

## USE YOUR COMMON SENSE

### Proverbs 3 v. 13

The key to success lies in doing the right thing at the right time. Theologian Tryon Edwards said, 'Have a time and place for everything, and do everything in its time and place...you'll not only accomplish more, but have far more leisure than those who are always hurrying.' If you're tired of living with constant stress, Theology professor Dr Howard Hendricks draws our attention to four major sources:

- 1) **Saying yes to far too many things.** Dr Lewis Sperry Chafer once said, 'Much of our spiritual activity is little more than a cheap anaesthetic to deaden the pain of an empty life.' All our 'going and doing' fails to address our core emptiness.
- 2) **Not stopping to recharge our batteries.** We dutifully pull out our day planner and fill the spaces between activities. But let's not fool ourselves; avoiding overlapping activities isn't planning. As a result, we're a stressed-out, short-tempered crowd, commuting between poorly planned activities that add little to our spiritual well-being.
- 3) **Failure to enjoy what we accomplish.** 'A desire accomplished is sweet to the soul' (Proverbs 13 v. 19 NKJV). With always too much to do, we dash off to the next obligation, often without finishing the previous one or taking time to stand back and savour a job well done. No wonder we worry that our existence seems meaningless.
- 4) **Owing more than we can repay.** Next time you're faced with a credit card purchase – wait! Don't necessarily say no. Just present your so-called 'need' to God and see what He says about it.

If you're serious about developing your spiritual life, use your common sense and put these four principles to work.

### Many Thanks Today Goes To...

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

Flowers today were provided by...  
**Emma Moore**

Our Stewards today have been...  
**Sheila Rayner & 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 = **£1292.09**  
Gift Aid still to be claimed for January = **£205.52**

**Shortfall** from budgeted offerings for the month of January = **£1,981.55**  
(Shortfall is determined by Gift Aid still to be claimed)

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Monday 19th February

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.00am

#### Tuesday 20th February

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

#### Wednesday 21st February

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

#### Thursday 22nd February

Housegroups 7.30pm

#### Friday 23rd February

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

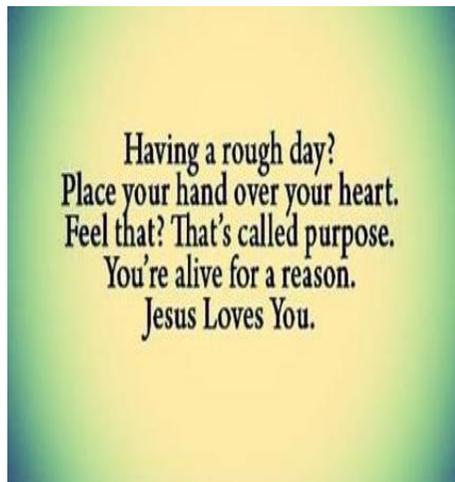
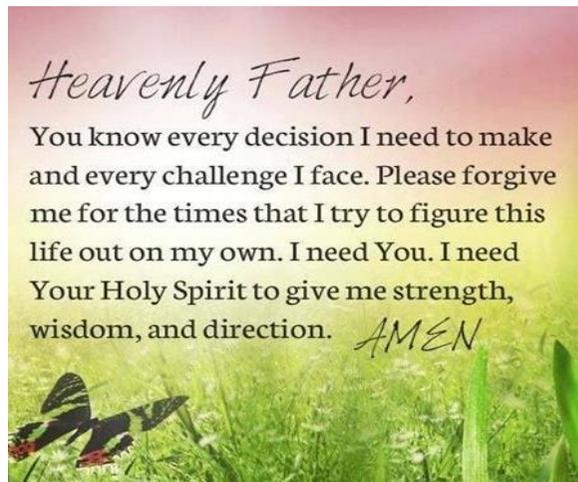
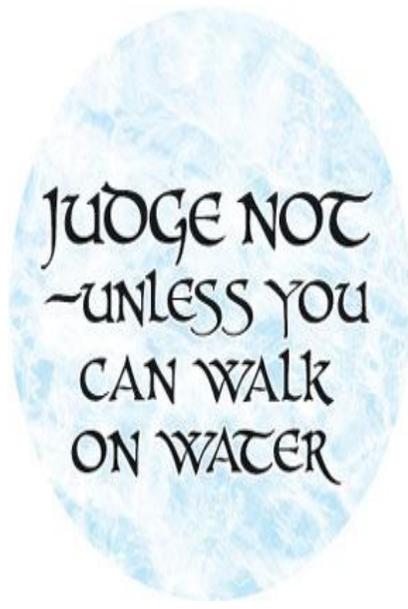
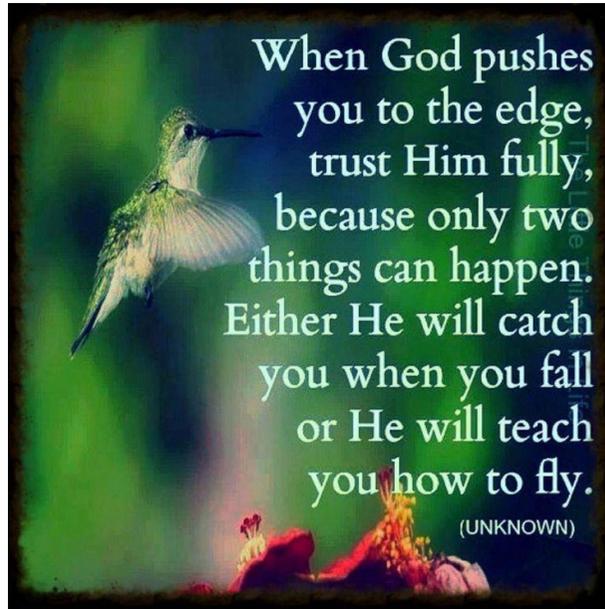
#### Sunday 25th February

Morning Worship 10.30am  
**(Michelle Moore will be leading the service today)**

### 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 Ryde Academy & Free School
- Pray for Our Pastor Ian who is away at the Ministers Conference this week.
- Pray for the fellowship at Ryde Baptist Church, and their Pastor ~ Rev. Kerry Birch
- Pray for the ongoing work of the fellowship here in the church and its outreach to children and their families.

The Christian life is not slightly better, but completely different.  
If you are a Christian, you are not a citizen of this world trying to get to heaven; you are a citizen of heaven making your way through this world.



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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 18th FEBRUARY 2018**



**10.30 am      Morning Worship**

**Worship Leader:**      Mrs. Lin Plummer  
**Preacher:**              Rev. Ian Lovell

**Theme:**                      It's All Table Talk

**Reading:**                    Mark 10 v. 35 – 45

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**