



**Sharing the love
of Jesus**

Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter

Sunday 10th April 2022

Message from Alistair-

Great parades have often been organised to celebrate achievements or events. Hogmanay in Edinburgh, St Patrick's Day in Dublin, Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York, when a football team wins the Premier League or FA Cup, to name but a few.

But the greatest parade of all time was quite different. It happened in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. It was a simple one-man donkey ride. Instead of floats, outrageous costumes, marching bands, and never ending entertainment, the way was lined with cloaks and palm branches.

Perhaps the most remarkable element of Jesus' ride into the Holy City was its prophetic significance. Of course the large scale parades of our day require meticulous planning, but nothing like the preparation for Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It had been completed and recorded long before it happened. In Zechariah 9:9, the prophet described the scene that would unfold more than 500 years later,

'Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey's colt. Zechariah 9:9

When Jesus rode that donkey into Jerusalem, fulfilling prophecy as He went, He was giving us one more reason to shout, "Hosanna!" He indeed was, and is, the promised Messiah.

God's Promise for the Week-

The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Psalms 118:24-26

Sunday Service- 10th April-

Our service will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy. George Hill and the music group are leading and Rev. Alistair Stewart is preaching. The Bible reading is Matthew 21:1-11 and the title is 'The Triumphal Entry.' The service will include communion.

Information about the practical arrangements for the services and the recommended Do's and Don'ts that the Leadership Team is asking you to honour appear later in the newsletter.

This week at SBC-

Saturday- The Saturday Prayer Breakfast meets at Oasis from 8:30am-9:15am.

Monday- Leaders Meeting- 7:30pm by Zoom.

Tuesday- There is no Tots and Co this week as it is the Easter holidays.

Tuesday- Encounter with God- 7:00pm-8:00pm at Oasis.

Wednesday- Ladies Fellowship- 10:30am by Zoom. Lent Studies- 'A Passion for Christ'.

Wednesday- In view of the Maundy Thursday communion service, the **Thursday Evening House Group** will meet on Wednesday- 7:30pm by Zoom. Rev. Jennie Wakefield is leading the study for Lent.

Wednesday- Wednesday Evening House Group- 7:30pm at Oasis. The group will be following Rev Dr Richard Kidd's Lent book 'A Passion for Life'.

Thursday- Maundy Thursday Communion Service- 7:30pm at Oasis.

Friday- Good Friday service of reflection- 2:00pm-3:00pm at Oasis.

If you would like to join any one of the midweek groups, please contact Alistair and he will put you in touch with the group leader.

Wisdom for the Week-

'Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.' *Henry Hart Milman- 19th century hymn writer*

News of the Church Family-

Judith McKenna's husband Rob continues to receive treatment for COVID, diabetes and an infection at Leighton Hospital. Rob is responding well to treatment. He is due to receive an ECG before he can come home from hospital, and subsequently may have to attend Leighton Hospital each day as an outpatient for further treatment.

Angela Tunney has asked for our prayers please. Angela hasn't really slept since last Thursday night and is so concerned over a number of family issues. She has asked us to pray that she will indeed manage to fall asleep and receive a full quota of deep restorative sleep.

Freddy, the young son of one of Mike Wright's relatives, has been accepted to go onto the medical trial in Spain involving a new drug which hopefully may help him walk and talk. Janet says, 'A big thank you for all your prayers. Praise the Lord!'

Many congratulations to Harold Jinks who celebrates his 90th birthday on Monday 11th April.

Many congratulations to Val Hardman who celebrates her 80th birthday on Thursday 14th April.

News for the Church Family-

From Churches Together in Sandbach-

There will be an Easter Sunday Dawn Service at 6:00am at The Crosses, followed by breakfast.

From George Hill- Fundraising Evening for Ukraine-Traditional Games and Fun Auction-

Yes! Our fundraising Games Evening and 'Valueless Auction' is to take place this Friday, 8th April, from 6:30pm-9:00pm at Oasis. (Snack food).

Donations to the **Tearfund DEC Ukraine appeal**.

An invitation and our [catalogue](#) of thirty-two **LOTS FOR THE AUCTION** have already been circulated [STOP PRESS – NOW 48 LOTS, SEE NEW LIST]. Please browse this set of delectable items - it may contain something unexpected that attracts you.

Any lots that arrive later will be added to the auction and described on the night.

The auction will take place **at 8:00pm and we plan for it to be on Zoom** (link at the bottom).

Bidding

You do not have to be present to take part in the auction at 8:00pm. If you are unable to attend in person, you can still make bids at the auction! To bid for lots, you can do any of these:

- 1) Bid while present;
- 2) Email or text your bid to me, George Hill (07843742512) in advance, no later than 5:00pm on Friday. Don't forget the lot number.
- 3) Authorise a proxy (not me) to bid on your behalf on Friday, up to a limit that you give them;
- 4) Phone a friend who is there on Friday, to relay your bids during the auction;
- 5) Try to bid on Zoom - we will try to notice any bids - although it may get busy.

Donations

Donations to the **Tearfund DEC Ukraine appeal** can be given to us in cash on Friday or Sunday.

But even better, if you Gift Aid then we also have [Tearfund Gift Aid envelopes](#) - please ask me for one.

Donating on the night

On the night, those present can choose either to make a single donation for the evening; or to tally up the games and auction lots that they 'buy' during the evening. Instructions will be given on Friday.

COVID

You will be aware that there are no fixed COVID regulations now at Oasis. Nevertheless, please do not come if you are vulnerable (join the auction on Zoom).

If you DO come, please make sure you are symptom free and check your current test status. We will be operating both the new fan and the air purifier.

CDs

Suzie and Stu Warburton will also be selling CDs.

ZOOM LINK:

George Hill is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: George Hill's Zoom Meeting

Time: Apr 8, 2022 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77147574143?pwd=VQQFdZ0pPwxbJ7rnZGcYYUFyfud7hp.1>

Meeting ID: 771 4757 4143

Passcode: JKqUK7

Please click the link again to re-enter if Zoom closes.

And finally....

“Somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note. It said ‘Parking Fine.’”

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[These requests are based on Baptist Union recommendations]

Please DO:

- Bring your own Bible if you can, or a phone with a Bible app. Sadly, we can't give out the church Bibles.
- Bring your own bottle of water if possible. A water urn will be available, but is mainly for emergencies.
- Bring a mask and wear it while you're in the school.
- Please confirm to the Greeting Stewards that you're free from any symptoms of COVID.
- Sanitise your hands on entry and departure. Read any COVID posters or notices.
- Follow any instructions from the Greetings Stewards who will help you to stay safe while inside the hall.
- Keep socially distanced from anyone not in your "bubble", for your own safety. Seats will be spaced.
- If you wish to sing the songs during the services, please sing quietly behind your masks.
- Make donations electronically if possible. There will not be a collection, but boxes will be available by the exit for donations to support the work of the church and our sponsored children.
- Sanitise the toilet after you or your child use it, using material provided.
- Ensure that children try to follow good COVID practice.
- Take home with you any waste. There will not be any waste bins available for us to use in the school.
- Be kind to anyone who is being cautious—it may be because they are protecting someone!
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Please DON'T:

- Come to the service if you are showing any symptoms. Instead please let us know, so that we can pray for you and keep in touch.
- Bring anything likely to be biologically contaminated into the building (except children!!).
- Touch any surfaces unnecessarily, e.g., handles, or share pens or any other objects or microphones.
- Move seating around from its set positions.
- Forget to socially distance if you pause to chat.