

Welcome to  
**SANDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH**

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



**Sunday 17 November 2019**

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**Worship Leader: Martin and Louise Hall.**

**Speaker: Martin and Louise Hall.**

**Reading: John 4: 19-24 and Jeremiah 29:11**

**Theme: Hope**

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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 our church, our town, our Island.
- ✝ Pray for the people of Hong Kong. After five months of protests the schools are closed and the streets are not safe.
- ✝ Pray for all those affected by the recent rain, storms and flooding. In particular the families of the bereaved.
- ✝ Pray that the candidates in the general elections will prayerfully consider what they say and that voters will prayerfully consider their choices.
- ✝ *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 =	£ 3,041.67
Cumulative offerings for the month to last Sunday =	£ 1,000.90
Gift Aid still to be claimed for the month =	£ 232.73
<b>Shortfall</b> from budgeted offerings for the month =	<b>£ 1808.04</b>

## 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 - Romans Ch. 8 – verses 18-32.
	5:00pm - 6:00pm	SOC Nativity rehearsal and preparation
Thursday	7:30pm	Church Meeting
Friday	9:30am – 11:30am	Noah's Ark

## FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday	24 November	Gordon Ainger: (Gideons International)
Sunday	24 November	Christmas post box open (until 15 December)
Sunday	1 December	Jonathan Skeet: Communion: Fellowship Lunch
Friday	6 December	Christmas Tree Festival (setting up the day before).
Saturday	7 December	Christmas Tree Festival & Children's Nativity Play.
Tuesday	10 December	Friends Unlimited Christmas pom-pom decoration
Saturday	14 December	Church Christmas Tea
Monday	16 December	7.30pm Sing Carols for Jesus at the Castle Inn

Our September collection for the Isle of Wight Foodbank realised 40.58 Kg of much needed food. However the Foodbank still needs our help. The items most urgently needed in November are:

Squash, Tinned Fruit, Coffee, Sponge Puddings & Custard, Toiletries, Toilet Rolls, washing up liquid, washing powder.

**Next month's collection (on the 2<sup>nd</sup>) will be the last before Christmas**



**BMS  
BIRTHDAY  
SCHEME**

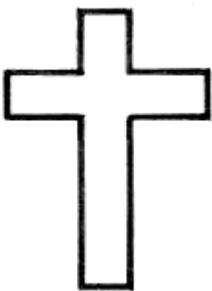


**November 2019  
24<sup>th</sup> Lynda Sheaf  
26<sup>th</sup> Rene Duff**

**Church Christmas Tea**  
**Saturday 14 December 2019**  
**4pm to 6pm**  
**£5 per head**  
**Please put your name on  
the list in the vestibule**

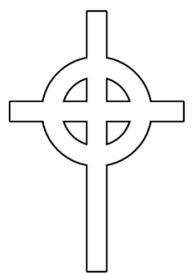
### **Badges and Symbols: The Cross**

The cross is the most well-known Christian symbol. All Christians and most non-Christians know what it refers to. Although as a symbol the cross did not originate with Christians nor in first-century Palestine. The picture on the right is a 'stela' carved in the Assyrian kingdom about 850BC. The subject (a king) is wearing a cross around his neck. It is in the form we now refer to as a Maltese Cross. Whether it has religious symbolism or it is a sign of his power or office as king I cannot say. I point it out just to say that a cross is not only a Christian thing.



Unfortunately, we Christians do not agree about the form of the cross. Even if we do have a common view of what it stands for. The cross that we as Baptists are most used to seeing is shown on the left. Sometimes called the Latin Cross and sometimes the Baptist Cross. Along with the Tau cross (which lacks the top vertical bar and resembles a letter T) and the Greek Cross (normally shown with four equal arms) it bears the closest resemblance to one which might have been used for a crucifixion. The Saint Andrew's cross also has four equal arms but is stands diagonally, like a capital **X**, rather than upright.

To me the unfortunate part is the way that different crosses are used to demarcate between different denominations. In this way they become symbols of difference rather than unity. Crosses used by different churches and denominations often have additions to the basic structure. The Papal Cross has three crossing arms and the Celtic cross (shown right) has a ring around the intersection. (Nobody is really sure why!) There are many different versions of the cross, some named after saints. Crosses are often richly decorated or made of precious metals sometimes studded with gems and pearls. But however valuable or beautiful the artefact the cross itself is the symbol of a greater truth. The word 'crucifix' refers to a cross with a representation of Christ on it. As Baptists we do not usually employ this symbolism. We don't deny that the crucifixion happened. On the contrary, we celebrate it. It did happen. Jesus was crucified and died for us. When he rose from the dead the bare cross became a symbol of Christ's victory over the grave. He is not forever fixed to the cross but lives today.





Preparations are underway for the **sixth** Sandown Christmas Tree Festival. This year, donations made by visitors will go to the fund for repairing the kitchen roof.

The programme will be:

Thursday 5 December	Noon -6pm	Setting up day. Tea and coffee will be provided.
Friday 6 December	10am - 5pm	First public day.
Saturday 7 December	10am - 5pm	Second public day And Children's Nativity 5:30 pm
Sunday 8 December	10.30 am	Sunday Service amongst the Christmas trees
Monday 9 December	10am - 1pm	Taking down day

Our Duty Deacon today is:

[Loraine Hitchman](#)

On locking-up duty is:

[Brian Hall](#)

Serving Tea & Coffee today:

[Elaine Carrington](#)

The flowers were provided by:

[See sign-up list in the vestibule](#)

Our welcome stewards are:

[Paula Bashford & Rene Duff](#)

Sound and vision controller:

[John Graney](#)

### 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](mailto:news@sandownbaptist.church)*

*which will go to both John and Hillary*

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening and Notices –

Song Way Maker

Song O Praise the Name

Offering

Reading John 4, 19-24

Talk Praise and Worship

Prayers of Intercession

Reading Jeremiah 29, 11

1646 You are my anchor,

1419 Light of the World,

1827 Here I Am

Video Hope

Talk Hope – Louise

1030 The Lord's my shepherd

Video (Reflection) - Mercy Me - Even IF

Closing Prayer