



**Sharing the love
of Jesus**

Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter

Sunday 31st July 2022

Message from Alistair-

Many people struggle to believe that God really loves them. And many times they can feel a sense of guilt, failure or self-condemnation. It is relatively easy to believe that God loves everyone generally, or even that he loves other people who are much nicer than us. But it may be harder to really believe that God loves *me*.

Romans 8 is a wonderful passage about God's love. The passage begins with '*no condemnation*'. 'Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus'- Romans 8:1. And it ends with '*no separation*'. 'For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord'- Romans 8:38-39. The well-known Anglican theologian John Stott describes the truth of this passage as 'a pillow on which to rest our weary heads.'

Augustine of Hippo, also known as Saint Augustine, who was a well-known theologian around in the 4th and 5th century AD said, 'God loves each one of us as if there was only one of us to love.'

If you were the only person who had ever lived, Jesus would have died for you. And if it's true of you, it is also true of me. God loves me and he loves you.

God's Promise for the Week-

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favour and honour; no good thing does he withhold from those whose way of life is blameless. *Psalms 84:11*

Sunday Service- 31st July-

We are really looking forward to a believer's baptism in our morning service at Sandbach Primary Academy at 10:30am on **Sunday 31st July 22**.

Louise Farrie will be baptised and, for health reasons, Louise will be baptised by effusion [pouring a small amount of water on the head] rather than total immersion.

Rev. Jennie Wakefield will be leading the service and Rev. Alistair Stewart will be preaching. The Bible reading is Mark 4:1-20 and the title is, 'The Parable of the Sower'.

We hope to serve soft drinks and cake after the service! There is also a SBC Low Mobility Picnic and Potter, meeting at Crewe Park from about 12:30pm-1:00pm- see note later in the newsletter.

The Leadership Team continues to ask you not to attend the 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.

The collection to support the work of the church and our sponsored children is, for the time being, being received in the boxes at the front of the hall and at the exit. The boxes are available before or just after the service. Thanks for the offerings will be given during the service.

This week at SBC-

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

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

Tuesday- Tots and Co is closed for the summer. It will resume on 6th September.

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

Wednesday- Ladies Fellowship has broken up for the summer. It will resume on 14th September.

Wednesday- Wednesday Evening House Group is taking a break during August and will resume in September.

Thursday- The Thursday House Group is taking a break over the summer and will resume in September.

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-

'God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, 'I love you.'" *Billy Graham*

News for the Church Family-

From Lynn Mynett- Invitation to Panthong Thai Restaurant, Glass House, Sandbach, CW11 4NE-Friday 12th August 2022- 12:30pm- Two Course Meal- £14.95.

All are very welcome to come and join us.

Copies of the menu will be available in the foyer of the school for the next few Sundays for you to take away.

If you would like to come, please write your name on the sheet of paper in the foyer of the school and give your £15 to Lynn Mynett or Gill Bell by Sunday August 7th.

It would be helpful if the money was in an envelope with your name on it please.

(May I suggest at your discretion, a gratuity can be left on the table after the meal).

Drinks can be ordered on an individual basis at the Restaurant on the 12th August.

Please offer each other lifts.

It will be a joy to fellowship together.

From George Hill- SBC Low Mobility Picnic and Potter-

Calling any of you who are unable to walk far, are wheelchair users, or have children in prams or buggies!

You are warmly invited to join our "Low Mobility Picnic and Potter" at Crewe Park (Queen's Park) on Sunday 31st July.

We will leave Sandbach Primary Academy (after the baptismal service for Louise Farrie that morning), to arrive at Crewe Park for a picnic about 12:30pm – 1:00pm. So please bring butties. There is not much shelter except for trees!

Please park in the main car park (by the Park side entrance near the children's play area). The seating in the Park is rather spread out and may be busy, so we may have to split up at first.

Then we will gather to set out from the playground, to stroll or roll together around the lovely park, lake and cafe (ice cream!).

Transport will be well-ventilated, but may be with others. Front seats may be limited.

Please email or contact George Hill if you need directions or a lift, or can offer lifts.

And finally....

My husband and I were going on holiday to Norway this year. But we costed it up and there was Nor Way we could af-fjord it.

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