

## LIFEsized Small Churches Study

Our Pastor Ian is hoping to do a study guide that encourages smaller churches to recognise their strengths, develop their relationships and serve their communities. He is wondering if anyone in the church would be interested in this **5 week study** which would be held on possibly a Saturday Morning beginning **4th March – 1st April 2017**.

If you are interested then please can you let Pastor Ian know by **12th February** at the latest.

### CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 5th FEBRUARY 2017

Budgeted offerings needed (incl. Gift Aid) for the month of February = **£3,618.33**

Cumulative offering for February = **£824.33**

Gift Aid still to be claimed for February = **£90.00**

**Shortfall** from Budgeted Offering for the month of February = **£2,704.00**

(Shortfall is determined by Gift Aid still to be claimed)

### A WEEKS' WORTH OF PRAYERS POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are unable to join us at present. Pray for them to know the closeness of God in their lives.
- Pray for those who work in the hospitality industry on Isle Of Wight.
- Pray for those who work in the area of Health on the Island.
- Pray for those who work in Education on the Island.
- Pray for the results of the House of Commons & House of Lords in the decisions that they have made in regards to Brexit.
- Pray for the other Baptist Churches on Isle Of Wight. Pray for their Ministers and the various congregations.
- Pray for the future of our fellowship here at Sandown. Pray for our Pastor Ian as he leads us, and pray for the various activities that go on during the week.

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### BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR FEBRUARY 2017

18th February

Emma Moore

24th February

Joyce Brown

24th February

Michael Cammock

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Monday 13th February

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.00am

#### Tuesday 14th February

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am  
Friends Unlimited 7.00pm - 9.00pm

#### Wednesday 15th February

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am - 11.45am

**We will be looking at John 14 v. 15 – 27 ~ How Does God Speak?**

**S.O.C. (Sandown Outreach Club)** 4.15pm - 5.15pm (ages 5 – 7)  
5.30pm - 6.30pm (ages 8 – 11)

#### Thursday 16th February

Housegroups 7.30pm

#### Friday 17th February

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am  
Deacons Meeting 7.00pm

#### Sunday 19th February

Morning Worship 10.30am  
**(Mrs. Stella Hardiman will be taking this morning's service)**

### SOME THOUGHTS TO THINK OVER

Funny how we can't think of anything to say when we pray, but don't have any difficulty thinking of things to talk about to a friend.

Funny how we call God our Father and Jesus our brother, but find it hard to introduce them to our family.

If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

Funny how we are so quick to take directions from a total stranger when we are lost, but are hesitant to take God's direction for our lives.

## *It is well with my soul*

'My peace I give you ... Do not let your hearts be troubled and ... afraid.'

John 14 v. 27

The peace Jesus gives brings a sense of assurance that no matter what happens you know 'it is well with my soul'. He says to us: 'My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and ... afraid.' The peace Jesus gives doesn't depend on conditions and circumstances. It comes from knowing you're God's child and that your Father controls the universe, loves you and always has your best interests at heart. That's why people who've lost everything will often tell you they wouldn't trade what they've learned, even if it meant recouping all their losses.

Joni Erikson Tada discovered a supernatural peace when an accident confined her to a wheelchair, and Corrie Ten Boom found it in a Nazi death camp. Missionary Elisabeth Elliot found it ministering to the Indian tribe who massacred her husband. She wrote, 'Only in acceptance lies peace ... not in resignation.' There's a big difference!

Author Creath Davis points out that: 'Resignation is surrender to fate. Acceptance is surrender to God. Resignation lies down quietly in an empty universe. Acceptance rises up to meet the God who fills that universe with purpose and destiny. Resignation says, "I can't." Acceptance says, "God can." Resignation paralyses the life process. Acceptance releases the process for its greatest creativity. Resignation says, "It's all over for me." Acceptance says, "Now that I'm here, what's next, Lord?" Resignation says, "What a waste." Acceptance says, "In what redemptive way will you use this mess, Lord?" Resignation says, "I'm alone." Acceptance says, "I belong to you, Lord."

### **Many Thanks Today Goes To...**

Serving Tea & Coffee today are ...  
**Elaine Carrington**

Flowers today were provided by ...  
**Emma Moore**

Our Stewards today have been ...  
**Rene Duff & Hillary Lambert**

The greatest test of faith is when  
you don't get what you want, but  
still you are able to say



**Thank You Lord**

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# Welcome to SANDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH



Our Vision is to ...

Reach others with Christ's love as we learn to follow Him

**SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2017**

We give a warm welcome to everyone who has joined us today, especially if you are new here or are just visiting us for the day.

If you are visiting then please take the opportunity to sign our visitor's book before you leave today. If you are new to the church and wish to find out more of what we do here, then please make yourself known to our Minister or one of the Welcome Team.

Please stay seated throughout the service if you prefer. Refreshments are served at the end of the service in the vestibule and you are very welcome to stay and fellowship with us.

**10.30 am      Morning Worship**

**Worship Leader:**      Mrs. Lin Plummer  
**Preacher:**              Rev. Ian Lovell

**Theme:**                  The Forgiveness Of God  
**Reading:**              Daniel 9 v. 1 – 19

### **Our Church Text for 2017**

...The Lord who created you says:

'Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you.  
I have called you by name; you are mine.'

**Isaiah 43 v. 1**

*During the morning service children and young people will be invited to go out to their groups. To join a group for your age, please follow them out and one of the leaders will show you where to go.*