

Welcome to SANDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

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



15 March 2020

Worship Leader:	Rev Dr Colin Norris
Speaker:	Rev Dr Colin Norris
Bible Reading:	Isaiah 56 and Acts 8:26-39
Theme:	Church without walls

We warmly welcome everyone who has joined us today, especially if you are new here or are visiting us. 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 our Welcome Team. Please note that today's service will be shortened as we are having our church 'awayday' led by Rev Dr Colin Morris. Tea and coffee will be available in the vestibule as usual. The first session of the 'awayday' programme will then start at 11:30

Our Church Text for 2020

...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1 v 6

PRAYER POINTERS

- ✝ The Baptist Union Council meets later this week. Please pray for the Council members as they look to set the broad strategic direction for Baptists Together.
<http://www.baptist.org.uk/council/>
- ✝ BMS is responding to the needs of vulnerable children following **severe flooding in Sri Lanka**. Pray for wisdom and energy for our partner on the ground, and pray for affected communities to be able to bounce back quickly from this disaster.).
(Source: BMS <https://www.bmsworldmission.org>)
- ✝ Pray for ourselves and our families, our church, our island, our country and our world. Particularly as the COVID 19 coronavirus spreads.

CHURCH FINANCES

Budgeted offerings (including Gift Aid) needed per month = £ 2,770.83

Cumulative offerings for the month to last Sunday = £ 1206.93

Gift Aid still to be claimed for the month = £ 234.48

Shortfall from budgeted offerings for the month = £ 329.42

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:
5:00pm - 6:00pm SOC: The Road to Damascus - Acts 9:1-22

Thursday 7:30pm Church Meeting

Friday 9:30am – 11:30am Noah's Ark

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 22 March Keith Tebbutt

Sunday 29 March Keith Tebbutt

Friday 3 April End of term. New Term starts 20 April

Sunday 5 April Rev. Nigel Cox

Thursday 9 April Maundy Service: Rene Duff

Friday 10 April Good Friday: Lin Plummer

Sunday 12 April Easter Day: Rev. Nigel Cox

**BMS BIRTHDAY
SCHEME
March 2020**



11th Anita Cole

Learn more at
www.bmsworldmission.org/get-involved/fundraising/



Further updated for March. Our February collection amounted to 45.76kg of food and other essentials. The foodbank reports that they still need **packet rice, tinned spaghetti, tinned potatoes, long-life fruit juice, puddings (e.g. instant whip), shaving gel & razors, shampoo, washing-up liquid & washing powder.** Furthermore due to the generosity of the public they have plenty of cereal, baked beans, pasta and toilet rolls. After today our next collection will be on 5 April.

<https://isleofwight.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

On Duty today

Our Duty Deacon today is:

[Jan Graney](#)

On locking-up duty is:

[John Graney](#)

Serving Tea & Coffee today:

[Michelle and Emma Moore](#)

Our offering stewards today:

[Christine & Isaac Farnbank](#)

Our welcome stewards are:

[David Lambert and Rene Duff](#)

Sound and vision controller:

[John Graney](#)

Order of Service

Welcome & Notices

Isaiah 56

1669 You're the Word of God the Father

40 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Offering

Reading – Acts 8.26-39

Talk: Church Without Walls (inc video)

Prayers for nation and world

2628 What Grace is Mine

Blessing

Early finish see 'awayday' below

LIONHEART
FESTIVAL

3rd to 5th July 2020

IOW Country Showground

 TICKETS NOW ON SALE 

<https://lionheartfestival.co.uk>

Church Awayday2020
Programme for the day.
The Theme for the day is
Future Direction

Programme:

10:30 Worship

11:15 Coffee

11:30 First session

12:45 Lunch*

1:30pm Second session

3:00pm Close.

The **Baptist Union Council** meets twice a year. It consists of some 80 members mostly drawn from churches, colleges and co-opted delegates along with Association and Specialist Teams, and helps to set the broad strategic direction of our Union. Managing the implementation of this direction is subsequently the task of the Baptist Steering Group. **The council was due to meet on 17-18 March 2020 After 'careful thought and consultation', General Secretary Lynn Green and Council moderator David Mayne have decided it would be 'wise' to cancel the meeting.** Nevertheless council members will continue to communicate and we are invited to join them in prayer. https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/482097/BU_Council_prayer.aspx



Coronavirus – edited from “advice for churches” www.bugb.org.uk

Government advice regarding the Coronavirus, COVID-19 is that everyone should follow good hygiene practices including:

- carrying tissues and using them to catch coughs and sneezes, and binning the tissue;
- washing hands with soap and water (for 20 seconds) or using sanitiser gel to kill germs.
- avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- if you feel unwell, (and if you have returned from a high risk area) stay at home.
- cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

There is no current advice (14 March) about people gathering together. The UK government has not banned meetings although and some independent decisions have been made to cancel or postpone events. Therefore church services, meetings and weekday activities do not have to be cancelled. However people with symptoms have been advised to stay at home for 7 days. 14 days for those have those recently returned from certain high risk areas even if they have no symptoms.

Advice from BUGB Has been updated and includes:

Communion: When gathering around the Lord’s Table to share communion, it is important **not** to use a single cup **or share from one loaf**. It is also essential that the highest hygiene practices are followed by those preparing communion.

Collection: It would be sensible not to pass around a collection bag or plate from hand to hand. Consider other ways to allow the congregation to give financially to the work of the church.

Bibles and hymn books: It would be good to also reflect on the use of Bibles and hymn books during the service and how this can be done without passing them from hand to hand.

Tea and coffee after the service: Please consider carefully whether to suspend having tea and coffee after the service. This might mean passing cups between people and it will result in people being in close proximity, which might be an issue for people who are looking to practise greater social distancing.

https://www.baptist.org.uk/Articles/568780/Coronavirus_advice_for.aspx

This weekly news sheet is 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