



Drumbo Church

PRESBYTERIAN

Thought for 2023

As they walked through the desert for 40 years, how many times did Moses and Miriam sing softly those words they shouted with gusto beside the Red Sea? "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea" (Exodus 15:1). As dust covered their feet, when blowing sand obscured their vision, those words pulled them forward with their steady rhythm. Even when God's goodness was hard to see, Moses and Miriam could remember his work on their behalf.

As we step into this new year, we can do the same. Are you longing for God to move in big ways in 2023? Does his seeming absence in your pain cause you to doubt his goodness? If you're struggling to have hope for the future, remember your own Red Sea.

Rehearse your old and well-worn songs of praise, and bring your stories of God's past provision to speak into your current pain. The landscape of your sorrow may be vast, but it's not unending. The God who loved you in years past accompanies you into the year ahead.

A prayer for the new year – Scotty Smith

As the New Year begins, some will rely on resolutions and re-dedications; new schedules and rigorous discipline. But our primary resolution for 2020 is to abandon ourselves, again and again, to the riches of grace and intimacy with Jesus—who is our "*righteousness, sanctification, and redemption*" (1 Cor. 1:30), "*the ruler of the kings of the earth*" (Rev. 1:5), the Lord who is making "*all things new*" (Rev. 21:5).

Indeed, our hope is built on nothing less, more, or other than Jesus—and every good thing we have in him. Jesus is our boast and bounty, treasure and delight, our sanity and our peace.

During every day of 2022, you have been faithful, loving, and present—even when we questioned your ways, or didn't feel close to you. Though we worried and whined, you were/are always working in all things, for our good and your glory. Thank you, Father.

As we begin 2023, help us discern between the good and the best, the non-essential and the essential, and the eternal and the temporary. What relationships and missions would you have us invest more in more fully? What stories, heartaches, and people must we trust you with, Father?

No matter what else happens in the New Year, please make Jesus bigger and more beautiful to us. So very Amen we pray, in Jesus' reigning, righting, and righteous name.

PRAYER @ DPC

We would encourage everyone to fully participate in the prayer life of our congregation

- Weekly times of prayer: Wednesday ID:82692131213 Pass Code: 123456) in Hall Café. Sunday morning at 10.15 am in Meeting Room 2.
- Prayer Text ministry: Anyone wishing to have a prayer request on the Prayer Text chain should contact Adrian: 07546770060.
- Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry available at the close of the service please see rota below

PRAYER MINISTRY ROTA – JANUARY

Sun 8TH January – Ben Bovis: 07780001736

Sun 15th January – Roy Irwin: 07383115999

Sun 22nd January – Rosemary Adams: 07960950903

Sun 29th January – Sandra McCormick: 07561829565

DESIGN FOR DISCIPLESHIP

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY

We hope to commence our New Year studies on Wednesday 11th January. Book 3, Chapter 4. Why not join us for Coffee and Scones at 1015 and we aim to be finished by 12 Noon. If you have not been involved in any of our church groups to date, why not resolve to start this year joining with us as we learn what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and make a stand for Christian truth in this troubled world. There are other groups meeting on other days. Find one that suits you

Sunday Night Group starts on Sunday, 15th January at 6.30pm in Café.

YEAR END ACCOUNTS

Would all treasurers of organisations please produce accounts and vouchers for 2022 before end of January if possible. These should be given to David Trimble or left in Church Office.

WORLD DEVELOPMENT CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Donations to date total £688

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2023

BOWLING FELLOWSHIP

Meets on Mondays at 8pm.
Everyone very welcome.

KIRK SESSION

Kirk Session: Tuesday 10th January at 7.45 pm
in the Choir Room

CHURCH COMMITTEE

Church Committee meet Monday 16th January
at 8pm in Meeting Room 2.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Meet on Thursday 12th January at 8pm in Café.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Meets Tuesday 17th January at 2 p.m.
Speaker: Mr. John Weir. You would be made
very welcome to any of our meetings. Good
Speakers. Good fellowship and a Cup of Tea.

BADMINTON FOR ALL AGES

Saturday 21st January
from 7-9pm in Church Hall.

PW

Meets on Tuesday 10th January at 8pm
in Meeting Room 2

From the Treasurer

Figures for the month of November 2022
Number of Contributors to FWO: 125

FWO envelopes SO's & loose offering	6943
United Appeal envelopes and S/O's	340
New Halls Fund /Env/SO's	265
Property Maintenance (Incl 80%Harvest)	440
Gift to Sunday School	20
Gift to BB and GB	40
Gifts to Harvest Missions(Inc 20% Harvest	140
Gift to TEAR Fund	1856
Use of Halls	250
Gift to Shoebox Appeal	50
Gift from PW	150
BB Funds to be held in Church Account	467
TOTAL	10961
Fund Balances at end of month:-	
New Halls	3415
United appeal & Other Missions	8467
Graveyard	19701
Property Maintenance	-24403
General Account & other Small Balances	14971
Total,	22151
Minus indicates negative balance	
Our United Appeal Target of Honour for 2022 is £9,566. To date as have collected £3,332.	



Sunday Mornings

Creche (babies & toddlers), SALT (pre-school – P6) & FUEL (P7-Yr10) leave midway through the service and go across to the Hall. Sunday School and creche in the Hall and FUEL upstairs
We would ask parents to take their children to the Hall and pick them up after the service.



Thursdays at 6.30-7.30pm (Pre-school – P4)
7.30-9pm (P5+)



Tuesdays at 6.30pm (P1+)



Thursdays (10.30-12 Noon)

YOUTH @ DPC

Youth @ DPC will be starting back on Saturday 14th January at 7.30pm in the Hall. For all young people ages Year 8 and up.

PRAYER POINTS

Council for Training in Ministry (CTM) - Applicants for ordained ministry have an overnight on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 January as part of the interview process. Pray that the Lord would clearly guide applicants and interview panel members, as together they explore the Lord's will for those who have applied.

Rev Kenny Hanna, Rural Chaplain - Give thanks for the opportunity Kenny had to be invited to various speaking engagements around Christmastime. Praise God for opening doors for the gospel and pray that he will continue to do so in 2023, for his glory.

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