

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 12th March

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

Tuesday 13th March

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

We will be looking at Easter Traditions with Kasia

Wednesday 14th March

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am – 11.45am
We will be looking at Mark 5 v. 21 – 43 ~ Healing & Restoration
S.O.C. (Sandown Outreach Club) 4.15pm - 5.15pm (ages 5 – 7)
5.30pm - 6.30pm (ages 8 – 11)

Thursday 15th March

Housegroups 7.30pm

Friday 16th March

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

Sunday 18th March

Morning Worship 10.30am
(Rev. Ian Lovell will be leading the service today.)

NOTICES, EVENTS & NEWS

EATER SERVICES AT CHURCH

Our services over Easter are as follows:

Palm Sunday	10.30am Family Service
Maundy Thursday	7.00pm Communion Service
Good Friday	10.30am Walk Of Witness
	12.00pm Reflective Service
	12.45pm Good Friday Lunch
Easter Sunday	8.30am Easter Breakfast
	10.30am Easter Family Service inc. Infant Dedications

The catering team is kindly asking that if you will be attending the **Good Friday Lunch** or the **Easter Breakfast** then please would you sign up for it on the list that can be found in the church vestibule over the next couple of weeks please.

CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 4th MARCH 2018

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

Cumulative offering for March = **£489.27**
Gift Aid still to be claimed for March = £102.32

Shortfall from budgeted offerings for the month of March = **£2,887.58**
(Shortfall is determined by Gift Aid still to be claimed)

PRAYERS POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are still unwell at this time. Pray for a speedy recovery of health.
- Pray that God would be with us as a fellowship as we seek to serve Him in all that we do.
- Pray to God, that as we begin to think about Holy Week, that He would help us to see Jesus more clearly.
- Pray for the Church Leadership team that they would know God's leading for the future.

Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR MARCH 2018



11th March
Anita Cole

CHURCH AGM MEETING

Please could all those who provide a report for the Church Members AGM please give your report to Hillary Lambert **TODAY.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

Many Thanks Today Goes To...

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

Flowers today were provided by...

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

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday of **Lent**. Although it's often called Mothers' Day it has no connection with the American festival of that name.

Traditionally, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family.

Today it is a day when children give presents, flowers, and home-made cards to their mothers.

History of Mothering Sunday

Most Sundays in the year churchgoers in England worship at their nearest parish or 'daughter church'.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area.

Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home. (It was quite common in those days for children to leave home for work once they were ten years old.)

And most historians think that it was the return to the 'Mother' church which led to the tradition of children, particularly those working as domestic servants, or as apprentices, being given the day off to visit their mother and family.

As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift

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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 MARCH 2018

10.30 am **Morning Worship ~ Mothering Sunday**

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian Lovell

Preacher: Rev. Ian Lovell

Theme: Tempted To Sin!

Reading: Genesis 3 v. 1 – 24

Have
Faith
in
GOD

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.

Psalms 9 v. 1 - 2

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.