



Life Church

Doncaster



March 2024

Sunday church meetings start at 10.00am and are approximately 90 minutes, with refreshments afterwards.

...with GIG for children aged 5-13 & Tiddlywinks for pre-school children, except in the school summer holidays.

Mondays at 10.00am - Community Coffee Morning at Church Balk Gardens community centre. Come and make new friends! (+ bi-monthly Friday lunch club).

Fridays 9.30-11.30am "Life, Craft and Coffee" at Church Balk Gardens community centre. Craft Club run by Sharon on behalf of the church: contact 07786 998 393.

Mid-Week Groups – we have a varied programme during the week, so listen out for details about what has been arranged. Groups take place at different venues and at different times around the Edenthorpe area.

Contact Pastor Les for info [0778 696 7025](tel:07786967025) / les@lifechurchdoncaster.co.uk

This month:

Sunday 3rd March 10.00am Visit from Chris Axelby (Bessacarr Evangelical Church) to present the work of Gideon's International

Sunday 10th March 10.00am Come and celebrate Mothering Sunday with us!

Sunday 24th March 3.00-4.30pm Easter Eggstravaganza at Stainforth Community Resource Centre

Saturday 30th March 2.00-4.00pm Easter Eggstravaganza at Cedric Road Community Centre

Sunday 31st March 10.00am Easter Celebration



Weekly Programme

Sunday Morning Service 10.00am-11:30am With GIG for children 5-13 and Tiddlywinks for pre-school children during the service time.

Contact les@lifechurchdoncaster.co.uk.

Mid-Week Life Groups usually 7.30-8.30pm. *Please ask for details.*

Wednesday Treasure Kids Club: 4:00-5:30pm, free for children age 5-11, term time only. Edenthorpe Community Centre, Cedric Road. *Please contact:* les@lifechurchdoncaster.co.uk.

Thursday Treasure Kids Club: 4.15-5.30pm, free for children age 5-11, term time only. Dentons Green Lane Assembly Hall, Kirk Sandall. *Please contact:* alison@lifechurchdoncaster.co.uk.

Friday Treasure Kids Club: 4.30-5.45pm, free for children age 5-11, term time only. Community Resource Centre, Stainforth. *Please contact:* alison@lifechurchdoncaster.co.uk.

Friday Youth Group 7.30pm for those aged 11-18, term-time only. Edenthorpe Community Centre, Cedric Road, Edenthorpe. *Please contact* dan@lifechurchdoncaster.co.uk for information.

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"To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge!
To do the will of God is the greatest achievement."
George W. Truett

“Yet not as I will, but as you will”

Even the briefest look at the news provides plenty of evidence to show that humankind has lost its way. If we are at the pinnacle of the evolutionary process, then it's surely time for a rethink. The daily news shows us how far short we are falling from the Biblical picture of life in relationship with God. In the beginning “God saw all he had made and it was very good”.¹ And at the end of time it will be acknowledged that God created all things for his pleasure: “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”²



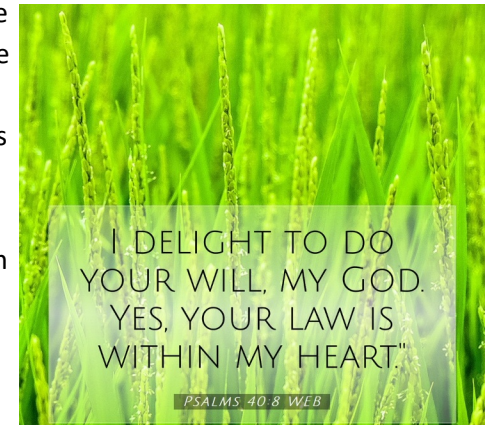
But what a huge gap there is between God's plan and what we see around us! When Jesus taught his disciples how to pray, it began like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”³ That we are told to pray for the will of God to be done tells us that it is not what we see at the moment. What we are seeing is the Old Testament proverb which says, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.”⁴

As we approach Easter when Jesus was put to death, we should remember his struggle beforehand in the Garden of Gethsemane. Faced with unimaginable physical and spiritual torment, allowing the sin of the world to cut him off from his heavenly Father, Jesus prays for a way out but finally submits his own will to that of his Father: “Yet not as I will, but as you will.”⁵ Jesus declared that he came only to carry out his Father's will. And it was the will of God that Jesus took upon himself the sin of the world, to make a way of salvation open to everyone.⁶

In this age of grace it is God's intent that “now through the church the manifold wisdom of God should be made known”.⁷ The spiritual powers in the heavenly realms are being shown the intention of God to rescue people from the dominion of darkness and bring them, through faith, into his kingdom. God “chose us in him before the creation of the

world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.”⁸ The will that Jesus demonstrated was perfectly in line with the will of his Father, and now in the church his disciples align their lives to the will of God. As the psalmist wrote: “I desire to do your will, my God; your law is within my heart.”⁹

There are many texts which indicate that the life of the Christian is to live out the will of God and in so doing demonstrate to the spiritual powers of evil that God is perfect in every way. We are to find out what pleases the Lord.¹⁰ “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is —his good, pleasing and perfect will.”¹¹ “Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose.”¹² Those who will find a place in the kingdom of heaven are those who actively do the will of God the Father, not out of fear or obligation but out of love.¹³



The basic principles of this world are opposed to the perfect will of God but as Christians we can bring something of the Kingdom of Heaven to those we meet, by striving with the help of the Holy Spirit to live a life pleasing to God.¹⁴

Refs: ¹ Gen.1:31; ² Rev.4:11; ³ Mat.6:9-10; ⁴ Prov.14:12; ⁵ Mat.26:39; ⁶ Jn.6:38-40; s.a. 2 Pet.3:9; ⁷ Eph.3:10; ⁸ Eph.1:4-5; ⁹ Ps.40:8; s.a. Col.3:23; ¹⁰ Eph.5:10; ¹¹ Rom.12:1-2; ¹² Phil.2:12-13; ¹³ Mat.7:21; Jn.14:23-24; ¹⁴ Col.2:8; Col.1:10