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 29th November 2026

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10. 30am

Rev Leone Martin (YBA)

Advent Sunday/Gift Service



Sunday 06th December

10. 30am

Rev Andy Gore

'Building the vision, day by day'

Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans 12:1-8

Communion Service

3.00pm

Christingle Celebration



This week

Monday 30th November

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

Tuesday 01st December

Table Tennis	10.00 – 12.00
Joyful Noise	19.00 – 21.00

Wednesday 02nd December

J3	15.30 – 17.00
The Mystery of Christmas	19.00 – 21.00

Thursday 03rd December

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

Friday 04th December

Toddler Group	09.30 – 11.30
Beginner's Ukulele	14.15 – 15.00
Friday Table	17.00 – 18.15

Saturday 05th December

School's Out Dad's About	09.30 – 11.00

The Old Testament for the week

Monday (30th November)
Isaiah 42 verses 18 – 25

Tuesday (1st December):
Isaiah 43 verses 1 – 13

Wednesday (2nd December):
Isaiah 43 verses 14 – 28

Thursday (3rd December):
Isaiah 44 verses 1 – 8

Friday (4th December):
Isaiah 44 verses 9 – 23

Saturday (5th December):
Isaiah 44 verse 24 – 45 verse 13

"Eat this book"

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



The notices for December will be compiled by Heather
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Please send by Wednesday. Thank You.



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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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 Rattigan if you are coming and if you would like to bring something.



Christingle

Next Sunday December 6th at 3.00pm we have 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







FREECYCLE

Shocking photos but excellent Tupperware needing a good home. Variety of sizes all with lids.

Superb for Christmas entertaining.

Gilli Gore

Thank You

Having held our last Café Church we express our thanks for all those who have faithfully over many years given of their time and expertise to service others at Café Church. Setting up, providing nourishing food and thoughts, lifts, and clearing away. Thank you all.

Ukraine



A big thank you to all those at Church and the Table Tennis Club who supported and donated items for the trip.

Dave Chilvers has texted that Helping our Ukraine Friends are incredibly grateful for all the donations received and honestly overwhelmed by your generosity, they will be making their 28th delivery of aid in December to support those impacted by the war.

Men's Night Out



The next monthly men's night out will be on Monday 13th December at the Royal Oak, Coal Aston

