

Welcome to SANDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH



Our Vision is to . . .
Reach others with Christ's love as we learn to follow Him

SUNDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2018

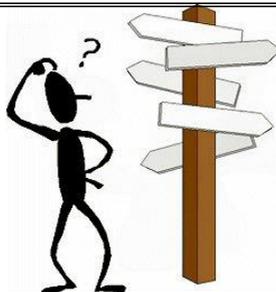
10.30 am Morning Worship

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian Lovell

Preacher: Rev. Ian Lovell

Theme: Jesus Can Make All The Difference

Reading: John 2 v. 1 – 12



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

GOD IS REAL!

PSALM 27 v. 1

What hope or help does the atheist or agnostic have? None! Writer and editorialist W.O. Saunders said in American Magazine: 'I'd like to introduce you to one of the loneliest and unhappiest individuals on earth...the man who doesn't believe in God. I can introduce you to such a man because I myself am one, and in introducing myself you shall have an introduction to the agnostic or sceptic in your own neighbourhood, for he is everywhere in the land. You'll be surprised to know that the agnostic envies your faith in God, your settled belief in a heaven after life, and your blessed assurance that you'll meet with your loved ones in an afterlife where there'll be neither sadness nor pain. He'd give anything to be able to embrace that faith and be comforted by it, but for him there is only the grave and the persistence of matter. After the grave all he can see is the disintegration of the protoplasm and psychoplasm of which my body and personality are composed, but in this materialist view, I find neither ecstasy nor happiness...He may put on a brave front but he isn't happy...He sometimes yearns for a staff on which to lean. He, too, carries a cross. For him, this earth is but a tricky raft adrift in the unfathomable waters of eternity with no horizon in sight. His heart aches for every precious life upon the raft - drifting, drifting, drifting, whither no one knows. But when you put your trust in Christ, you can say with confidence, "The LORD is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?"'

Many Thanks Today Goes To . . .

Serving Tea & Coffee today are . . .

Elaine Carrington

Flowers today were provided by . . .

Our Stewards today have been . . .

Hillary Lambert & Rene Duff



God's Eternal Blessings

God's eternal blessings
Flows down from above
To equip us in His mission
To spread His wondrous love

So He can always use us
And stretch us in our faith,
So we may be a blessing
To others by His grace

For everything we need,
God will graciously provide
Through His eternal blessings
That's abundant in our lives.

CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 23rd SEPTEMBER 2018

Budgeted offerings needed (incl. Gift Aid) for the month of September =
£3,47.17

Cumulative offering for September = **£2,629.36**

Gift Aid still to be claimed for September = £467.44

SHORTFALL from budgeted offerings for the month of September = **£382.37**
(Shortfall is determined by Gift Aid still to be claimed)

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.00am

Tuesday 2nd October

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

Wednesday 3rd October

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am – 11.45am

We will be looking at Daniel 11 v. 36 – 12 v. 13 ~ Darkness Before Deliverance

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

Thursday 4th October

Housegroups 7.30pm

Friday 5th October

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

Saturday 6th October

Church Prayer Meeting 9.00am - 10.00am

Sunday 7th October

Morning Worship 10.30am

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

PRAYERS POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are still unwell at this time.
- Please pray for those who work in the Fire Service on the Island. Pray that they will be available and responsive to those they deal with.
- 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.

THINGS CUT OFF, THINGS CUT BACK

JOHN 15 v. 12 NLT

Jesus said the vine dresser *'cuts off every branch...that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes [cuts back] the branches that do bear fruit so they...produce even more.'*

Notice two things:

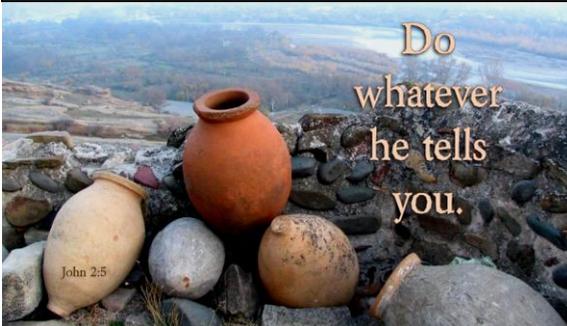
1) God cuts some things off. 'What kind of things?' Things you're comfortable with but that stand in the way of your progress. Things He hasn't chosen for you. Things that will bring you trouble. Things that refuse to change. Things that have served their purpose.

2) God cuts some things back. A fruit tree that's just been pruned certainly doesn't look its best. And when God starts cutting back certain things in your life in order to redirect your energies, for a while you may not look so good either. Sometimes this means letting go of things you thought would always be there, or reprioritising your life, or making do with less for a while, or not being able to explain to your loved ones why you're going through the pruning process.

But life-giving sap flowing into a barren branch with no potential for fruitfulness is a waste! And so is time, attention, and energy taken from first things and given to second and third things.

Understand this: God knows what needs to be cut off in your life, and He knows what needs to be cut back.

And although you may not understand what He's doing, pray: *'Send whoever You will and take away whoever You will. I'll praise You when they come and I'll praise You when they go, because Your approval is my reward and Your purpose is my reason to live.'*



BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR OCTOBER 2018



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