

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.

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR FEBRUARY 2019



24th February
Joyce Brown

Many Thanks Today Goes To . . .

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

Flowers today were provided by . . .

Our Stewards today have been . . .
David Lambert & Rene Duff

PA Operator today has been . . .
John Graney

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 in a time of transition and change.
- 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 work in hospitals and the medical profession.
- Give thanks to God for the continuing growth of the children's work within the church.

CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 17th JANUARY 2019

Budgeted offerings needed (incl. Gift Aid) for the month of February =
£3,041.67

Cumulative offering for February = **£1,810.81**

Gift Aid still to be claimed for February = **£427.70**

SHORTFALL from budgeted offerings for the month of February =
£803.15

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 25th February

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.00am

Tuesday 26th February

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

Wednesday 27th February

Coffee & Bible Study 10.00am - 11.45am

S.O.C. (Sandown Outreach Club)

4.15pm - 5.15pm (ages 5 – 7)
5.30pm - 6.30pm (ages 8 – 11)

Thursday 28th February

Housegroups 7.30pm

Friday 1st March

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

Sunday 3rd March

Morning Worship 10.30am

(Lin Plummer will be leading today & Rev. Ian Lovell will be preaching)

Israel's journey from Egypt to the Promised Land illustrates three different places you can choose to live: **1) The place of 'not enough'**. As slaves in Egypt they were forced to depend on Pharaoh for everything. And when you have to keep relying on anyone but God, you're not truly free. Until you understand that God is your provider, you'll live with a 'not enough' mentality. Elijah was living by a stream in the middle of a famine, and ravens brought him meat each day. Then one day the ravens didn't show up, and the brook dried up. Why? God dried up a temporary source to drive Elijah back to his true source. Understand this: regardless of what or whom He uses – God is your source. He is called 'Jehovah Jireh', which means 'the Lord will provide'. **2) The place of 'just enough'**. In the wilderness Israel had just enough manna for each day. It's no fun struggling to just get by. But we appreciate what we have to struggle for, and we learn to trust God more. Plus, living through such seasons builds into us a tenacity to keep moving towards better things. **3) The place of 'more than enough'**. God's plan for Israel was 'a land in which you...will lack nothing' (Deuteronomy 8:9 NKJV). And His goal for you is abundance in every area of life (see 2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV). Is that so you can hoard it? No, it's so you can bless others and fulfil your assignment in life. So, stand on this Scripture: 'To Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...be glory...forever.'

BE SECURE IN WHO YOU ARE

ROMANS 12 v. 6 NIV

Insecure people often say yes, when in reality they'd like to say no. But people who succeed at being themselves don't let others control them. They see themselves as God sees them; therefore they're led by His Word instead of the fear of rejection. You can invest so much effort into trying to keep everybody happy that you end up losing yourself.

Question: Do you feel like you can't be everything everybody wants you to be? Do you want to say no, but the fear of displeasing others makes you keep complying? And in the meantime the pressure is building inside you and you're thinking, 'I can't do this anymore'?

Don't get angry with those who keep making more and more demands on you. You are responsible for ordering your own life. The buck stops with you! That requires a clear sense of your own worth, your calling, your direction, your goals, and your priorities.

One Christian author writes: 'For years I lived under the pressure of everybody's expectations. I thought, "What if I let them down?" I thought they were pressuring me, when in reality it was my own fears and insecurities weighing me down. "But," you say, "don't you care what others think?" What others think isn't my problem, unless I make it my problem. Pleasing God and being what He wants is my first concern. If I try to be anybody else I'll forfeit His blessing, because God can't bless an imitation.' The solution is to work on becoming secure in who you are in Christ, and everything else will begin to fall into place.

Press on. **TRUST** Always have hope.

keep your chin up. **Be joyful,** even when it hurts.

Step out of the boat, take the hand of The Almighty, and keep going.

Be still- He hears you. Be happy with what you have **right now.**

Pray about it.

God has 4 gifts for you:

- A **Key** for every problem,
- A **Light** for every shadow,
- A **Plan** for every tomorrow
- And a **Joy** for every sorrow.

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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 24th FEBRUARY 2019

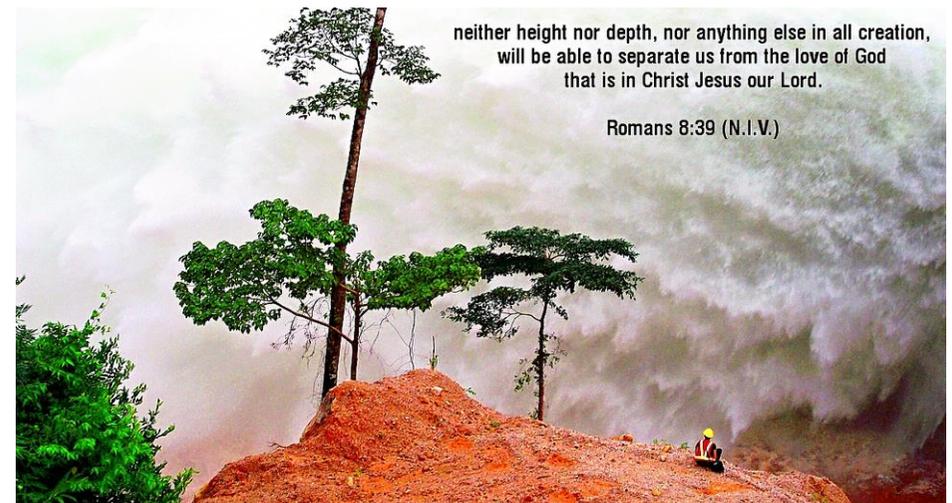
10.30 am Morning Worship ~ Family Service

Worship Leader: Rev. Ian Lovell

Preacher: Rev. Ian Lovell

Theme: The Width, Length, Height And Depth Of Jesus Love

Reading: Ephesians 3 v. 1 – 21



neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:39 (N.I.V.)

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