



**Sharing the love
of Jesus**

Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter

Sunday 27th April 2025

Message from Alistair-

My sense of direction isn't always what it should be! I can get lost trying to find my way out of a nursing home or hospital. I can forget where I've parked my car and end up walking round the car park for a while before I find it. I can drive from A to B and end up at C! If I was a swallow migrating for the winter I'd probably end up in Southend rather than South Africa!

I wonder if you can relate to any of that? Perhaps there's a sense when at times we all feel a bit lost. Should I look for a new job or remain where I am? Should I move nearer my family, retire, take on a new responsibility? Should I volunteer, end a friendship, pursue a hobby, and so on?

One of life's biggest questions is, 'What does God want me to do?' In 2 Samuel 2, King David is faced with a decision. In the course of time, David enquired of the Lord. 'Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?' The Lord said, 'Go up.' David asked, 'Where shall I go?' 'To Hebron,' the Lord answered.

David made a habit of running his options past God. If we do the same, then the God who guided David will guide us. And very often God's guidance is step-by-step. He does not show us our life's plan all at once. Sometimes our anxiousness to know the will of God comes from a desire to peer over God's shoulder to see what His plan is. What we need to do is learn to trust Him to guide us.

Do you feel confused, lost or in a quandary? Psalm 32:8 is one of the promises in the Bible that you need. The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

Our Service- Sunday 27th April 25-

Our service on Sunday 27th April will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy. It is an all-age service led by Rev. Alistair Stewart. The Bible reading is John 20:19-31 and the title is 'Doubt'.

Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

Our Activities- Week beginning Sunday 27th April 25-

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

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

Tuesday- Tots and Co- 9:30am-11:30am at Oasis. Mark, Jo and Gill are on the rota.

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

Wednesday- Ladies Fellowship- 10:15am-11:45am at Oasis.

Wednesday- Wednesday Group- 7:30pm at Oasis. Concluding our study of Mark's gospel - Chapter 16 - "A new beginning".

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.

Wisdom for the Week-

Jesus told them, 'This is what is written: the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.' *Luke 24:46-48*.

Father, we pray that you will help us to take this message of the resurrection to the world, and that you would help us to always share Christ when we witness because the resurrection has shown us that he is the meaning to the Scriptures. But most of all, help us to remember that the resurrection shows us that Jesus is the King that our hearts have longed for. Amen.

News for the Church Family-

From George Hill- Church Family Event- Hill Walk-

If anyone is interested in a hill walk in Derbyshire on Saturday 26th April, please contact me. Thanks.

From George Hill- Friends of A Rocha nature walk and other friends, Sunday 4th May-

All are welcome also on my first accompanied nature walk of the summer, to St Mary's Dell, Dingle Wood and the Park.

Please meet at Sandbach Crosses at 2:30pm on Sunday 4th May, weather permitting. Please have reasonable footwear. Not suitable for buggies. No unaccompanied under-18s and all walkers at personal risk.

And finally....

Apparently you can't use "beef stew" as a password. It's not stroganoff!

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