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

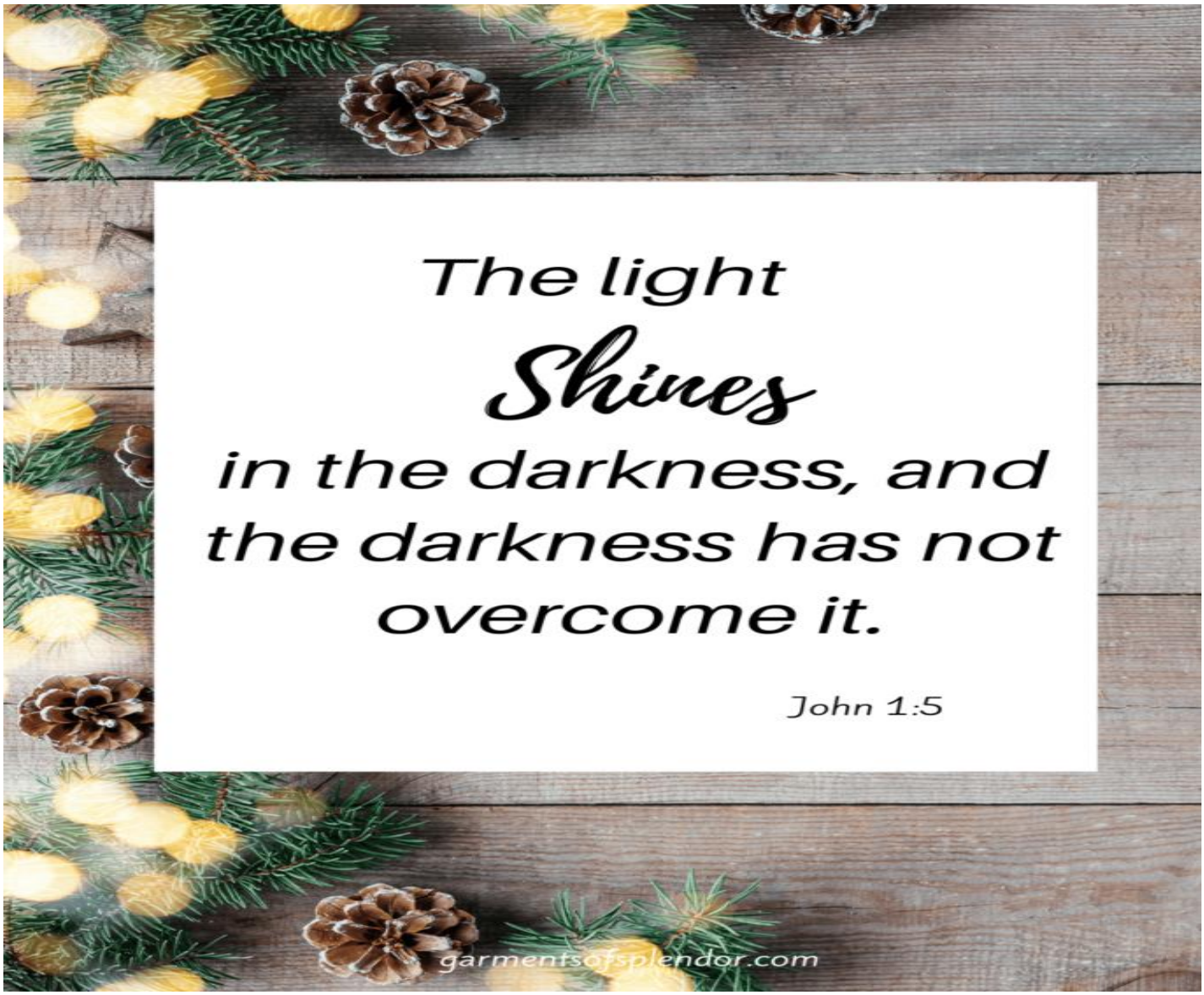
All welcome.



Last week's
Books of the Bible Quiz

With answers this week!

1. How many parts is the Bible divided into? *Two (Old & New Testaments)*
2. Which book of the Bible has the most chapters? *Psalms*
3. How any books of the Bible have only one chapter? *Five*
4. Name them for a bonus point! *Obadiah, Philemon, Jude, 2 John, 3 John*
5. Which book of the Bible is known as the "book of the law"? *Deuteronomy*
6. How many books are there in the Bible? *66*
7. How many books are there in the New Testament? *27*





Matthew 6:25-27 says *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? **26** Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **27** Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"*

Jesus makes it sound so easy. In our minds we know these verses are true. But in our emotions they are very hard to live by. In recent times, I have spoken with different people who have expressed similar thoughts – 'I can't sleep when I go to bed', 'I wake up full of fear every day', 'I wake up in the middle of the night and my mind is racing so much that I can't go back to sleep' ….

How can we live by the words of Jesus above and stop the negative thoughts from ruling our lives? I was thinking about the love God has for the birds.

It helps me to remember that from ancient times, God our Father has used similar metaphors to remind us of his love and his reliability. Psalm 84:2-3 says 'My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young— a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

The gospels reiterate how much God values us. Matthew 10:30-31 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. **31** So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. And Luke 12:5-7 5 But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after your body has been killed, has authority to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. **6** Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. **7** Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

We are reminded that we should put our trust and faith in God, who consistently looks after the little birds, who live the lives that God has planned for them, not concerned with things that are too big for them to grasp. Psalm 131 suggests we should be like that too

'I do not concern myself with great matters or things too wonderful for me.**2** But I have calmed and quieted myself, I am like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child I am content. **3** Israel, put your hope in the Lord both now and forevermore.'

How do we calm and quiet ourselves? Learning bible verses by heart can help, then we can repeat them to ourselves in the dark moments and let our minds be filled with God's word rather than our fears. I never tire of Philippians 4: **4** Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! **5** Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. **6** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **7** And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Alison Bygrave