

Many Thanks Today Goes To...

Serving Tea & Coffee today are . . .
Paula Bashford & Michelle Moore
Flowers today were provided by . . .

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

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR JANUARY 2017



11th January
Barbara Farnbank

19th January
Lin Plummer

PRAYERS 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.
- 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.
- Pray for those who are feeling lonely and afraid at the present time.
- Give thanks to God for the continuing growth of the children's work within the church.

A Date For Your Diary

Friday 26th January 2018

All Island Worship Event with Roy Crowne (Director of HOPE) at Cowes Enterprise College. This event will be from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. There is now cost for this event.

Saturday 10th February 2018

Induction of Drew & Kerry Jenks as Pastors of The Lighthouse Church, this being the new name for The King's Church in Fort Street. This event will be at 3.00pm

A Few Things To Think About . . .

Lord Jesus, I ask four things of you today:

A heart that wants to be **f**orgiven
A mind that will never **f**orget you
A determination to live **f**or you
A life that will go on **f**orever

Son of God, only you can give me
these things.
Amen.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 15th January

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.00am

Tuesday 16th January

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

Wednesday 17th January

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am - 11.45am

S.O.C. (Sandown Outreach Club)

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

Thursday 18th January

Corporate Church Prayer Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 19th January

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

Sunday 21st January

Morning Worship 10.30am

(The Church Leadership Team will be leading the service today)

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

*Prayer is a God - ordained means of fulfilling what God wills.
Intercessory prayer is not one means of settling God's mind on
a course of action, but one of the ways in which the already
settled mind of God effects what he has decreed.*

We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking only to
learn that it is God shaking them.

Charles West

SOMETHING TO PONDER OVER

When you face the perils of weariness, carelessness, and confusion,
don't pray for an easier life.

Pray instead to be a stronger man or woman of God.

Luis Palau

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' (**Psalms 88 v. 13 NIV**). Others prefer evening. 'Let my ...praise [be] like the evening sacrifice' (**Psalms 141 v. 2 NCV**). Others prefer encounters throughout the day. 'Evening, morning and noon I cry out...' (**Psalms 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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Welcome to SANDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

Our Vision is to . . .

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

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY 2018

10.30 am

Morning Worship

Worship Leader: Lin Plummer
Preacher: Rev. Ian Lovell

Theme: Who On Earth Do You
Think You Are!

Reading: Luke 6 v. 20 – 31



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 2018

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonders.
I will be glad and rejoice in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Psalm 9 v. 1 - 2