

KEEP PRESSING ON

PHILIPPIANS 3 v. 13 – 14 (NIV 2011 Edition)

Developing your faith is like taking swimming lessons.

Observe:

- 1) Fear is like water; if you let it, it will take you under.
- 2) You can only tread water for so long before you drown.
- 3) When you reach a certain point, there's no turning back.
- 4) Faith is like the air in your lungs; it will sustain you and keep you afloat if you just relax.

Have you ever watched a seasoned swimmer? Stroke after stroke, he takes what's in **front** of him and pushes it **behind** him, letting it propel him towards his goal. He literally takes what stands between him and his goal, and uses it to get there.

Sometimes we despair and say, 'I'm just keeping my head above water,' and that's okay as long as you keep 'stroking' and pressing on. It's when you feel backed into a corner with nowhere to turn, that you've got to take hold of the faith God has placed within you and keep moving forward.

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force' (**Matthew 11:12 KJV**).

The word 'violence' suggests ferocity, passion, and intensity. You must be relentless and fight your way through, confident that God is on your side – because He is (see **Psalm 56:9**).

The waters you're in don't determine your destiny; they either carry you over or take you under. It takes faith to keep going. When you quit, God can do nothing more for you! So today whether you're doing the breaststroke, the backstroke, or some other kind of stroke that nobody's ever heard of – keep pressing on.

Many Thanks Today Goes To . . .

Serving Tea & Coffee today are . . .
Elaine Carrington

Flowers today were provided by . . .

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

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR FEBRUARY 2018



18th February
Emma Moore

24th February
Joyce Brown

CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 4th FEBRUARY 2018

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

Cumulative offering for February = **£724.68**
Gift Aid still to be claimed for January = **£86.17**

Shortfall from budgeted offerings for the month of January = **£2,668.32**
(Shortfall is determined by Gift Aid still to be claimed)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 13th February

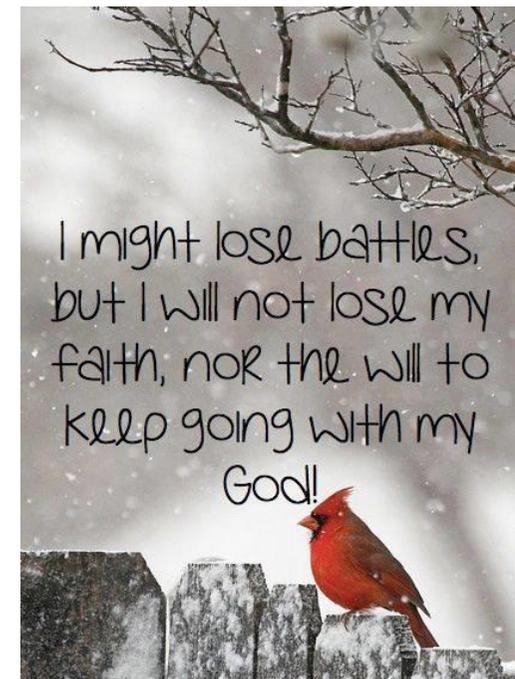
Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am
Friends Unlimited 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Thursday 15th February

Housegroups 7.30pm

Sunday 18th February

Morning Worship 10.30am
(Lin Plummer will be leading Worship today & Rev. Ian Lovell Preaching)



Daily Checklist

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Happy Christian

J E S U S

- Don't let little things disturb you.
- Face each day knowing "Jesus does all things well."
- Give all your cares to Jesus.
He heals - He guards - He guides - He saves completely!
- Stop worrying! Do good, and then let the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit give the results in your life.
- Remember -- what you think is "impossible", to God, is nothing more than a passing breeze.
- Trust Jesus that everything will be okay.
For it's better to trust, than to doubt and miss a blessing.
- Do not do God's work for Him.
He convicts; He convinces; He will be the Judge.
- Look for the good in everyone, and don't find fault.
- Live so that all who meet you, meet Jesus.
- Know that Jesus is with you and nothing else matters!

PRAYERS POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who continue to still be unwell at this time.
- Please pray for the staff and pupils at Christ The King College.
- Pray for Drew and Kerry Jenks as they begin their Ministry at The Lighthouse Church in Sandown.
- Pray for the fellowship at Christchurch, and their Vicar ~ Rev. Mark Williams.
- Pray for the ongoing work of the fellowship here in the church and its outreach to children and their families.

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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 11th 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

Worship Leader: Sandown Housegroup
Preacher: Sandown Housegroup

Theme: Be Ready ~ Making Jesus Known

Reading: Esther 4 v. 1 – 17
 Jeremiah 31 v. 1 – 14



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