

Lighthouse Homes (for homeless men & women) in Brimington.

They need all sorts of toiletries such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and shaving toiletries. They would also be grateful for woolly hats, gloves and scarves as well as boxes of biscuits.

Leadership

At the Church meeting last Wednesday the following people were elected to serve on the leadership team.

Deacon/Trustees: Anna Rattigan, Kenny Cameron, Gillian Billing, Chris Bygrave
Elder/Trustee: Don Brennan

We thank them for their willingness to undertake this role and we prayerfully support the whole team going forward.

The meeting was also advised that Alison Simpson, is standing down from the leadership team. We thank Alison for all she has brought to the team during her term as Deacon.



The Mystery of Christmas

Wednesday 02nd December

7.00 - 8.00pm

A Reflection on all that Advent and Christmas mean to us.

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After the success of the recent Women's Weekend away we have booked another one for next year.

1st - 3rd October 2027



All are welcome at the **Friday Table.**

It will be a bring & share Christmas Buffet, although there is no pressue to bring anything.

Please RSVP to Anna if you are coming and if you would like to bring something.





The notices for November & December will be typed by Heather
heathermachin@dronfieldbaptist.co.uk
Please send by Wednesday. Thank You.



Christingle

On Sunday December 6th at 3.00pm we are holding our annual Christingle Celebration.

This is one of our main outreach events of the year and we offer our many visitors a splendid buffet tea with our worship service.

As ever we need all you lovely people to support this event, please donate food for the tea.

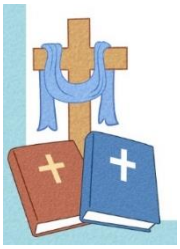
Sandwiches, crisps, sausage rolls, buns, Christmas biscuits and tray bakes.

Please speak to me and let's fill up my list.

Much love and thanks.

Gill Smith

Books of the Bible Quiz



1. How many parts is the Bible divided into?
2. Which book of the Bible has the most chapters?
3. How any books of the Bible have only one chapter?
4. Name them for a bonus point!
5. Which book of the Bible is known as the "book of the law"?
6. How many books are there in the Bible?
7. How many books are there in the New Testament?

Answers next week



Division

Is division good or bad? Like any psychologist my next response is "It depends on what you mean by ….". God's Word is full of examples of both.

Take bad division. Based on competition. Happens when we stop actively thinking or give way to pride - I/we are right. It can creep up on us. At its worst it can cause splitting of fellowships rather than efforts at reconciliation. History is full of Church divisions causing Church splits and ongoing arguments over theology and church governance (but that's another thought perhaps even a sermon). Bad division breaks God's heart.

Usually once we recognise it we kick ourselves and become embarrassed or ashamed. The Church at Corinth sadly became divided in the wrong way whether it was jealousy, boasting or quarrelling the church got into problems. They couldn't agree about leadership - who was supported as leaders - Paul or Apollos. They got in a mess over Communion - some were gluttons while some went hungry. Paul reminded them that their only purpose was to live lives that honoured God. Paul used examples of love and the body to focus their behaviour. They were people centred not Christ centred.

Take good division. Based on collaboration. It demands effort, prayer, being in tune with God and humility - we can't do everything - we are not "all-in-ones". We need each other. This should be obvious - we can't all do, or be, the same - otherwise some things would get done and others wouldn't. The key is to respect the value of the division. We shouldn't have an ego about things. Good division means we are listening to God.

We sensibly split resources to support a range of ministries but no single ministry is more important to God than any other and none should be neglected. No fellowship can do all God wants it to do if it only focuses on one aspect - again Paul's analogy of the body. We have problems if all within a fellowship compete with each other to do one thing. It's the same between fellowships - so often we act in competition all doing the same thing rather than collaboration so that everything gets attention.

Looking ahead. One thing is absolutely certain - as we move forward and tackle new challenges we will have to face the real possibility of both types of division. We will thrive ONLY if we focus on working with and through the Holy Spirit. In practical terms this means developing and using the fruits of the Spirit as well as the individual gifts and talents God gives us. We will need more than lip service to be loving, joyful, peaceful, forbearing, kind, good, faithful, gentle and to have self control. We will need love and respect for each other above all else - in other words to be more like Jesus.

Verse for Today - *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."* Galatians 5:22-23 NIVUK

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