

## 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 for the Isle Of Wight Council. Pray for integrity and wisdom in all that they do.
- Pray for those who will be on holidays on the Island over the Easter period.
- Pray for our church here at Sandown as we seek to witness to the love of Jesus over the coming weeks.
- Pray for children on the Island as they break up from schools for the Easter break sometime this coming week.
- Pray for our Pastor Ian as he continues to prepare the Easter services.
- Pray that God would give you a fresh understanding of his love.

### CHURCH FINANCES FOR 26th MARCH 2017

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

Cumulative offering for March = **£3,005.25**  
Gift Aid still to be claimed for March = **£418.75**

**SHORTFALL** from Budgeted Offering for the month of March =  
**£194.33**

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

## NOTICES, EVENTS & NEWS

### EASTER SERVICES AT CHURCH

Our services over Easter are as follows:

Palm Sunday	10.30am service
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm Communion Service
Good Friday	3.00pm Reflective Service
Easter Sunday	8.30am Easter Breakfast 10.30am Easter Family Service

The catering team is kindly asking that if you will be attending the **Easter Breakfast** then please would you sign up for it on the list that can be found in the church vestibule.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday 3rd April

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.00am

### Tuesday 4th April

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

### Wednesday 5th April

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am - 11.45am  
We will be looking at Romans 3 v. 19 – 26 ~ Satisfaction For Sin

### S.O.C. (Sandown Outreach Club)

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

### Thursday 6th April

Housegroups 7.30pm

### Friday 7th April

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

### Saturday 8th April

Manse Annual Inspection 9.00am

### Sunday 9th April

Morning Worship 10.30am

Today is Palm Sunday

(Our Pastor Rev. Ian Lovell will be leading today's service)



## Many Thanks Today Goes To...

Serving Tea & Coffee today are ...

**Norma Hall & Sue Hall**

Flowers today were provided by ...

**Barbara Stokes**

Our Stewards today have been ...

**Norma Hall & Rene Duff**

Today is

### Fellowship Lunch Sunday.

You are more than welcome to stay and have lunch with us after this morning's service.

Today we are having

### Starters and Puddings.



### How's Your Spiritual Appetite?

**'When my heart whispered, 'Seek God,' my whole being replied, "I'm seeking him!"'**

#### Psalm 27 v. 8

If you spend hours each day watching television and can't find a few minutes for prayer and reading the Scriptures, you've a spiritual appetite problem - one that needs your attention. David Brainerd, an eighteenth-century missionary to the American Indians, wrote in his journal: 'I withdrew to my usual place of retirement in great tranquility. I knew only to breathe out my desire for a perfect conformity to Him in all things. God was so precious that the world with all its enjoyments seemed infinitely vile. I have no more desire for the favor of men than for pebbles. At noon I had the most ardent longings after God which I ever felt in my life. In my secret retirement I could do nothing but tell my dear Lord in a sweet calmness that I knew I desired nothing but Him, nothing but holiness, that He had given me these desires and only He could give me the things I desired. I never seemed to be so unhinged from myself ... so wholly devoted to God. My heart was swallowed up in God most of the day.' The psalmist felt the same way: 'I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever ... how good it is to be near God! I have made the Sovereign LORD my shelter' (**Psalm 73 v. 25 - 28 NLT**). You can tell how spiritually healthy you are by your appetite for the things of God.

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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 2nd APRIL 2017

**10.30 am Morning Worship inc. Communion**

**Worship Leader:** Mrs. Lin Plummer

**Preacher:** Rev. Ian Lovell

**Theme:** Plain Sailing Is Not Very Easy!

**Reading:** Acts 27 v. 1 – 44

*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.*

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.

### 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**