

God's Undeserved Kindness To You

2 Samuel 9 v. 7

In Bible times, when a new king ascended to the throne, he usually killed or banished every member of the old king's family. So, here's the story. Jonathan, King Saul's son, and David, whom Saul hated, were close friends. So close, they made a covenant to protect one another with their lives. After Jonathan and Saul died in battle, Jonathan had one remaining son called Mephibosheth. So, David had him brought to the palace, saying, ***'I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table.'*** *Mephibosheth was living in Lo Debar, which means 'the land of nothing...the place of no bread'* (see 2 Samuel 9 v. 4 - 5).

That's significant, because when your self-esteem is non-existent, your surroundings usually reflect it. You either give up completely, or go to the other extreme by striving to be perfect. But you don't have to do either. The Bible says, ***'God, for Christ's sake has forgiven you'*** (see Ephesians 4 v. 32).

Your acceptance with God isn't based on who you are, but Whose you are!

Mephibosheth was lame in both feet and couldn't walk properly. And spiritually speaking, you couldn't either! Yet Mephibosheth ***'ate at the king's table; he was lame in both feet'*** (2 Samuel 9 v. 13 NIV 2011 Edition).

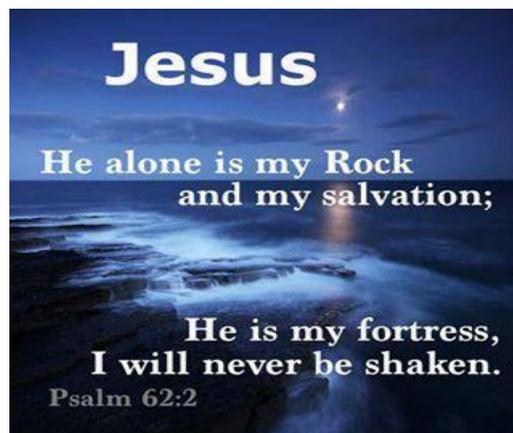
His lame feet couldn't be seen because they were hidden under the king's table. And God does the same for you too! He wraps you in the righteousness of Christ and puts all your sins under the blood. That means you're always acceptable in His sight - including this very moment.

Many Thanks Today Goes To . . .

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

Flowers today were provided by . . .
Paula Bashford

Our Stewards today have been . . .
Hillary Lambert & Rene Duff



CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 21st JANUARY 2018

Budgeted offerings needed (incl. Gift Aid) for the month of January =
£3,479.17

Cumulative offering for January = **£4,862.73**
Gift Aid still to be claimed for January = £520.68

IN HAND from budgeted offerings for the month of January = **£1,904.25**
(Shortfall is determined by Gift Aid still to be claimed)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 5th February

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.00am
Deacon's Meeting 7.00pm

Tuesday 6th February

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

Wednesday 7th February

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

Thursday 8th February

Housegroups 7.30pm

Friday 9th February

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

Sunday 11th February

Morning Worship 10.30am
(Rene's Housegroup will be leading the service today)

God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfill His promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself. – **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

Relying on God has to start all over everyday, as if nothing has yet been done.
C. S. Lewis

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies. – **Mother Teresa**

God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile – **Max Lucado**

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us – **Augustine**

CHATTERS CAFE

We are based in the George Street Centre in Ryde which is the home of the Ryde Baptist Church.

We are open **Monday to Friday from 10am till 2.15pm.**

Why not drop in for a cup of tea or coffee, a slice of cake or a scone and take a peep at our reasonably priced menu of snacks and main meals. There is also a specials board every day.

We look forward to welcoming you to Chatters Cafe.



When our day seems dark with worldly burdens or conflict, let us remember:

1 John 1:5 This is the message we have heard from **Him** and announce to you, that **God** is Light, and in **Him** there is no darkness at all.

A Date For Your Diary

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

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR FEBRUARY 2018



**18th February
Emma Moore**

**24th February
Joyce Brown**

PRAYERS POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are still unwell at this time.
- Please pray for the staff and pupils at Sandown Bay Academy.
- Pray for the future of Sandown Town Council, its Officers and the new Community Centre.
- Pray for the fellowship at The Lighthouse and the induction of Drew Jenks
- Pray for the ongoing finances of the church. Thank God for recent gifts that the church has received
- Give thanks to God for the many answers to prayer that you have received.

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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 4th FEBRUARY 2018

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.

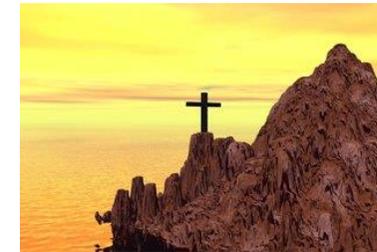
10.30 am Morning Worship ~ inc. Communion

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian Lovell

Preacher: Rev. Ian Lovell

Theme: Building On The Rock

Reading: Luke 21 v. 5 – 19



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