

PRAYER POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are still unwell at this time.
- Please pray for those who work in the hotel industry on the Island. Pray that they will be a witness to the guests and visitors.
- 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 Castlehold Baptist Church and their Minister ~ Rev. Adrian Redfearn.
- Give thanks to God for the way He guides you day by day.

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR SEPTEMBER 2018



22nd September
Leigh Carrington

30th September
Christine Farnbank

Many Thanks Today Goes To . . .

Serving Tea & Coffee today are . . .

Elaine Carrington

Flowers today were provided by . . .

Val Winter

Our Stewards today have been . . .

Sheila Rayner & Rene Duff

When you face a crisis it's easy to lose perspective. It happened to two of Christ's disciples on the Emmaus Road. Discouraged about His death, they were *'going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their...questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognise who he was'* (Luke 24 v. 14 - 16 MSG). When you take your eyes off Jesus, you start to feel helpless about your situation. Dr Michael Youssef says: *'Facing a major crisis, I tend to be the kind of person whose vision becomes blurred. My perceptions are shot. My contemplations are one-sided. I often shut out the very people who can deliver me, just like those two disciples...Their vision was blurred about the person who was walking with them and talking to them. The one whose death they were mourning was alive...but they didn't realise it because their focus was on the wrong thing.'* But everything changed the minute they recognised Jesus. *'Within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There...the two...told...how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along...and how they had recognised him as he was breaking the bread'* (Luke 24 v. 33 - 35 NLT). Note the words 'within the hour'. In an instant they went from fear to courage, pain to joy, and despair to hope. Paul wrote, *'I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened'* (Ephesians 1 v. 18 NIV 2011 Edition).

When you stop focusing on the problem and fix your eyes on Jesus, you get 20/20 vision and you're filled with hope.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 17th September

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

Tuesday 18th September

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

Wednesday 19th September

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am - 11.45am

We will be looking at Daniel 9 v. 1 - 27 ~ Kneeling On God's Promises

S.O.C. (Sandown Outreach Club) 4.15pm - 5.15pm (ages 5 - 7)
5.30pm - 6.30pm (ages 8 - 11)

Thursday 20th September

House Groups 7.30pm

Friday 21st September

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

Sunday 23rd September

Morning Worship 10.30am

(Rev. Ian Lovell will be leading the service today. This will be our Harvest Sunday)

CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 9th SEPTEMBER 2018

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

Cumulative offering for September = **£1,543.35**

Gift Aid still to be claimed for September = **£225.84**

SHORTFALL from budgeted offerings for the month of September = **£1,709.98**
(Shortfall is determined by Gift Aid still to be claimed)

We turn to God for help when our foundations are shaking only to learn that it is God shaking them. - *Charles West*

Heaven is full of answers to prayers for which no one ever bothered to ask. -

Billy Graham

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains; it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world. - *C. S. Lewis*

Our little time of suffering is not worthy of our first night's welcome home to Heaven. - *Samuel Rutherford*

BECOME A GOOD THINKER

PROVERBS 23 v. 7

With practice, you can become a good thinker. Observe two things:

1) Good thinkers have foresight. *'The plans of the diligent lead to profit'* (Proverbs 21 v. 5 NIV 2011 Edition). The word diligent means 'to work, study, and plan'. You don't stumble into success and figure it out afterwards. Whether you're in business or ministry, your level of success will increase dramatically if you place a high value on good thinking.

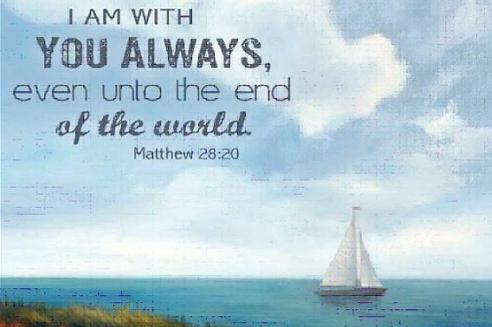
Novelist Victor Hugo wrote, *'A small man is made up of small thoughts.'* People who don't practise good thinking usually find themselves at the mercy of circumstances - or other people's thoughts. Unable to solve problems, they find themselves facing the same obstacles over and over. And because they don't think ahead they're habitually in reaction mode.

An old German proverb says, *'Better an empty purse than an empty head.'* Good thinkers overcome difficulties, including lack of resources that often leave poor thinkers at the mercy of good thinkers. In 'As a Man Thinketh', James Allen says, *'All that a man achieves or fails to achieve, is a direct result of his thoughts.'* Do you believe that? If you do, you'll place a high value on good thinking and make it a priority in your life.

2) Good thinkers look for the best, not the worst. They live by this scriptural principle: *'Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things'* (Philippians 4 v. 8 NIV 2011 Edition).

The Purpose of Baptism

1. To be obedient to Christ's command in Matthew 28:19-20
2. To show outward proof of your inward commitment (Acts 26:20, 1 John 2:3)
3. To publicly identify yourself as a Christian (Mark 8:38, Romans 1:16, Acts 18:8)



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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 16th SEPTEMBER 2018

10.30 am Morning Worship

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian Lovell

Preacher: Rev. Ian Lovell

Theme: The Great Commission

Reading: Matthew 28 v. 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