

Put Your Heart And Soul Into It!

Ecclesiastes 9 v. 10 MSG

Solomon writes: **‘Seize life!...Each day is God’s gift...Whatever turns up, grab it and do it...heartily! This is your last and only chance at it’ (Ecclesiastes 9 v. 7 - 10 MSG).**

Professor Howard Hendricks writes: ‘Recently I lost one of my best friends, a woman eighty-six years young. She was the most exciting lay-teacher I’ve ever been exposed to. The last time I saw her on planet earth was at one of those ‘Christian parties’ where we all sit on eggshells and try to look pious. In she walked, looked at me and said, “Well, Hendricks, I haven’t seen you for a long time. Tell me, what are the five best books you’ve read in the last year?” (That’ll change the group dynamic in a hurry.)

Her philosophy was, “Let’s not bore each other...let’s get into a discussion. And if we can’t find anything to discuss, then let’s get into an argument.”

She was eighty-three years old on her last trip to the Holy Land. She went with a group of NFL football players. And one of my most vivid memories is seeing her out in front yelling back to them, “Come on, men, get with it!”

Recently she died in her sleep at her daughter’s home. Her daughter told me that just before she died she’d written out her goals for the next ten years!’ So whether you are nineteen or ninety-nine, the word for you today is: **‘Whatever turns up, grab it and do it...heartily.’** In other words: **Put your heart and soul into it.**

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.

Even when we don't
sense God's presence,

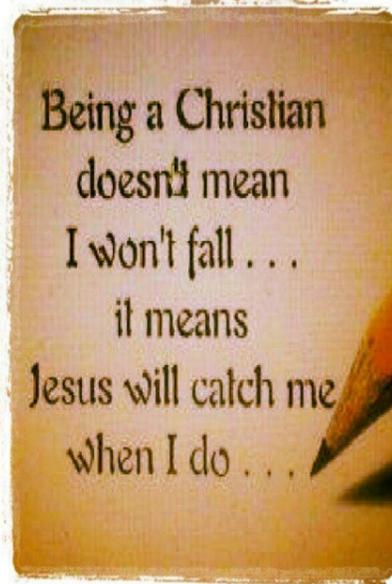
*His loving care
is all around us.*

-Unknown

Your Hiding Place

Psalm 32 v. 7

Have you ever fantasised about running away from all the stresses of today’s high-tech world? Surely there’s a place somewhere on the globe where the pace is slower and the living is easy. That dream motivated a family in 1940 to move to an island called Guadalcanal in the Coral Sea. But two years later war broke out in the Pacific, and the couple found themselves witnessing a battle – in their front yard. Obviously, they had chosen the wrong place. Where can you go to escape the noise and hubbub of city life? How about a small island in the Caribbean called Grand Cayman? Vacationers to this resort say it is the closest thing to paradise on earth. The residents there pay no taxes. The water around them is calm and warm, and there are orchids growing everywhere. Sounds good, doesn’t it? But there’s a catch. Medical studies revealed that the two major ailments suffered by the citizens of Grand Cayman are hypertension and anxiety neurosis. Life on a tropical beach is not always what it appears to be. Could it be that the stresses and pressures with which we struggle, actually come from within? Yes. And they will plague us no matter where we live, until we learn to deal with circumstances as they are. Here’s how the psalmist did it: **‘You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you’ (Psalm 32 v. 7 - 8 NIV 2011 Edition).**



PRAYERS POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are still unwell at this time.
- Pray for those who are holidaying on the Island this summer.
- Pray for the issues that trouble the world at this present time.
- Pray for those students that will be waiting for exam results this summer.
- Pray for the other churches in the locality. Pray for their Church Leaders and the work they do in their churches and the community.
- Pray that God will give you peace in your heart.

Many Thanks Today Goes To...

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

Flowers today were provided by . . .
Barbara Stokes

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

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR JULY 2018



26th July
Yvonne Farnbank

CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 15th JULY 2018

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

Cumulative offering for July = **£2,000.24**

Gift Aid still to be claimed for July = **£372.54**

SHORTFALL from budgeted offerings for the month of July = **£1,106.39**
(Shortfall is determined by Gift Aid still to be claimed)

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday 24th July

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

Wednesday 25th July

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am – 11.45am

Thursday 26th July

House Groups 7.30pm

Sunday 29th July

Morning Worship 10.30am

(Lin Plummer will be leading our Service today. Keith Tebbutt will be Preaching)

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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 22nd JULY 2018

10.30 am Morning Worship ~ Family Service

Worship Leader: Michelle Moore

Preacher: Michelle Moore

Theme: Pencil Lessons

Reading: John 15 v. 1 – 11



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