

# Welcome to SANDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

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



## Sunday 15 December 2019

**Worship Leader: Brian Hall**

**Speaker: Rene Duff**

**Bible Reading: Isaiah 9: v2 - v7**

**Theme: What's in a name**

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: 18 – 20**

### **PRAYER POINTERS**

- ✝ Pray for our church, our town, our Island, our country.
- ✝ Pray for those alone and those homeless at Christmas particularly here on our island. Pray for the work of those who help them whether from statutory or voluntary agencies
- ✝ Pray for the families of our forces serving overseas and apart from their families.
- ✝ Now that the election is over pray that a period of peaceful progress and prosperity will follow.
- ✝ *Pray that God will strengthen our faith and trust and guide us by the power of The Holy Spirit*

## CHURCH FINANCES

Budgeted offerings (including Gift Aid) needed per month =	£ 3,041.67
Cumulative offerings for the month to last Sunday =	£ 950.31
Gift Aid still to be claimed for the month =	£ 220.08
<b>Shortfall</b> from budgeted offerings for the month =	<b>£ 1871.28</b>

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Today	Post box closes today
Monday	Play & Praise is on Christmas Break
Monday	7.30pm Sing Carols for Jesus at the Castle Inn
Tuesday	11.45am - 12:45pm Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	Bible Study is on Christmas Break
Wednesday	SOC is on Christmas Break
Thursday	7:30pm House Groups
Friday	Noah's Ark is on Christmas Break

## FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday	22 December 10:30am Annual Carol Service; Post delivery
Wednesday	25 December 10:30am Christmas Family Service: Michelle Moore
Sunday	29 December Hillary & David
Sunday	5 January Judith Compton.
Monday	6 January Church Leadership Meeting
Sunday	12 January Rev Williams
Thursday	<u>16 January Next Church Meeting</u>
Sunday	19 January Judith Compton
Sunday	26 January Paul Corbett

Our November collection for the Isle of Wight Foodbank realised 68.7 kg of much needed food. Over 2019 you generously donated more than half a tonne of much needed food reaching a total of 556.45kg.

For which many thanks. Please remember the food bank over Christmas. Our next collection will be in the first week of January 2020



**BMS  
BIRTHDAY  
SCHEME**



**December 2019  
12<sup>th</sup> Barbara Stokes  
(b.1922!)**



Just a reminder - before putting all those used stamps from your many, many Christmas cards in the containers in the vestibule for BMS or Home Mission, please trim them with scissors, leaving a small amount of paper around them.

Jill

# Christmas Post 2019

The church pillar box is now open and will close after the service Today. Delivery will be in the vestibule on **Next Sunday**. Donations this year (suggested 10p per card) will go to **Spurgeon's Child care**. Only send cards to people who can collect them from the church and please use full names so we know who's who! Donations in an envelope marked **Christmas Post** should be put in the **black** box on the screen wall. Please do **not** put any money in the **red** pillar box.



Emma. (Our new postie!)

Our Duty Deacon today is:

**Rene Duff**

On locking-up duty is:

**David Lambert**

Serving Tea & Coffee today:

**Michelle & Emma Moore**

Our offering stewards today:

**Christine & Isaac Farnbank**

Our welcome stewards are:

**Paula Bashford & Rene Duff**

Sound and vision controller:

**John Graney**

Welcome

Psalm 121 & Prayers Mike

72 Come Let Us Sing

Light The Advent Candles

379 Majesty

What A Beautiful Name

Isaiah Ch.9 V.2 To 7 Anita

2231 10,000 Reasons

Intercessions: Dawn

Lord's Prayer Sung

Offering

Carol Joy

Talk Norma, Sue, Rene

640 We Shall Go Out With Joy

Benediction & Grace

# Wight Christmas

What if Jesus Christ the Saviour  
was born today on the Isle of Wight?  
In a draughty lock-up garage  
behind the pub, one starry night.

Bed and breakfast full of grockles,  
No room here for future king  
Make Mary comfy in the outhouse  
Whilst up above the angels sing.

Would shepherds then come down from Ashey?  
With a lamb to give the child  
Inoculated, dipped and branded  
Movement order neatly filed

Would wise men travel from the mainland?  
Would Wightlink let their camels on?  
Whilst the living God and saviour  
had his feed before the dawn

Would they bring their presents to him,  
designer labels to the fore?  
But have no way of really knowing  
that he could give them so much more

Would the council chairman worry  
That his power would be usurped  
Whilst the Son of God lay swaddled  
Smiled and giggled, hiccupped, burped

Would a County Press reporter  
Make a special journey down  
Or leave it to the village voice  
and stay at home in Newport town

Would the story spread to London?  
Would parliament be recalled?  
Whilst the Son of God lay snoozing  
Protected from the winter cold

Would the government send soldiers  
down to search the garden Isle.  
Out to kill a king in waiting  
Safe in Dorset all the while

Would the news then spread to Brussels  
In every Union tongue retold  
In Eiland Wight vandaag geboren  
de Redder van de hele wereld

But Christ was not born on our island  
He did not walk these leafy lanes  
But he is with us, ever present  
Living with us all the same

John Graney 1998

*OK so I was a little desperate for content without pinching anyone else's copyright. I am sure you can do better. Send your contributions in via [news@sandownbaptist.church](mailto:news@sandownbaptist.church)*



*Our retiring collections at the recent Children's Nativity and at our Carol Service this coming Sunday 22 December are going to Kissy Puppy - The Sophie Rolf Trust. As many of you will know Sophie sadly died of a brain tumour in 2013. The trust, which was initially set up as a mechanism to fund-raise for Sophie and her family, now exists to provide support to children on the Isle of Wight suffering from life-shortening conditions. We will report how much has been raised later. As we are using one of the trust's sealed collecting buckets we will hear from them once it has been opened.*

*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*