

NOTICES, EVENTS & NEWS

PASTOR'S SURGERY

Our Pastor Ian will be holding a 'Pastor's Surgery' on **Thursday 30th March 2017**. He will be in Church between **4.00pm – 5.00pm**. The date will vary month by month and if you would like to meet with him for any reason please could you let him know in advance. Thank you.

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A WEEKS' WORTH OF PRAYERS POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are still unwell at this time. Pray for a speedy recovery of health.
- Pray that God would be with us as a fellowship as we seek to serve Him in all that we do.
- Pray to God, that as we begin to think about Holy Week, that He would help us to see Jesus more clearly.
- Pray for those who were caught up in the attack on The Houses Of Parliament last week. Pray for those who lost their lives and those who were hurt and injured.
- Pray for the Church Leadership team that they would know God'

Many Thanks Today Goes To...

Serving Tea & Coffee today are...
Paula Bashford & Michelle Moore

Flowers today were provided by...
Val Winter

Our Stewards today have been...
Ken Halesworth & Sheila Rayner

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

SOME FEEDBACK FROM THE CHURCH AGM MEETING & CHURCH MEMBERS MEETING

Mrs. Rene Duff has been appointed to the church Diaconate. Her term of office is 2017 – 2020.

A Home Mission Grant has been applied for. This is to cover helping with the Pastor's stipend in 2018.

The Church Directory will be available from Sunday 9th April. Easter Sunday will involve an Easter breakfast and morning service at 10.30am.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 27th March

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.00am

Tuesday 28th March

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

Wednesday 29th March

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am - 11.45am

We will be looking at Romans 2 v. 1 – 11 ~ The Problem Of Forgiveness

S.O.C. (Sandown Outreach Club)

4.15pm - 5.15pm (ages 5 – 7)
5.30pm - 6.30pm (ages 8 – 11)

Thursday 30th March

Housegroups 7.30pm

Friday 31st March

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

Sunday 2nd April

Morning Worship 10.30am

(Mrs. Lin Plummer Leading Worship & Rev. Ian Lovell Preaching)

CHURCH FINANCES FOR 19th MARCH 2017

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

Cumulative offering for March = **£2,528.55**
Gift Aid still to be claimed for March = **£336.25**

SHORTFALL from Budgeted Offering for the month of March =
£753.53

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

SOMETHING TO PONDER OVER

Remind us often Lord, when we are feeling proud, arrogant, beyond reproach, pleased with ourselves, self - sufficient in our ways, that for such as us and better and worse you walked a road that took you to a cruel cross, and rose again to show us where we might look for rescue as from this lofty perch we fall.

Mothers' Day

Mothers' Day is the fourth Sunday of **Lent**. Although it's often called Mothers' Day it has no connection with the American festival of that name.

Traditionally, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family.

Today it is a day when children give presents, flowers, and home-made cards to their mothers.

History of Mothers' Day

Most Sundays in the year churchgoers in England worship at their nearest parish or 'daughter church'.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. (It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old.)

And most historians think that it was the return to the 'Mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family.

As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift

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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 26th MARCH 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 (Family Service ~ Mothers' Day)

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian Lovell

Preacher: Rev. Ian Lovell

Theme: The Things People Do For Us

Reading: Exodus 2 v. 1 – 10

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.