



**Sharing the love
of Jesus**

Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter

Sunday 15th June 25

Message from Alistair-

The Bible tells us that God is good. We sing that God is good- 'God is good, we sing and shout it, God is good we celebrate; God is good, no more we doubt it- God is good, we know it's true!'

However, at some point we will stand at a crossroads. Is God good when the outcome is not? The supreme demonstration of the goodness of God is in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the best answer to the question, 'What is God like?' He touched the leper. He listened to the cry of the hungry. He wept in the face of death. He welcomed children. He spent time with those who everyone else despised. He didn't retreat at the sight of pain. Just the opposite. Accused, mocked, rejected, ignored, denied, despised? Jesus knows their sting.

Is it possible that the joy and wonder of heaven will bring a good outcome out of the most difficult life? The apostle Paul certainly seemed to think so. He said, 'For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal'- 2 Corinthians 4:17.

Our pain won't last forever. But we will. Whatever we have been through, are going through now, or will go through in the coming days, are 'light and momentary' compared with the magnificent future of the joy and wonder of heaven God has got planned for us being with the Saviour we love.

God is good, even when the outcome is difficult. Hang on to this promise.

Our Service- Sunday 15th June 25-

Our service on Sunday 15th June will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy. It is an All-Age Service for Father's Day led by Rev. Alistair Stewart. The Bible readings are Mark 1:9-13 and Deuteronomy 8:2-4.

Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

Our Activities- Week beginning Sunday 15th June 25-

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

Monday- Quarterly Church Members Meeting- 7:30pm by Zoom. [See notice later in the newsletter].

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-11:45 at Oasis.

Wednesday- Wednesday Group- 7:30pm at Oasis. Christians and Aliens Revisited- Host / leader- Dave Murphy

Thursday- Thursday Evening House Group- 7:45pm by Zoom. London Institute of Contemporary Christianity Course- Growing on the Frontline. Session 3- Our Desires Influence Our Choices. [There are more details 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.

Wisdom for the Week-

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name..." *Luke 11:1-2*

Father, you are a perfect loving heavenly Father. When I stray, you guide me back, when I'm brokenhearted, you comfort me and draw me close into your loving arms. When human love fails, your love always endures. Teach me to trust you, to draw nearer to you, and to rest in knowing that you're always with me and love me with an everlasting love. Amen.

News for the Church Family-

From Alistair and the Leadership Team- SBC Ordinary Church Members' Meeting on Monday 16th June 2025-

The Notice of our quarterly SBC Ordinary Church Members' Meeting on Monday 16th June at Oasis at 7:30pm was sent out last week. Non-members are very welcome to attend but may not vote.

You should have received the following papers for the meeting by now.

1. The Agenda.
2. The Ordinary Church Meeting financial statement.
3. The minutes of previous meetings to be approved.

A resolution needs to be passed regarding the receiving of interest free loans by the church towards the purchase of Oasis.

Yours warmly in Christ Jesus

From Alistair- Thursday Evening House Group-

The next meeting of our Thursday Evening House Group will be on Thursday 19th June at 7:45pm by Zoom. We are using the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity Course- Growing on the Frontline. This week is Session 3- Our Desires Influence Our Choices. Everyone is very welcome to join us using the link in the email newsletter.

And finally....

A friend of mine has a bizarre fear of spiders in raincoats- anorakaphobia!

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