



Welcome to SANDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY 21st MAY 2017

10.30 am **Morning Worship**

Worship Leader:	Mrs. Lin Plummer
Preacher:	Rev. Ian Lovell
Theme:	Tell The Good News ~ The Big Issue
Reading:	Philemon 1 v. 1 - 25

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.

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.

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

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 22nd May

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.00am

Tuesday 23rd May

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

Wednesday 24th May

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am - 11.45am

We will be looking at Romans 12 v. 9; 12 v. 14 – 13 v. 5 ~ Loving Our Enemies

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

Thursday 25th May

Housegroups 7.30pm

Friday 26th May

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

Sunday 28th May

Morning Worship 10.30am

(Rev. Ian Lovell will be leading & preaching)

CHURCH FINANCES FOR 14th MAY 2017

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

Cumulative offering for May = **£1,403.05**

Gift Aid still to be claimed for May = £308.26

SHORTFALL from budgeted offerings for the month of May = **£1,907.02**
(Shortfall is determined by Gift Aid still to be claimed)

More is accomplished by lifting hands in prayer than by wringing them
Even through messes, God blesses
Reputation is built on what you have done not what you are going to do
The Lord can give us power immediately, but building character takes
some time

The Lord never let's you out of his sight

God is so big He can cover the world with his love and so small He can
curl up inside your heart

Many Thanks Today Goes To . . .

Serving Tea & Coffee today are . . .
Norma Hall & Sue Hall

Flowers today were provided by . . .
Loraine Hitchman & Family

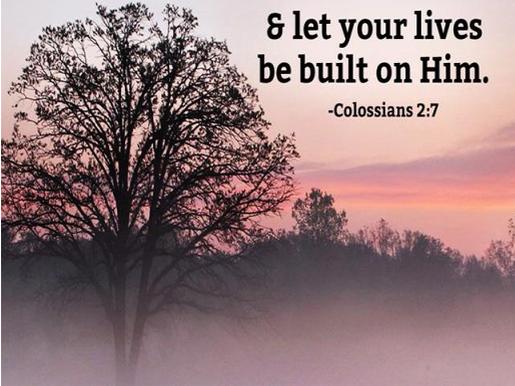
Our Stewards today have been . . .
Sheila Rayner

George Hitchman

The funeral service to celebrate George's life will be held at the church Tomorrow at **2.00pm**. This will be followed by burial at **Springwood Burial Grounds, Newchurch** Refreshments will be available in the back hall when all those who have been to the interment at the graveside return to the church. Please continue to pray for Loraine and the family.

Let your roots grow in Him,
& let your lives
be built on Him.

-Colossians 2:7



BAPTISM & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Has God been challenging you about your walk with Him. then maybe Baptism is for you. If you would like to know more about being baptised or have been thinking about becoming a church member then why not speak to our Pastor Ian, he would love to speak to you.

SOMETHING TO PONDER OVER

We are in Revival when: The sleeping Christians wake up, the lukewarm fire up, the dishonest confess up, the rebellious give up, the discouraged cheer up, the depressed look up, the oppressed are freed up, the estranged people make up, the gossipers shut up, the soldiers of Christ stand up, God's Word is held up, the worshippers hands are lifted up, the prayers are going up, the righteous are speaking up and Jesus is radically loved!

PRAYER POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are still unwell at this time.
- Please pray for the staff, pupils and parents of Sandown Bay Academy during this difficult time.
- Pray for the future of our fellowship here at Sandown. Pray for our Pastor Ian as he leads us, and continue to pray for the various activities that go on during the week.

Hearing from God

‘...Search, and you will find...’

Matthew 7 v. 7

To hear from God you need:

1) **A regular time and place.** Some prefer morning. ‘...In the morning my prayer comes before you’ (**Psalm 88 v. 13 NIV**). Others prefer evening. ‘Let my ...praise [be] like the evening sacrifice’ (**Psalm 141 v. 2 NCV**). Others prefer encounters throughout the day. ‘Evening, morning and noon I cry out...’ (**Psalm 55 v. 17 NIV**). Just find a time and place that’s right for you. ‘How much time should I take?’. As much as you need. Your time with God should last long enough for you to say what you want, and for God to say what He wants.

2) **An open Bible.** Before reading the Bible, pray. Don’t go to Scripture looking for your own idea, go searching for God’s. ‘...Hunt for it like hidden treasure. Then you will understand...and you will find that you know God’ (**Proverbs 2 v. 4 - 5 NCV**). God seems to send us messages as He did manna: one day’s portion at a time. He gives us: ‘...A command here, a command there. A rule here, a rule there. A little lesson here, a little lesson there’ (**Isaiah 28 v. 10 NCV**). Choose depth over length. Read until a verse ‘hits’ you, then stop and meditate on it. Understanding comes a little at a time, over a lifetime.

3) **A listening heart.** James writes, ‘The man who looks into the perfect law...and makes a habit of so doing, is not the man who hears and forgets. He puts that law into practice and he wins true happiness’ (**James 1 v. 25 PHPS**). We know we are listening to God when what we read in the Bible is what others see in our lives.



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