



**Sharing the love  
of Jesus**

# **Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter**

**Sunday 14 June 2026**

## **Reflection for the week**

### **'A Tartan woven for His glory!' by Andrea Jones**

We have just returned from a holiday in Scotland and seeing all the tartan cloth everywhere got me thinking about the patterns.

Tartan plaid is usually (though not exclusively) made up of different colours and shades of thread woven in vertical and horizontal lines (in various widths). Where the vertical and horizontal colours meet, a new colour emerges as the lines blend.

As a church fellowship we too are made up of different threads – different people with different personalities and characters and skills and outlooks. But altogether we make a beautiful 'church' tartan which needs each thread of individuality to make it what it is.

Those threads of individuality could be experiences (past and present); knowledge; talents and abilities (art, music, writing, listening, speaking); personality and perspectives.

Our experiences, shared through prayer and testimony, strengthen the weave by bringing a network of hope and honesty. Our knowledge founded on God's Word brings strong lines of truth and assurance. Our talents and abilities bring creativity and beauty and stir our hearts to support and inspire each other. Our personalities and perspectives bring colour and joy and depth and diversity. As we weave our uniqueness into the church fellowship we form relationships, and as we reach out to others, we allow God's love to weave through their lives too.

We are woven together in community and together we make a beautiful tartan so let's celebrate who we are, and let's weave our tartan for His glory!

*1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

*Romans 12:5 So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.*

*1 Corinthians 12:4-6 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.*

## **Our Service for the week beginning Sunday 14 June 2026**

Our service on Sunday 14 June will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy (SPA). This will be led by Howard Jones and the speaker will be Rev Jennie Wakefield. Jennie's theme will be 'To be like Jesus' and her main text will be John 15:1-17. The service will include communion.

## **Our Activities for the week beginning Sunday 14 June 2026**

<b>Monday:</b>	Welcome Bap 10:00am-12:00 Noon at Oasis
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Tots and Co 9:30am-11:30am at Oasis Encounter with God 7:00pm-8:00pm at Oasis
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ladies Fellowship 10:30am-12:00noon at Oasis Wednesday Bible Study Group 7:30pm at Oasis
<b>Thursday:</b>	House Group 7:45pm by Zoom [Contact Ian Parsons for further details
<b>Friday:</b>	Energize Games Night 6:45-8:45pm at the School
<b>Saturday:</b>	Morning Prayer Gathering 8:30am-9:15am at Oasis <b>Messy Church</b> 10:30am-12:00noon 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**

'For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose'.

Philippians 2:13

## **News items**

### **From Susie Warburton: Messy Church!**

Just to remind you that our next **Messy Church** event '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**

A reminder that our next SBC Quarterly Ordinary Church Members' Meeting will be on Monday 22 June at Oasis at 7:30pm. Members should have received the papers either by email or personal delivery. These comprise:

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

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

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## **From George Hill: Nature walk for friends of A Rocha and other friends Sunday 28 June**

All are welcome on my next accompanied nature walk of the summer, exploring Dingle Trail and Park.

Please meet at Sandbach Crosses at 2:30pm on Sunday 28 June, weather permitting. Please have reasonable footwear. Not suitable for buggies. No unaccompanied under 18s. All walkers join at their own personal risk.

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## **From George Hill: Farm Picnic and Open-Air Service Sunday 5 July**

We have again been kindly invited, weather permitting, to hold a summer OUTDOOR service at the farm of Janet and Mike Wright in Nantwich.

We will meet for a picnic at the farm, any time from 12:30pm onward, on Sunday 5 July (so leaving after our morning service). Please bring your own lunch. Please offer lifts to those without transport. Please bring a chair if this is easy for you.

The afternoon will then be for relaxing and chatting, with an optional country walk (with appropriate footwear, as there may be stiles). There will be a short open-air service at approximately 3:30pm. If there is any food later this will be made known in due course.

**Location: details in the email newsletter**

## **From George Hill: Guest Speakers for your diaries**

On **5 July** we are very pleased to have Keith Comer of Compassion UK coming as our preacher. We support seven children through Compassion. There will be no coffee after this service due to the Farm afternoon immediately following.

On **12 July** Joe Jones will be coming to speak.

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## **From Andrea Jones: Newsletter for next week**

Just to let you know that the Newsletter for next week will be another double one (because I'll be away on holiday – again!) to cover the week beginning 21 June and the week beginning 28 June. So if you have any items which need to be included, please let me have them by 9am on Thursday 18 June.

Many thanks.

## General Information

### Congleton Bible Week 11-14 June

Each year a group of churches in Congleton host an invited speaker for a bible week. This year the speaker is Stephen Gaukroger, a retired Baptist Pastor, and his theme is 'Living Successfully in a dangerous world' taking passages from 1 Peter. There are four talks and each is self-contained:

Thursday 11 June 7:30pm at New Life Church, West Road, Congleton

Friday 12 June 7:30pm at St Stephen's Church, Brook Street, Congleton

Saturday 13 June 7:30pm at St Stephen's Church, Brook Street, Congleton

Sunday 14 June 6:00pm at Congleton Pentecostal Church, Cross Street, Congleton.

For further information contact Andrew Calvert [andrew.calvert1@sky.com]

[Signing for the hearing impaired will be at all meetings except Thursday]

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### Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy

The Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy Team covers the whole of Cheshire and Wirral offering 24/7 support to the farming community with a listening ear for as long as required, pastoral support and ability to bring in supporting agencies when required. The majority of people seen by the team are suffering from depression, mental health issues or financial difficulties. Apart from visiting individual farms, the Chaplaincy team attend local livestock markets, local agricultural shows and preside at church services so they are a busy bunch!

If you're interested to know more or maybe to get involved go to [agchap.com](http://agchap.com)

There are a couple of key events which may be of interest:

Harvest Festival *Thursday 8 October 2026 7:30pm at Yatehouse Farm, Middlewich*

Carol Service *Wednesday 2 December 2026 7:30pm at Woodhey Chapel, Faddiley*

### Dates for your Diary

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
8 October	Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy Harvest Festival 7:30pm Yatehouse Farm Middlewich
10 October	Walk around Buxton (with fair)
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 at [andrea.jones200@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.jones200@gmail.com) by 9am on Thursdays.