

### 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**

### CHRISTIAN ONELINERS

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

### BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR APRIL 2018



**13th April**  
**David Winstanley**

**17th April**  
**Michelle Moore**

**18th April**  
**Brian Nordbrunch**

### 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.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Monday 9th April

Deacon's Meeting 7.00pm

#### Tuesday 10th April

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

#### Wednesday 11th April

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am - 11.45am  
Today we will be looking at Acts 2 v. 22 - 36 ~ Bold Allegiance

S.O.C. Planning Meeting 4.00pm

#### Sunday 15th April

Morning Worship 10.30am  
(Lin Plummer is leading Worship & Gordon Ainger will be Preaching)

### CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 1st APRIL 2018

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

Cumulative offering for April = **£388.25**  
Gift Aid still to be claimed for April = **£55.91**

**Shortfall** from budgeted offerings for the month of April = **£3,035.01**  
(Shortfall is determined by Gift Aid still to be claimed)

### THOUGHTS TO MAKE YOU THINK

When God calls you to a task He will equip you for that task. When God calls you to love someone he will fill you with that love. When God calls you to a place He will go before you. God loves to work alongside us and give us all we need.

No matter how big your image of God is, it's simply not big enough!! God has no limits. God's love has no limits. God's grace and mercy have no limits. Got an image of a big God? Then get a bigger one - and then realise that that is still far far far too small!!

### BAPTISM & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Has God been challenging you about your walk with Him. then maybe Baptism is for you. If you would like to know more about being baptised or have been thinking about becoming a church member then why not speak to our Pastor Ian, he would love to speak to you.

**KNOWING THE BIBLE IS ONE THING**

**KNOWING THE AUTHOR IS ANOTHER**

Let your roots grow in Him,  
& let your lives  
be built on Him.

-Colossians 2:7



### WELL KNOWN SAYINGS

Too many of us have a Christian vocabulary rather than a Christian experience.

I have a great need for Christ; I have a great Christ for my need.

Christianity is not a theory or speculation, but a life; not a philosophy of life, but a living presence.

Prayer: Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!  
God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.  
The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:  
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

## Ask God for a Vision

A vision is a picture of what 'can be' rather than 'what is'.

Your vision may be to bring help to the marginalised and forgotten. Like John Kirkby, who left his job in finance when he felt God call him to help the poor and found Christians Against Poverty.

Or of honest business that doesn't oppress its workers - like the Christian founders of Cadbury, Rowntree, and Fry in the confectionary industry.

It may be a vision of freedom where there's oppression - like the one that made William Wilberforce give up a life of privilege to eradicate slavery. Or your vision may be smaller and simpler - like being the first one in your family to graduate from university, or becoming a great parent to your child even though you yourself never had one.

Or breaking a bad habit before it breaks you...or overcoming your fear of technology and learning to use an iPad...or spending your retirement years impacting the world around you.

Thoreau said, 'If you've built castles in the air...put foundations under them.'

But having a vision isn't enough; there has to be a commitment to act on it.

**That's called a mission** - and it requires setting specific, measurable steps to achieve it.

**Those steps are called goals**; they establish a plan for accomplishing your mission and thus fulfilling your vision.

You'll generally have one vision, but many goals. And each goal you reach brings you a step closer to fulfilling your vision.

And here's the really good news: when your vision comes from God, He'll give you the strength, wisdom, connections, relationships, and resources to make it happen because He's 'the author and finisher of our faith'.

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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 8th APRIL 2018**

|                        |                                    |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>10.30 am</b>        | <b>Morning Worship</b>             |
| <b>Worship Leader:</b> | Lin Plummer                        |
| <b>Preacher:</b>       | Rev. Ian Lovell                    |
| <b>Theme:</b>          | Who Are We To Share<br>The Gospel? |
| <b>Reading:</b>        | Luke 10 v. 1 – 11 & 16 – 20        |



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**