

When you face the perils of weariness, carelessness, and confusion, don't pray for an easier life.

Pray instead to be a stronger man or woman of God.

Luis Palau

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

PA Operator today has been...

John Graney

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR JANUARY 2019



11th January
Barbara Farnbank

19th January
Lin Plummer

CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 30th DECEMBER 2018

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

Cumulative offering for December = **£2,675.21**

Gift Aid still to be claimed for December = **£554.39**

SHORTFALL from budgeted offerings for the month of December = **£249.57**

Christmas Day offering for Spurgeon's Childcare was £198.29

Post Box was £101.65

Total to be sent to Spurgeon's Childcare = £299.94

A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Prayer is a God - ordained means of fulfilling what God wills.

Intercessory prayer is not one means of settling God's mind on a course of action, but one of the ways in which the already settled mind of God effects what he has decreed.

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

Charles West

PRAYER POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are still unwell at this time.
- Please pray for the staff, pupils and parents of The Bay C. E. School as they start back this coming week.
- 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.
- Pray for those who are feeling lonely and afraid at the present time.
- Give thanks to God for the continuing growth of the children's work within the church.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 7th January

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.00am

Tuesday 8th January

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

Wednesday 9th January

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am - 11.45am

We will be looking at a new study entitled: **Abraham (Hearing God's Call)**

The first study will be from Genesis 12 v. 1 - 20 ~ Hearing God's Call

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

Thursday 10th January

Housegroups 7.30pm

Friday 11th January

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

Sunday 13th January

Morning Worship 10.30am

(Judith Compton from Cowes Baptist Church will be Leading today)

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

After this morning's service we will be restarting our monthly Sunday Fellowship Lunches together.

This month we will be enjoying a **Lamb Stew** together.

Please feel free to stay and enjoy the food as well as each others company.

There is no charge for the lunch **BUT** donations are most appreciated.

Hearing from God

'...Search, and you will find...'

Matthew 7 v. 7

To hear from God you need:

1) **A regular time and place.** Some prefer morning. '...In the morning my prayer comes before you' (**Psalms 88 v. 13 NIV**). Others prefer evening. 'Let my ...praise [be] like the evening sacrifice' (**Psalms 141 v. 2 NCV**). Others prefer encounters throughout the day. 'Evening, morning and noon I cry out...' (**Psalms 55 v. 17 NIV**). Just find a time and place that's right for you. 'How much time should I take?'. As much as you need. Your time with God should last long enough for you to say what you want, and for God to say what He wants.

2) **An open Bible.** Before reading the Bible, pray. Don't go to Scripture looking for your own idea, go searching for God's. '...Hunt for it like hidden treasure. Then you will understand...and you will find that you know God' (**Proverbs 2 v. 4 - 5 NCV**). God seems to send us messages as He did manna: one day's portion at a time. He gives us: '...A command here, a command there. A rule here, a rule there. A little lesson here, a little lesson there' (**Isaiah 28 v. 10 NCV**). Choose depth over length. Read until a verse 'hits' you, then stop and meditate on it. Understanding comes a little at a time, over a lifetime.

3) **A listening heart.** James writes, 'The man who looks into the perfect law...and makes a habit of so doing, is not the man who hears and forgets. He puts that law into practice and he wins true happiness' (**James 1 v. 25 PHPS**). We know we are listening to God when what we read in the Bible is what others see in our lives.



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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 6th JANUARY 2019

10.30 am Morning Worship inc. Communion (Rededication Sunday)

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian Lovell

Preacher: Rev. Ian Lovell

Theme: What Does Jesus Offer You At
The Beginning Of A New Year?

Reading: Luke 2 v. 21 – 40

Our Church Text for 2019

Jesus came and told the disciples:

'I have been given complete authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, **go and make disciples** of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Teach these new disciples** to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: **I am with you always**, even to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28 v. 18 - 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.