



**Sharing the love
of Jesus**

Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter

Sunday 7 June 2026

Reflection for the week

The presence of the living God by Hilary Forbes

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated men, they marvelled. And they realised that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13).

We would all, I am sure, be glad to be recognised as having been with Jesus. Yet there is a deeper aspect in this verse.

Earlier on, Peter and John were at the temple, and a man, who was unable to walk from birth, seeing them, asked them for money. Peter responded with:

"silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk ... so he walked and entered the temple with them – walking, leaping and praising God" (Acts 3:6).

This resulted in many coming to believe in Jesus. Then Peter and John were arrested and put into custody overnight. The next day, the religious authorities gathered, including the high priest. "By what power or name have you done this?" they asked (Acts 4:7).

After Peter's reply, six verses later, when we read that the religious authorities recognised that Peter and John *had been* with Jesus. However, they failed to recognise that Jesus was present with them *now*. They saw the miracle; they heard the message; they witnessed the boldness. But they did not recognise the active real presence of the living God in Peter and John *now*.

There will be people in our lives who associate us with Jesus, yet may not yet recognise the active presence of the living God with us *now*. Like Peter, we are called to follow Jesus and trust God with all whom we meet, whatever their response to the Gospel. Remember Jesus' words to Peter, "you follow me!" (John 21: 22). Many years later Peter wrote, to believers everywhere, these words:

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and reverence." (1 Peter 3:15)

Let us ask Jesus to help us live out Peter's encouraging words this week.

Our Service for the week beginning Sunday 7 June 2026

Our service on Sunday 7 June will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy (SPA). This will be led by George and Chris Hill and the speakers will be Dan and Annie Dupree from Tek Ura.

Our Activities for the week beginning Sunday 7 June 2026

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| Saturday-Sunday: | Tek Ura Weekend (see below) |
| Monday: | Welcome Bap 10:00am-12:00 Noon at Oasis |
| Tuesday: | Tots and Co 9:30am-11:30am at Oasis Encounter with God 7:00pm-8:00pm at Oasis |
| Wednesday: | Ladies Fellowship 10:30am-12:00noon at Oasis Wednesday Bible Study Group 7:30pm at Oasis |
| Thursday: | No House Group this week |
| Friday: | No meeting of Energize this week |
| Saturday: | Morning Prayer Gathering 8:30am-9:15am at Oasis |

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

A Refrain for the week

Show me your ways, Lord,
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
For you are God my Saviour,
And my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 25:4-5

News items

From George Hill: Tek Ura Weekend 6-7 June

Saturday 6 June

There will be a Tek Ura fundraising Social Evening from **6:00pm-9:00pm at Oasis**. This is the third of our 2026 fundraising events for Tek Ura. There is no admission fee. Donations are invited. There will be snack food at 6:30pm and offers of food to Christine Hill would be welcome. There will be party games and quizzes etc!

Sunday 7 June

Dan and Annie Dupree will be sharing more about the work of Tek Ura at the morning Service. After this several of us are going to Rookery Wood Farm Restaurant in Crewe, to share a little more time with Dan and Annie Dupree over a meal there. **Please contact Christine Hill if you would care to join us.**

As in previous years, please make donations (now or anytime in the year) to our dedicated SBC Stewardship page for Tek Ura (or contact George Hill). Our page is at: <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/sandbachbaptisttekura>. We are doing well toward our 2026 pledge. Just a short distance left to go.

From Susie Warburton: **Messy Church!**

Our next **Messy Church** event is fast approaching! 'Let's Get Ready ... for Summer' will be on **Saturday 20 June 2026 10:30am-12:00noon at Oasis** and there will be lots of fun to be had! We will be making a pretty seascape, painting shells, having boat races, making kaleidoscopes, watching a Bible story, hunting for pirate treasure and having hotdogs and ice creams together.

Bring along your friends and family and introduce them to our church family and to Jesus. Admission is free. Everyone is very welcome. Activities are for all ages and abilities. **We would also really value your prayers for this event.**

From George Hill: **SBC Quarterly Ordinary Church Members' Meeting Monday 22 June 2026**

Date of Notice: 4 June 2026

Dear SBC Member or Friend

This is the Notice of our quarterly SBC Ordinary Church Members' Meeting on Monday 22 June at Oasis at 7:30pm. Non-members are very welcome to attend but may not vote.

The following papers will be sent in a later email, or will be delivered personally if necessary:

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

Yours warmly in Christ Jesus

George Hill
Church Secretary

Dates for your Diary

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| 20 June | Messy Church for Summer 10:30am-12.00noon at Oasis |
| 21 June | Father's Day |
| 22 June | Quarterly Church Meeting 7:30pm at Oasis |
| 28 June | <i>A Rocha St Mary's Dell, Dingle Wood and Park Nature Stroll 2.30pm at the Crosses</i> |
| 26 July | <i>A Rocha Brook Wood to Wheelock Nature Stroll 2.30pm at the Crosses</i> |
| 2 August | Low mobility stroll and picnic in Crewe Park – after morning service |
| 6 September | Picnic and walk at Tittesworth Reservoir – after morning service |
| 19 September | Shoebox Transport Fundraising Event 10:00am-12:00noon at Oasis |
| 28 September | Quarterly Church Meeting 7:30pm at Oasis |
| 10 October | Walk around Buxton (with fair) |

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| 11 October | Prisons Sunday |
| 17 October | Messy Church for Harvest 10:30am-12.00noon at Oasis |
| 17 October | Harvest Social Evening |
| 18 October | Harvest Service |
| 7 November | Shoebox Packing Day |
| 8 November | Remembrance Sunday |
| 14 November | Slide Show of Galilee Fundraising Evening for Tek Ura |
| 28 November | Messy Church for Christmas 10:30am-12.00noon at Oasis |
| 30 November | Annual Church Meeting |

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If you have any items for inclusion in the Newsletter please pass these to Andrea Jones by 9am on Thursdays.