



**Sharing the love  
of Jesus**

# **Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 23**

## **Message from Alistair-**

Growing up, I remember knowing children whose fathers were quite successful. Some were doctors, others were senior executives at banks or insurance companies, and still others had risen in the ranks of oil companies. One girl I knew could say that her father was one of the directors of Lyons Maid- [maybe that will bring back memories of Zoom, Strawberry Mivvi, Orange Maid, Lolly Gobble Choc Bomb, Fab and Haunted House!]. Well, guess what you can claim? 'My Father rules the universe!'

The writer of Psalm 19 says, 'The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge' Psalm 19:1-2. Creation is God's workshop. The universe is his CV. You want to know who God is? See what he has done. You want to know his power? Take a look at his creation.

How vital that we pray with the reassurance that God is in heaven. Pray with any less conviction and your prayers are timid and shallow and hollow. But spend some time walking in this world and looking all around you, seeing what God has done, and watch how your prayers are energized.

As the 17<sup>th</sup> century Puritan preacher Thomas Watson rather quaintly put it, 'The creation is both a monument of God's power and a looking-glass in which we may see his wisdom.' Every work of God serves to display his glory, and set off the greatness of his majesty.

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

Our service on Sunday will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy. It will be an all-age service led by Rev. Alistair Stewart. It is the last in our all-age series looking at the 'I am' sayings of Jesus in John's gospel. This Sunday's 'I am' saying is 'I am the vine and you are the branches' – John 15:5.

Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

## **Week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> November at SBC-**

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

**Tuesday-** Tots and Co- 9:30am-11:30am at Oasis. Sue, Chris F, Chris Hill? are on the rota.

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

**Wednesday-** Ladies Fellowship- 10:30am at Oasis- 'Moses- The Man and his Purpose.'

**Wednesday-** Wednesday Evening House Group- 7:30pm at Oasis. Last session on the Beatitudes – next week “The Star of Bethlehem”.

**Thursday-** Knit 'n Natter meets at Oasis on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday afternoons of the month from 1:30pm-3:30pm.

**Thursday-** An evening with Dan and Annie Dupree- 8:00pm by Zoom. [See notice later in the newsletter].

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

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

### November in Colossians-

Each week, a Bible verse to encourage us will be included from one of the books of the Bible. In November, the verses will be from the Letter to the Colossians.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.  
*Colossians 2:6 -7*

### An Alphabet of Encouragement- Wisdom for the Week-

#### V- VIOLENCE-

‘Any person who knows the nature of their own heart realises that violence is not another person’s problem.’ *Os Guinness- author, theologian and social critic.*

### News for the Church Family-

#### From the SBC Leadership Team- Notice of SBC Annual Church Member's Meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November-

Dear SBC Member or Friend,

16<sup>th</sup> November 2023

This is the Notice of our forthcoming Annual Church Members’ Meeting, which will take place on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7:30pm**, in person (not Zoom) at: **Oasis Community Centre**, 36 Green Street (Ground Floor), Sandbach, CW11 1GX.

Non-members are very welcome to attend but may not vote.

The following papers will be sent in two further emails that follow this Newsletter, or will be delivered personally if necessary:

1. the Agenda
2. the minutes from the last Ordinary Church Meeting on 18/9/2023
3. the safeguarding policy statement that will be read at the church AGM

4. written Group Reports for the period from the church's various groups and activities

*and separately:*

5. the finance report

At the meeting there will be an election by secret ballot of two Charity Trustees. The method of voting and appointment of scrutineers will be explained at the meeting. In accordance with our constitution, a nominated candidate needs votes from at least 70% of those members voting to be elected.

The ballot paper will show the names of the 2 church members who were nominated and who have agreed to stand as charity trustees by the closing date of 12<sup>th</sup> November and who are, therefore, being put forward for your consideration:

**George Hill – Charity Trustee [in the role of Church Secretary]**  
**Andrea Jones – Charity Trustee [in the role of Deacon]**

Yours warmly in Christ Jesus

The Church Leadership Team

### **From George Hill- Annie and Dan Dupree on Zoom- Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup>-**

Everyone is very warmly invited to join a presentation about Tek Ura - especially for SBC - by Annie and Dan from Albania.

Please join us if you can; it would be great to have a good attendance to hear all that the Lord is doing there. (NB - we have cancelled Music Group practice that evening.)

The Zoom presentation will start at 8:00pm, UK time, on Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Please email [corresp.sbc@gmail.com](mailto:corresp.sbc@gmail.com) if you would like the Zoom link for the meeting:

Our next Tek Ura fund-raising event is Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 24. More news at the AGM!

### **From Mark Thompson- Write for Rights evening- 29<sup>th</sup> November-**

Every year around the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights- 10<sup>th</sup> December- we take part in the campaign for those whose human rights are being attacked. People who've been harassed, threatened and unjustly jailed. For 20 years Amnesty International has been running this campaign.

This year we are planning a writing evening on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at Oasis. We will start at 7:30 pm and finish at 9:00pm, with a short break for drinks and cake. Everyone is welcome to join us – all the materials you need will be provided.

We write 2 kinds of letters–

- 1) to the authorities to ask them to change things, and
- 2) to greet the people we are supporting.

During the 2022 campaign more than 5.3 million letters were sent. We in Sandbach played our part in the huge impact they had in encouraging people who had suffered abuses, and in some cases in enabling people to fight and win their cases against injustice.

If you would like to join us, please let Mark Thompson know, so there is enough cake!

## **From St John's Church, Sandbach Heath- Coffee Mornings in November and December-**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 10:00am-1:00pm- £4.00 per person.  
Homemade cakes, mince pies and Christmas wreaths on sale.  
Ample parking. Everyone welcome.

### **And finally....**

The Wi-Fi was very poor at my farm until I moved the router to a barn. Now I have a stable connection!

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