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of Jesus**

# **Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

## **Message from Alistair-**

In the red corner there's David, the youngest son of Jesse, a teenager, armed with a sling. In the blue corner there's Goliath, over 9 feet tall, the champion soldier of the Philistines, wearing a coat of armour, carrying a huge bronze javelin, with a shield-bearer ahead of him. What are the odds of David defeating this giant? Pretty slim I guess. And more importantly, are the odds better than you give yourself against your own giants?

Your Goliath may be bills you can't pay because of the cost of living crisis, grades you're struggling to make, people you cannot please, a job that wears you out, an illness that threatens your life, a past you cannot shake, and a future you cannot face. Most of us have seen our Goliaths. But the question is, is he all we see?

David sees Goliath, the giant, standing in front of him armed to the teeth. He just sees God even more so. And David said to Goliath, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.'

Perhaps we can come against our giants, depending fully on the Lord God Almighty. After all, what is a giant, Goliath or otherwise, before our great and mighty God?

When was the last time we loaded our sling and took aim at our giant?

## **God's Promise for the Week-**

Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. *Luke 12:6-7*

## **Sunday Service- 19<sup>th</sup> June-**

Our service will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy. It is an all-age service for Father's Day led by Rev. Alistair Stewart with other people from the church taking part. The Bible reading is Matthew 6:25-34 and the title is 'Our Father'.

The Leadership Team continues to ask you not to attend services if you are showing any symptoms of COVID. Instead please let us know so that we can pray for you and keep in touch. Please take a lateral flow test if you can before attending the services.

Please be kind and give space to anyone wearing a mask, or who is restricted or vulnerable in any way. Sanitiser is available. You may wish to bring warm clothing (due to us ensuring the building is well-ventilated) and to bring your own liquid to drink.

## This week at SBC-

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

**Monday-** Welcome Bap at Oasis- 10:00am-12:00 Noon.

**Monday-** Ordinary Church Members' Meeting- 7:30pm at Oasis.

**Tuesday-** Tots and Co at Oasis- 10:00am-12:00 Noon. Alison, Jo and Gill are on the rota.

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

**Wednesday-** Ladies Fellowship- 10:30am by Zoom.

**Wednesday-** Wednesday Evening House Group at Oasis- 7:30pm. Studies in the Psalms.

**Thursday-** Thursday Evening House Group- 7:30pm by Zoom. The Parable of the Ten Virgins- Matthew 25:1-13.

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-

'Heavenly Father, You see the giants I'm facing. Thank You that you are good enough, wise enough and big enough to conquer them. Thank You that your Holy Spirit offers comfort and peace in the midst of the struggle. As I pick up my stones today and load them into my slingshot, steady my aim. I trust You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.' *Heidi St John- American Christian author and speaker*

## News for the Church Family-

**From Lynn Mynett – Our BMS supported workers!**

**An Evening with .... BRIAN & JACKIE CHILVERS**

**Our Sponsored BMS WORKERS at the**

**GUINEBOR II HOSPITAL in CHAD**

**6:00pm- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at Oasis Community Centre**

Brian and Jackie Chilvers will be travelling many miles to share with us the focus of their work and vision for the vital part they are playing in their work at Guinebor 11 Hospital, also in their role in supporting their community in the Republic of Chad, Central Africa.

A cold buffet style 'Bring and Share' meal will be served towards the beginning of the evening. We look forward to a wonderful time of fellowship with Jackie and Brian.

**Please note- During the evening a collection will be taken up for the specific work of Brian and Jackie in Chad.**

**From George Hill- Church Members Meeting- 20<sup>th</sup> June 22-**

Dear SBC member or friend,

This is a notice of our forthcoming Ordinary Church Members' Meeting, which will take place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7:30pm.**

This meeting will held IN PERSON (not on Zoom) at:

**Oasis Community Centre, 36 Green Street Ground Floor, Sandbach, CW11 1GX**

Non-voting non-members in the congregation are very welcome to attend also.

Yours warmly in Christ Jesus

**George B. Hill**

[Church Secretary]

**From George Hill – Nefyn Camps training day**

For all who may be supporting the Nefyn Camps this summer, the Training Day for all in the North West is in Sandbach this year, at St Peter's Church Hall, Elworth on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Drinks will be served at 10:45am and the day will run from 11:00am to 4:00pm. I cannot attend personally but please contact me if interested. Prayer will be appreciated.

**From Alistair and the Leadership team-**

An episode of BBC's Songs of Praise has been recorded at the recent Baptist Assembly in Bournemouth. The episode is due to be broadcast on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**And finally....**

My daughter refuses to go to sleep at bed time. She's guilty of resisting a rest!

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