

## CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 20th MAY 2018

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

Cumulative offering for May = **£2,090.31**

Gift Aid still to be claimed for May = **£395.08**

**SHORTFALL** from budgeted offerings for the month of May = **£993.78**

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



### BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR JUNE 2018



2nd June  
Isaac Farnbank

7th June  
Lyn Quince

22nd June  
Hillary Lambert

30th June  
Jill Rodgers

## TO DO LIST

1-Minute Bible Love Notes

1. Spend time with Jesus  
Psalm 27:8.
2. Let Him prioritize my day  
Matthew 6:33.
3. Pray instead of worrying  
Philippians 4:6.
4. Be honest about my sins-  
James 4:10.
5. Think of others  
Philippians 2:3-4.
6. Wait patiently for God to act  
Psalm 27:14.
7. Be willing to do hard stuff  
Matthew 16:24.
8. Read God's Word  
Psalm 119:9-16.
9. Do what it says  
James 1:22
10. Let Christ lead me  
Matthew 11:29.

Don't be afraid of change. Be afraid of not changing!

Love powerfully, live purposefully and leave the rest up to God.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

### Tuesday 29th May

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

### Thursday 31st May

Housegroups 7.30pm

### Sunday 3rd June

Morning Worship 10.30am

(Rev. Ian Lovell will be leading the service today)

### HERE AM I. SEND ME!

#### ISAIAH 6 v. 8

Isaiah writes, *'Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" He said, "Go...!"'* (Isaiah 6 v. 8 - 9 NIV 2011 Edition).

In the preceding Scriptures Isaiah was making all sorts of excuses and telling God why he wasn't qualified to do the job. But in God's kingdom, calling outwards credentials every time! And the litmus test isn't experience or expertise, it's availability and teachability.

If you are willing to go when God gives you the green light, He will take you to inaccessible places and do impossible things.

Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Esther, Moses, Samuel, David, and Isaiah all have one thing in common. They all said, **'Here am I.'**

Isn't it ironic that we spend so much time and energy trying to figure out how to get to where God wants us to go, when all we have to do is simply say, **'Here am I?'**

It's **God's** job to get us to where He wants us to go; **our** job is to make ourselves available.

Like a doctor on call or a police officer on duty or a firefighter on shift, it's our readiness to respond that God is looking for. Sometimes it's a simple prompting to go out of our way and love our next - door neighbour. Sometimes it's a calling to move halfway around the world. But it always starts with the little three - prayer of availability: **'Here am I.'**

That's what Moses said at the burning bush.

That's what Caleb said when he finally set foot in the Promised Land.

**And that's what God wants you to say today.**

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

An advance notice to say that the **Fellowship Lunch on 3rd June** will be **Jacket Potatoes and fillings**. All are welcome to stay and enjoy time together.

### Many Thanks Today Goes To...

Serving Tea & Coffee today are...  
**Paula Bashford & Michelle Moore**

Flowers today were provided by...

Our Stewards today have been...  
**Norma Hall & Rene Duff**

## PRAYERS POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are still unwell at this time.
- Please pray for the local schools that are on holidays this coming week.
- Pray for those who will be spending their holidays on Isle of Wight.
- Pray for the Street & School Pastors on the Isle Of Wight.
- Pray for those who will be sitting exams in the next several weeks.

### *To succeed in life you must do these three things:*

**1) Decide what's important.** The story's told of a family who moved to the country to get away from the city. They decided to raise cattle so they bought a ranch. One day a friend visited them and asked what they'd named it. Dad said, 'I wanted to call it The Flying-W, but Mom wanted to call it The Suzy-Q. One of our sons liked The Bar-J, but our daughter preferred The Lazy-Y. So we compromised and called it The Flying-W, Suzy-Q, Bar-J, Lazy-Y Ranch.' The friend asked, 'How are your cattle doing?' Dad replied, 'We don't have any. They didn't survive the branding.' Come on, decide what's important to you!

**2) Prioritise your time.** Too many of us are like the store owner who got so busy trying to keep the place clean that he forgot to open the front door. The reason you're in business is to serve customers and make a profit, not get distracted by secondary things. Base your life's decisions on your priorities. And if you need help figuring out what they are, ask God: 'For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.'

**3) Learn to motivate yourself.** Most times, nobody else will. When tragedy struck his life, we read: 'David encouraged himself in the Lord...' (**1 Samuel 30 v. 6**). You need to learn how to do that too. Jude writes: '...building up yourselves...praying in the Holy Ghost' (**Jude 1 v. 20**). To succeed in life you must learn to encourage yourself, pray and build yourself up.

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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 27th MAY 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:**      Rev. Nigel Cox

**Preacher:**      Rev. Nigel Cox

**Theme:**      Transforming Church,  
Transforming Lives

**Reading:**      Matthew 5 v. 13 – 16

### 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**