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# **Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

## **Message from Alistair-**

The proverbial saying 'There's no place like home' is usually said to be from the 1823 song Home, Sweet Home, words by John Payne and music by Sir Henry Bishop. The song includes these lines: 'Home, home, sweet sweet home, there's no place like home, there's no place like home.' Those of you with a good memory may remember that 'No Place Like Home' was a BBC sitcom series from the 1980's starring William Gaunt and Patricia Garwood as Arthur and Beryl Crabtree.

Someone said to me not so long ago, 'It's nice to go away, but it's good to be back home.' I'm sure that most of us know what it means to be at home somewhere. The home is a place of refuge and security. The home is a place where you can feel comfortable. You can walk around all day wearing your slippers and dressing gown, or old clothes. You know where everything is. You don't have to consult a map when you walk in to find out where the bathroom is.

Jesus said, 'Remain in me, as I also remain in you'- John 15:4. We should always seek to be at home in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our place of refuge and security. We are comfortable in his presence and are free to be ourselves before him. His roof of grace and forgiveness protects us from the storms of sin and guilt. His walls of providence secure us from destructive winds. His fireplace warms us during the long dark winters of life. The Lord Jesus Christ is our home.

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

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. *John 15:7*

## **Sunday Service- 15<sup>th</sup> May-**

Our service will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy. It is an all-age service led by Rev. Alistair Stewart. The Bible reading is Acts 16:16-24 and the title is, 'Meeting People Meeting Jesus- The Slave Girl'.

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 at Oasis- 8:30am-9:15am.

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

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

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

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

**Wednesday-** Ladies Fellowship- 10:30am by Zoom. A study in Paul's first letter to Timothy.

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

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-

'Outside of Christ, I am only a sinner, but in Christ, I am saved. Outside of Christ, I am empty; in Christ, I am full. Outside of Christ, I am weak; in Christ, I am strong. Outside of Christ, I cannot; in Christ, I am more than able. Outside of Christ, I have been defeated; in Christ, I am already victorious. How meaningful are the words, "in Christ."' *Watchman Nee- Chinese church leader and Christian teacher*

### News of the Church Family-

Mike King has had a number of tests in recent weeks. These have shown that sadly Mike has lung cancer. The positive news is that it can be treated with radiotherapy, and Mike will have an appointment with the oncologist to discuss the treatment, which will probably take place in Macclesfield. In addition, he has heart failure. He is on today's most up to date medication and, whilst things can't be improved, hopefully they can be stabilized and stopped from deteriorating further. He has another heart appointment on 18<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30am.

Unfortunately, the procedure Ninette Taylor underwent at Wythenshawe Hospital last week didn't work and she was left in considerable pain. Ninette has slowly improved but is staying in Wythenshawe Hospital for the time being and will be receiving more antibiotics. Ninette and Mike continue to appreciate our prayers.

Harold Jinks became unwell at home on Tuesday afternoon and was taken to Leighton Hospital by ambulance. He's receiving treatment on ward 2 at Leighton.

Daphnée Brierley's mum Beatrice is deteriorating quickly, and Daphnée has travelled down to London to see her. Yesterday there seemed to be some improvement, but today she is back to not eating and drinking. She still does not talk and only uses the occasional head shake. The family isn't sure she understands anything. She is very weak and sleeps a lot, and it looks like she may have also had a small stroke. The family is waiting for the doctor to let them know if that is the case. Daphnée thanks everyone for their continued support and prayers at this difficult time.

Gill Bell has received the results of her MRI scan. It looks like the problem is neurological and she will be undergoing further tests in the coming weeks.

Judith McKenna's husband Rob continues to improve following his ongoing treatment at Leighton. Judith is very grateful for all our prayers.

Janet Wright's pre-op went OK on Monday. Janet says a big thank you for all your prayers. She now has the date for her operation- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00am.

Mana Llewellyn had her cataract operation on Monday. Although she was a bit sore at first everything went well. Mana really appreciates all our prayers

Please pray for Kay and George Bayliss' newborn great granddaughter Ella and parents Jon and Holly. Ella is having breathing problems, is in an incubator and is being transferred to a children's hospital or unit at a different hospital.

Following God's call on her life, Cathy Deng will be relocating back to London. She believes it's time to move on in order to fulfil her life mission given to her by the Lord. She will be moving to London on 24<sup>th</sup> May. We do, of course, assure Cathy of our love and prayers for all that the Lord has for her in the future. And we'll really miss her! She has blessed us, encouraged us and indeed challenged us in so many different ways. May God bless you Cathy!

### News for the Church Family-

#### From Susie and Stuart Warburton- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Garden Party-

You are invited to a 'Let Them Eat Cake! Garden Party' to celebrate this historic event! It's on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022- 2:00pm – 5:00pm- in Stu and Susie's garden (please ask them for directions). Cake and refreshments will be served. Games (Hunt the Crown Jewels and others) available but not compulsory. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you will be joining us, so we can ensure there is enough cake!

#### From Mark Thompson- Christian Aid Week 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022- Update

Mark will again be riding his bike every day of Christian Aid Week at 81 Forge Fields, Wheelock, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. His targets are 308 virtual kilometres with 7,500 metres of ascent, and more importantly- £1,000 for Christian Aid.

Refreshments will be served and Sue will also be offering plants in exchange for a donation. Mark's sponsor form is in the foyer at church. When you see him, you can donate cash, and you may even be able to give by card, or you can go online with this link <https://bit.ly/3LXX5DX> and this QR Code.



### And finally....

A cement mixer collided with a prison van. Motorists are asked to be on the lookout for 16 hardened criminals.

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### **DO's and DON'Ts for the congregation for SBC services from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 v5-**

[These requests are based on Baptist Union recommendations]

Please DO:

- Consider doing a lateral flow test before coming to the service. Ian Parsons has a supply.
- Bring your own Bible if you can, or a phone with a Bible app. Sadly, we can't give out the church Bibles at the moment.
- Bring your own bottle of water if you need liquid.
- Wear warm clothing, because we will continue to ventilate the school hall well.
- If you feel you should wear a mask, please do bring and wear one.
- Be kind to anyone else who is wearing a mask and keep a social distance from them when chatting. They may be vulnerable themselves, or protecting someone.
- Consider using the sanitiser provided. Continue to practice good hygiene and ensure that your children try to follow good hygiene practice.
- 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.
- Take home with you any waste. There will not be any waste bins available for us to use in the school

Please DON'T:

- Come to the service if you are showing any symptoms (or bring anything likely to be contaminated). Instead please let us know, so that we can pray for you and keep in touch.