



**Sharing the love
of Jesus**

Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter

Sunday 05 July 2026

A Reflection

“Cast your care upon Him, because He cares for you” by Hilary Forbes

Well, it's been a bit hot recently, hasn't it?

This last week's temperatures rising to over 30°C took over the news, our conversations and our thoughts.

How we respond to the temperature being notched up by several degrees can also be a picture of our lives. We might be living our lives and coping with several difficulties or challenges such as managing specific aspects of our health, finances, challenging relationships at work or in our families which we learn to or have learnt to manage. Then something unexpected happens; an event; sudden extra financial pressure perhaps; or sudden illness that throws us off balance, and then all the things we are used to managing, feel suddenly unmanageable. Our focus becomes the struggle of surviving the present crisis while still juggling all the other usually manageable things.

It is easy isn't it to forget at times that Jesus is still with us, when life circumstances turn the heat up. Jesus has not changed, it is our state of mind, and our emotions that have changed. Jesus is still the same. He is still present with us when we are managing our lives and when we panic and feel we cannot cope, and we all go through such times.

The apostle Peter must have experienced these times too because he wrote about it in his first letter to the Christians who had been scattered because of persecution (1 Peter 1:1).

“Humble yourself therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time, having cast all your care upon Him, because He cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:6-7).

Jesus deeply cares for you. He does not like seeing us anxious and agitated. He longs for us to turn to Him, be in His presence and allow him to calm us, and fill us again with his peace and the reassurance of his presence.

Let us continue to encourage and reassure one another of this great truth as we go into this week.

Our Service for the week beginning Sunday 5 July 2026

Our morning service on Sunday 5 July will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy (SPA). The speaker will be Keith Comer from Compassion UK, with whom we sponsor a number of children, and Lynn will lead the service with help from others in the fellowship.

In the afternoon there will be a picnic and an outdoor service at Mike and Janet Wright's farm near Nantwich. We will gather there from 12:30pm onwards. Please bring your own picnic lunch.

Our Activities for the week beginning Sunday 5 July 2026

- Sunday:** Farm Picnic and Open-Air Service 12:30pm onwards (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:** Energize end of year BBQ 6:45pm-8:45pm at the home of George & Chris Hill
- Saturday:** Morning Prayer Gathering 8:30am-9:15am at Oasis

A Refrain for the week

'Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.'

Hebrews 10:23

News items

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 followed by drinks and cake.

Please park in the yard next to the road. Please do NOT park next to 'The Dairy Zone' shop.

To reach the lawn (where we will be gathering), go between the barn and the house, and then turn left round the back of the building to find the lawn.

Dates for your Diary

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 by 9am on Thursdays.