

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday 30th April

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am – 11.00am

### Tuesday 1st May

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

### Wednesday 2nd May

Funeral Service of Olive Reed 10.00am

### S.O.C. (Sandown Outreach Club)

4.15pm - 5.15pm (ages 5 – 7)  
5.30pm - 6.30pm (ages 8 – 11)

### Thursday 3rd May

Housegroups 7.30pm

### Friday 4th May

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

### Sunday 5th May

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

## PRAYER POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are still unwell at this time.
- Please pray for those who work in the health service. Pray that they will bring comfort and relief to those they take care of.
- 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.
- Give thanks to God for St. John's CE Church who have appointed a new Vicar ~ Rev. Jonathan Hall.
- Give thanks to God for the way He guides you day by day.

## CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 22nd APRIL 2018

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

Cumulative offering for April = **£2,764.27**

*Gift Aid still to be claimed for April = £511.44*

**Shortfall** from budgeted offerings for the month of April = **£203.45**

*(Shortfall is determined by Gift Aid still to be claimed)*

## BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR MAY 2018



2nd May

Norma Hall

10th May

Lorraine Hitchman

19th May

David Lambert

## Many Thanks Today Goes To...

Serving Tea & Coffee today are . . .

**Norma Hall & Sue Hall**

Flowers today were provided by . . .

**Sheila Rayner**

Our Stewards today have been . . .

**Norma Hall & Rene Duff**

*Prayer*  
is the breath, the watchword,  
the comfort, the strength,  
the honour of a Christian.

Spurgeon

The Christian life is  
not slightly better, but  
completely different.

God has a  
**purpose** for your pain  
a **reason** for your struggle  
and a **reward** for your faithfulness.  
**Trust him** and don't give up.

## CHASE GRACE

### 2 Peter 3 v. 18

Every day you live God will give you opportunities to grow in grace. Those who grow the furthest don't just stay open to them: they chase them, eagerly.

A grandma celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary shared what made her relationship: 'On my wedding day I decided to make a list of ten of my husband's faults, which for the sake of our marriage I would overlook. I never did get around to listing any. Each time he did something I didn't like, I'd say to myself, "Lucky for him, that's one of the ten."'

That's chasing grace down, rugby-tackling it to the ground, and taking every point you can get. Intimacy might get us together, but growing in grace will keep us together. So, when someone upsets you, instead of responding with angry words or angry silence, remind yourself that God's giving you another opportunity to grow in grace. And if you don't do too well with some of the opportunities He sends, don't worry. He'll keep sending more until you get it.

Resentment is one of the most expensive luxuries you can indulge in. A deep-seated grudge eats away at your peace of mind at a high cost. There are few things as sad as a person who has harboured a grudge for years.

Without forgiveness, life becomes an endless cycle of resentment and retaliation. What makes a long and fruitful life is forgiving everybody, everything, every night, before you go to bed. It's the secret of personal peace. Get serious about growing in grace and you'll see.

### What now?

Think of the tenderness of God towards you. Then write up a list of who you might need to forgive, today.

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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

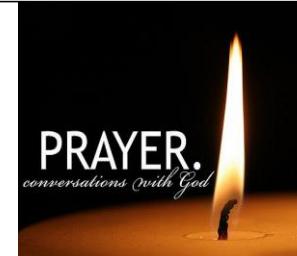
SUNDAY 29th APRIL 2018

10.30 am      Morning Worship

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian Lovell  
Preacher: Rev. Ian Lovell

Theme: Praying Creatively

Reading: James 5 v. 7 – 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