

PRAYER POINTERS

- Pray for those of our fellowship who are still unwell at this time.
- 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 Doctors Surgeries and the medical profession.
- Give thanks to God for the continuing growth of the children's work within the church.
- Pray for the work of Street Pastors and School Pastors on the Island.
- Pray for all those young people who will be sitting their exams in the coming weeks and months
- Pray for the other churches in the Sandown Area and their Ministers.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 4th March

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.00am

Tuesday 5th March

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

Wednesday 6th March

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 7th March

Housegroups 7.30pm

Friday 8th March

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

Sunday 10th March

Morning Worship 10.30am

(Rev. Ian Lovell will be leading Worship)

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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

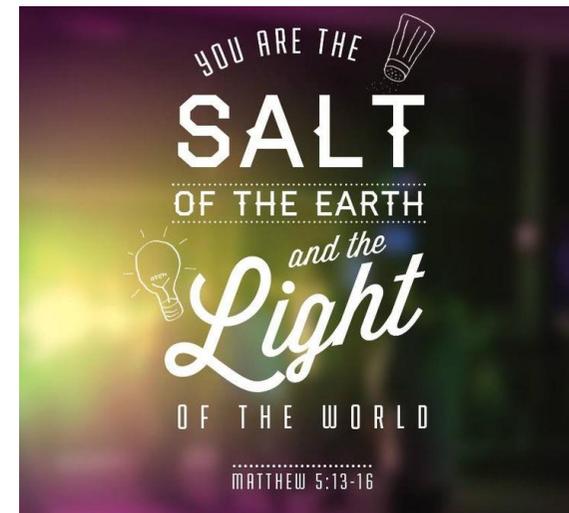
SUNDAY 3rd MARCH 2019

10.30 am **Morning Worship ~ inc. Communion & Prayer Tree**

Worship Leader: Lin Plummer
Preacher: Rev. Ian Lovell

Theme: Salt And Light In A Needy World

Reading: Matthew 5 v. 13 – 16



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.

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME FOR MARCH 2019



11th March
Anita Cole

Many Thanks Today Goes To...

Serving Tea & Coffee today are ...
Elaine Carrington

Flowers today were provided by ...

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

PA Operator today has been ...
John Graney

CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 24th FEBRUARY 2019

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

Cumulative offering for February = **£2,294.13**

Gift Aid still to be claimed for February = **£511.03**

SHORTFALL from budgeted offerings for the month of February =
£236.50

GIVE GOD YOUR BEST

2 SAMUEL 24 v. 24 NLT

Instead of trusting God for victory over his enemies, David decided of his own volition to count the number of troops in his army to see how strong he was. God considered it 'a slap in the face', and a plague hit Israel that wiped out seventy thousand people. In order to stop the plague, David was told: *'Build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite'* (2 Samuel 24 v.18 NLT). When Araunah realised what was happening, he offered his threshing floor and oxen to David free of charge. But David said: *"No, I insist on buying it, for I will not present burnt offerings to the Lord my God that have cost me nothing."* So, *David paid him fifty pieces of silver for the threshing floor and the oxen. David built an altar there to the Lord and sacrificed burnt offerings and peace offerings. And the Lord answered his prayer...and the plague on Israel was stopped'* (2 Samuel 24 v. 24 - 25 NLT).

The old Anglo-Saxon word for worship is *worth-ship*, which is the act of ascribing worth or value to a person or object.

What's the point? It's this: when it comes to serving God, if it doesn't cost – it doesn't count!

God knows we can't all give the same amount. But what He's asking for isn't equal *giving*, but equal *sacrifice!* The Bible says, *'Honour the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything'* (Proverbs 3 v. 9 NLT). So, whether you're worshipping, serving, or giving, make sure you're giving God your best.

Imagine the temple lying in ruins, and having to be rebuilt from the ground up. That's what things were like when Zechariah shared his vision with the people of Israel. Some thought it couldn't be done, and others thought that their particular contribution would make no difference. So Zechariah challenged them in these words: 'Does anyone dare despise this day of small beginnings? They'll change their tune when they see Zerubbabel setting the last stone in place!' In 1963, MIT meteorologist Edward Lorenz presented the hypothesis that became known as the butterfly effect. He theorised that a minor event, like the flapping of a butterfly's wings in Brazil, could conceivably alter wind currents sufficiently to cause a tornado in Texas. Lorenz came to the simple yet profound conclusion: 'Minuscule changes in input can make macroscopic differences in output.' That simple discovery has the power to change your life. It can radically alter your spiritual, emotional, relational, or financial forecast. It can change the atmosphere of your organisation or your marriage. One decision. One change. One risk. One idea. That's all it takes. You don't have to make one hundred changes. All that does is divide your energy by one hundred, and results in a 1 per cent chance of success. You have to be 100 per cent committed to one change. It will take an all-out effort. It will probably be the hardest thing you've ever done. But that one change has the potential to make a 100 per cent difference in your life.

1 CROSS
+ 3 NAILS

4 GIVEN



Don't always try so hard to fit in.
Remember, God made you the
way you are so you could
stand out and glorify Him.

