

## CHURCH AGM MEETING

Please could all those who provide a report for the Church Members AGM please give your report to Hillary Lambert **ASAP** and no later than **Sunday 5th March.** Thank you for your co-operation.

## Many Thanks Today Goes To . . .

Serving Tea & Coffee today are . . .  
**Norma Hall & Susan Hall**

Flowers today were provided by . . .

Our Stewards today have been . . .  
**Rene Duff & Paula Bashford**

## Be Loyal to Your Friends

**'Do not forsake your own friend.'**

**Proverbs 27 v. 10**

Chuck Colson, President Richard Nixon's 'hatchet man', went to prison for his part in the Watergate cover - up. In his book Born Again, he tells how he was invited to speak at a university soon after his release from prison. At the time there was still much hostility towards the entire Watergate crowd, especially Richard Nixon.

Questions were coming at Colson rapid - fire, and the students were becoming increasingly hostile. One stood up and referred to a criticism Henry Kissinger had levelled at Richard Nixon. **'Mr. Colson,'** he demanded, **'do you agree with this criticism?'** Colson said he scanned the room and could tell every ear was listening to hear what he would say.

Here's how he replied: *'We all know Mr. Nixon's negative qualities. He has been dissected in the press like no one in history. I could tell you his good points, but I don't believe I could persuade you to accept them. But when it comes down to it, no, I don't go along with Henry Kissinger's comments. Mr. Nixon is my friend, and I don't turn my back on my friends.'*

Colson said for a moment he thought the roof would fall in - and in a way, it did; but not as he expected. There was a moment of silence, followed by a thunderous standing ovation. The reason? Even hostile students could appreciate loyalty to a friend.

If you want to find out who your true friends are, just make a mistake! Many of those you thought were your friends will desert you like rats from a sinking ship. That's why the Bible says, **'Do not forsake your own friend.'**

## A WEEKS' WORTH OF PRAYERS POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are unable to join us at present.
- Pray that God would give you a fresh understanding of his will for your life.
- Pray for the person sitting nearest to you this morning.
- Pray for the ongoing children's work in the life of the church.
- Pray for Isaac and Noah as they begin to choose their GCSE options in the next few weeks.
- Pray for those of our fellowship who are awaiting hospital test results.
- Pray for Edward as he continues to seek employment in Education.

## CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 12th FEBRUARY 2017

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

Cumulative offering for February = **£1,569.09**  
Gift Aid still to be claimed for February = **£226.25**

**Shortfall** from Budgeted Offering for the month of February = **£1,822.99**  
(Shortfall is determined by Gift Aid still to be claimed)

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

### Tuesday 21st February

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

### Wednesday 22nd February

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am - 11.45am

**We will be looking at Genesis 16 v. 1 - 15 ~ What If I Make The Wrong Decision?**

### Thursday 23rd February

Housegroups 7.30pm

### Sunday 26th February

Morning Worship 10.30am  
(Rev. Ian Lovell will be taking this morning's service)

## AGM NOMINATION FORMS

Nomination Forms for the following roles in church will be given out to all church members at the end of this morning's service.

The forms need to be given to Pastor Ian (*Acting Church Secretary*) no later than **Thursday 9th March**.

The Nomination Forms are for the following positions:

- Church Secretary/Administrator
- Assistant Church Secretary/Administrator
- Deacons

Please pray for these vital roles in the life of our church. Information on what to do with the forms and how to fill them in are printed on the form. If you have any queries then please speak to Pastor Ian and he will advise you on what you need to do.



### THOUGHTS TO MAKE YOU THINK

When God calls you to a task He will equip you for that task. When God calls you to love someone he will fill you with that love. When God calls you to a place He will go before you. God loves to work alongside us and give us all we need.

No matter how big your image of God is, it's simply not big enough!! God has no limits. God's love has no limits. God's grace and mercy have no limits. Got an image of a big God? Then get a bigger one – and then realise that that is still far far far too small!!

# Welcome to SANDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

Our Vision is to . . .  
Reach others with Christ's love as we learn to follow Him



## SUNDAY 19th 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. Stella Hardiman  
**Preacher:** Mrs. Stella Hardiman  
**Theme:** A Beginner's Guide To Farming & Fishing  
**Reading:** John 21 v. 1 – 17

### BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR FEBRUARY 2017



24th February  
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Joyce Brown  
Michael Cammock

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### 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.*