

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.

### CHURCH FINANCES FOR THE MONTH TO 17th MARCH 2019

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

Cumulative offering for March = **£1,769.83**

*Gift Aid still to be claimed for March = £414.96*

**SHORTFALL** from budgeted offerings for the month of March  
= **£856.87**

### NOT OUT, BUT THROUGH

**Isaiah 43 v. 2 NKJV**

Before God changes our circumstances, He often uses our circumstances to change us. Yes, He has promised to deliver us from our troubles, but not necessarily on our schedule or in the way we think. God wants to do more than just deliver us; He wants to develop us into the likeness of His Son and into the fullness of our God - given potential. Notice how often the word through is used in Scripture. To get to the Promised Land, Israel had to go through the Red Sea, through the wilderness, and through the Jordan River.

Think about these two Scriptures: '*As they pass through the Valley of Baca [brokenness, loss, grief, and weeping] they make it a spring...they go from strength to strength*' (Psalm 84 v. 5 - 7 NKJV). '*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned*' (Isaiah 43 v. 2 NKJV).

God doesn't work in minutes, hours, and days; He works in seasons.

The refiner knows how long the ore must stay in the fire to produce gold. The potter knows how long the clay must stay on the wheel to become a thing of value, beauty, and usefulness. Trust God; He knows what He's doing. Be patient; while God is working for you, He's working in you. When you get through this experience, you'll look back and thank Him for the things He has taught you.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday 25th March

Play & Praise Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.00am

### Tuesday 26th March

Prayer Meeting 10.00am - 11.00am

### Wednesday 27th 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 28th March

Church AGM Members Meeting 7.30pm

### Friday 29th March

Noah's Ark Toddler Group 9.30am - 11.30am

### Sunday 31st March

Morning Worship 10.30am

(Rev. Ian Lovell will be leading Worship ~ Mothering Sunday)

JOSEPH WAITED  
**13 YEARS.**

ABRAHAM WAITED  
**25 YEARS.**

MOSES WAITED  
**40 YEARS.**

JESUS WAITED  
**30 YEARS.**

IF GOD IS MAKING YOU WAIT,  
YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY.

### Many Thanks Today Goes To...

Serving Tea & Coffee today are . . .  
**Elaine Carrington**

Flowers today were provided by . . .

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

PA Operator today has been . . .  
**John Graney**

Never underestimate  
the power of prayer.

No matter what problem  
should come your way  
on this or any day,  
God is stronger than it could ever be.

**Amen**

## TODAY, ACT WITH COMPASSION

### Matthew 9 v. 36 NKJV

The New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance defines 'compassion' as 'being moved in one's bowels' (the bowels were thought to be the seat of love and pity). It shares a root system with *splanchnology*, the study of the visceral [inner] parts of the body.

Compassion, then, is a reaction from deep within – a kick in the gut, if you will. Perhaps that's why we turn away when we see news reports of children starving in refugee camps, and hear about the 1.7 billion people who live on less than 97p a day and go to bed hungry every night. It's too much for us – especially when we perceive the need as so overwhelming that we couldn't begin to meet it.

But what if you could? What if you could make life better for one hurting person? 'Then Peter said, "*Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.*" And he took him by the right hand...lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength' (Acts 3 v. 6 - 7 NKJV).

What if Peter had said, 'I have no silver or gold, so I'll just keep my mouth shut and pass on by'? But he didn't, and as a result a crippled man who'd sat begging for thirty - eight years rose up and walked into a new life.

You say, 'But I don't have that kind of power!' No, but God does! And when you see someone's need and reach out your hand to meet it – God will release His power!

It's your compassion that flips the switch. So, today, act with compassion

### PRAYERS 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 the tourist trade and hotels.
- Pray for those young people who will shortly be sitting exams.
- Pray for families of those who come to the activities that the church provides.

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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



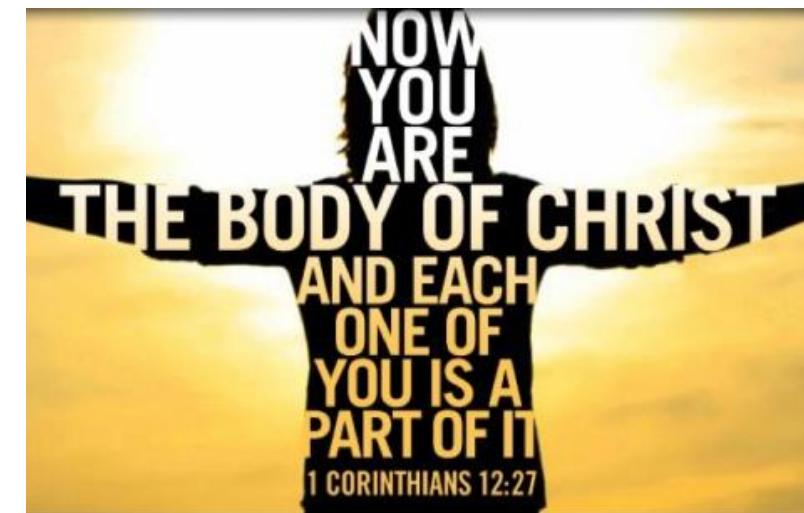
**SUNDAY 24th MARCH 2019**

**10.30 am Morning Worship ~ Family Service**

**Worship Leader:** Mrs. Michelle Moore  
**Preacher:** Mrs. Michelle Moore

**Theme:** What Can We Learn From A Teabag?

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 2 v. 1 – 10



### 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**