

Welcome to
SANDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

Our vision is to reach others with Christ's love as we aim to follow Him

Sunday 29 September 2019



Worship Leader:	Lin Plummer
Speaker:	Rev Charles Andrew
Reading:	Job 35:5-7
Theme:	How great is our God

We warmly welcome 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 sign our visitors' book before you leave. If you are new to the church and wish to find out more about us, please make yourself known to Welcome Team.

Please stay seated throughout the service if you prefer. At the end of the service refreshments are served in the vestibule, you are very welcome to stay and share fellowship with us.

Our Church Text for 2019

Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'

Matthew 28 v. 18 - 20

PRAYER POINTERS

- ✝ Pray for the work of the Scripture Union (Monday 30 September is SU England and Wales day of prayer)
- ✝ Pray that the people of the Bahamas will not be forgotten by the rest of the world in their time of need.
- ✝ Pray for our own country. That calmer counsels will prevail in Westminster and that a clear way forward will be found.
- ✝ Pray that God will strengthen our faith and trust and guide us by the power of The Holy Spirit.

CHURCH FINANCES

Budgeted offerings (inc. Gift Aid) needed per month =	£3041.67
Cumulative offerings for the month to last Sunday =	£2102.74
Gift Aid still to be claimed for the month =	£ 453.32
SHORTFALL from budgeted offerings for the month =	£ 485.60

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	9:30am - 11:00am	Play and Praise
Tuesday	11.45am - 12:45pm	Prayer Meeting:
Wednesday	10:00am - 11:30am	Bible Study - John chapter 1 verses 1-18
	5:00 pm - 6:00pm	SOC - Lamp on a stand. - Luke 8 v 16-18
Thursday	7:30pm	House Groups
Friday	9:30am – 11:30am	Noah's Ark Toddler Group:

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday	6 October	Rev. Nigel Cox: Communion. Fellowship Lunch - Cottage Pie
Tuesday	8 October	Friends Unlimited – Games Evening 7pm
Sunday	15 October	Speaker: Keith Stevenson
Friday	18 October	Half term Break until 4 November
Sunday	20 October	Speaker: Keith Tebbutt
Sunday	27 October	Speaker: Stella Hardiman

Our August collection
For the Isle of Wight
Foodbank achieved 44.5 Kg.
of much-needed food.



Thank You.

BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME
September 2019

22nd Leigh Carrington
30th Christine Farnbank





Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal 2019

The Christmas shoebox appeal is upon us again and it's time to go searching for suitable things to put in. This year the rules have changed slightly as the organisers, Samaritan's Purse, have said that customs regulations now prohibit the inclusion of toothpaste and sweets. For those of you who may not be entirely familiar with what can go into a shoebox, here is a quick run-down of the guidance.

First decide if your shoebox is for a boy or a girl and for which age group you are aiming for (2-4, 5-9 or 10-11). Keep this in mind when buying your gifts. Wrap your shoebox and its lid separately so that it can be opened and checked (or use a pre-printed one).



Toys are essential. Please include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or cuddly toys (with CE label); deflated football with pump, toy cars or trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles slinky spring, etc. **School stuff:** Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, solar calculators, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, drawing paper, colouring & picture books etc. pencil compasses and dividers with an inch-long point are not a good idea.



Personal Items: Toothbrush (but no toothpaste), bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel, hat (woolly, beanie etc.) cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch. (As with the calculator, battery-powered versions are not useful in places where batteries are expensive or hard to get.)

Please do NOT put any of the following into your shoebox

Used or damaged items; clothing other than as listed above; war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate, sweets or other food items; seeds; aerosols; toothpaste, lotions or liquids of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers or fragile items; books with mainly words; Batteries ('pill' shaped batteries are very dangerous to young children).



Shoeboxes need to be at the church, ready to go, by Sunday 10 November. Onward transport to the collection centre will be organised. The charity asks for a minimum project donation of £5. If you pay this online you can print out a barcode to go in your box. After Christmas you will get an email telling you where the box was sent to.

Some pre-printed labels and other materials are available for downloading at:

<http://www.sandownbaptist.church/resources/shoeboxes/>

Our Duty Deacon today is:

Rene Duff

On locking-up duty is:

John Graney

Serving Tea & Coffee today:

Norma and Sue Hall

The flowers were provided by:

Our welcome stewards are:

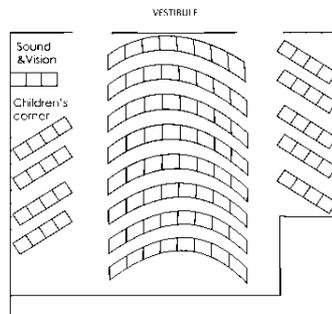
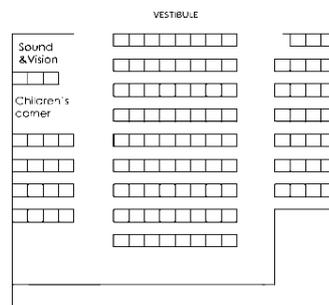
David Lambert and Rene Duff

Sound and vision controller:

John Graney

SEATING IN CHURCH

At our church meeting last Thursday there was a discussion about the way that the chairs are arranged in the sanctuary. We originally dispensed with the pews to give ourselves some flexibility



yet have stuck rigidly to the current layout for years.

There are, of course, many ways in which the chairs could be set out. If you have an idea or an opinion about this please let the church secretary know. Brian and

John will be conducting a few experiments today.

Order of Service

Welcome / opening Prayer

34 At your feet we fall

Offering

894 Lord I come before your throne of grace

Prayers for others

1184 Beautiful Lord wonderful Saviour

621 You are beautiful beyond description

1646 You are my Anchor

Job 35: 5-7

519 Take my life and let it be

Rev. Charles Andrew

1162 All the way my Saviour leads me

Grace

The former layout above does have the advantage of putting the congregation, for the main part, in front of the preacher and nobody is more than four chairs from an aisle. Of course, other ideas do exist!



Our Church Logo

Visitors, and others, may wonder how we arrived at our church logo.

The **dove** recalls the baptism of Jesus when he saw the Spirit of God descending "like a dove" and alighting on him.

The **flame** represents the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. When the disciples were all together in one place. "Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be "tongues of fire" that separated and came to rest on each of them."

The **rainbow** symbolises new beginnings, God's faithfulness and his promise to never again destroy the earth by flood.

The water represents believer's baptism.

Weekly News Sheet

This weekly news sheet is now compiled by John Graney. Please ensure that John or Hillary, our Church Secretary, has any information for inclusion by 8pm Thursday evening, preferably by email to: news@sandownbaptist.church which will go to both John and Hillary