



St Andrews Baptist Church

Keeping the Gospel Real, Relevant, Radical and Refreshing



'Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.'

1 John 3:18

*² "Make your tent bigger. Open your doors wide. Don't think small! Make your tent large and strong, ³ because you will grow in all directions. Your children will take over many nations and live in the cities that were destroyed. ⁴ Don't be afraid!" **Isaiah 54:2-4a***



APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

ST ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

OPENING REFLECTIONS

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus.

We welcome you to the family of St Andrews Baptist Church and look forward to seeing you join us for worship, ministry and mission.

We are delighted to announce that we are planning to run an Alpha Course this year, from Tuesday 14th May, in the evening for twelve weeks.

Alpha is a course for anyone wanting to explore a greater sense of the meaning of life, looking deeper into who is Jesus? Why did he die? and how and why should I read the bible and pray? among many topics. Our first session begins with asking the questions, Is there more to life than this? We meet and eat together, have a 20-minute talk on the chosen topic and then discuss the matter in small groups. Everyone is welcome, from those who have no faith to those who want to go deeper in the Christian journey. It is a free course, but everyone must register. Leaflets are available in the church and there are people in the church who are happy to chat more about it. We look forward to hearing from you.

In the mean time we welcome everyone to explore who we are as a church, what we do and why we do what we do. We thank God for you and look forward to journeying with you.

Matthew 7:7-8

Ask, Seek, Knock

7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

God Bless

Revd. Brian Stocker

Minister

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Next Issue Submission Deadline: Monday 15th April

Whilst we are happy to advertise external events, please take into consideration we must prioritise many adverts for church activities which take precedence and space is very limited.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Come along to our services this April, where we are keeping the Bible
Real, Relevant, Radical and Refreshing.



7th Apr – 9:30am & 11:00am
14th Apr – 9:30am & 11:00am
21st Apr – 9:30am & 11:00am
28th Apr – 9:30am & 11:00am

*Refreshments are served between the
two services at 10:30am.*

MESSY CHURCH

NO Messy Church in April

Come and join us for a Family Fun Service on
Wednesday 15th May.

Family service with messy fun and games
including a sit-down dinner for all.

Join our Facebook Group - **Messy Church: St Andrews Baptist Church**



CATON HOUSE

Let us bless the residents of Caton House at our two
services this month:

Wednesday 10th April: Service 11:30am

Friday 19th April: Good Friday Communion 11:30am



EASTER SERVICES AT ST ANDREWS

Palm Sunday: 9:30am and 11:00am

Maundy Thursday: 6:00pm Passover Meal

Tickets in advance only, £5 per person.

Good Friday: 10:00am

Easter Sunday: 9:30am and 11:00am



UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFO

FUNDRAISING COOKBOOK

St Andrews are publishing a cookery book to raise funds for the CDP. If you have any favourite recipes that we could include, please pass them on to Anne Brown or Jean Morris. Please be sure to leave any names and references you wish to be below the recipe.

ALPHA

Date: 14th May – 23rd July

Time: 7:00pm

Venue: St Andrews Baptist Church



PASSOVER MEAL

Date: Thursday 18th April

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: St Andrews

Price: £5 per person



Tickets for our Passover meal are available now. There are limited tickets, which are only available in advance from the office or Clarice Bratton. For more information, please contact the church office.

AGM & CHURCH MEETING

Date: Saturday 27th April

Time: 1:30pm

Venue: St Andrews Baptist Church

All are welcome and encouraged to come along to our church meeting and AGM. At this meeting we will appoint Elders, the treasurer and church secretary. We will also discuss members, mission, maintenance, ministry and money.

The church meeting will be followed by an afternoon tea.

*¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.' **Matthew 18:19-20***

SPOTLIGHT 'PASSOVER MEAL'

Each month, we are going to shine the spotlight on an area of our church and give you an insight to the life of St Andrews. This month find out more about our Passover Meal.

Similar to the past few years, we will be holding a Passover Meal on Maundy Thursday. At this service, Revd. Brian takes us through each step of the Passover meal with readings and hymns.

This service is a ticketed event at **£5 per person**. Tickets are only available in advance via the church office or Clarice on a Sunday Morning. There are limited spaces, so please book your space now to avoid disappointment.



HOME GROUPS

An opportunity to learn, grow and unpack more of the Bible in a friendly environment. If you would like further details, please pick up a leaflet and/or contact the church secretary, Donna Harris.

Home Group dates are available from their leaders.

Day	Time	Frequency	Leader	Location
Tuesday	7:00pm – 9:00pm	2 nd and 4 th Tues	Cleo Manonge	Cleo & Tafi's
Wednesday	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Weekly	Mike Kasibo	The Kasibo's
Wednesday	7:00pm – 9:00pm	2 nd and 4 th Wed	Alan Webb	The Cronje's
Thursday	10:30am – 12:00pm	Weekly	Joan Clarke	Clarice's
Friday	7:00pm – 9:00pm	1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Fri	Paul Mukendi	A. Bowen's

What are Home Groups?

Home Groups are a fantastic way to further dig deeper to understand the current series we are studying on a Sunday. They also provide an opportunity to grow spiritually among a smaller group, where questions can be asked, and thoughts shared. We have many different small groups that meet on a regular basis, either in the church or in someone's home. Each group is unique, but all aim to offer mutual support, prayer and Bible study. We come together for welcome, worship, word and witness.

Why Should I Join?

Joining a homegroup is a great way to build friendships with others in the church, grow fellowship and to learn more about the Christian faith along the way. If you are interested, then please speak with Donna.

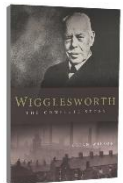
SMALL GROUPS

BOOK CLUB: READ, ENCOURAGE, GROW

Tuesday 23rd April 12:00 noon – 2:00pm

at Jean Morris' Home

Come along and join our new Book Club which started in January. The group meets to discuss different books and literatures. Please bring a sandwich and join us for lunch as we discuss the book in topic. For more questions, please see Jean Morris.



WOMEN OF ST ANDREWS

Saturday 11th May

11:00am – 1:00pm

Howe Park Wood

All ladies are welcome to join us at Howe Park Wood for a walk and picnic. Please bring your own picnic along.

MENS MEETING

TBC

8:30am – 10:30am

at St Andrews Baptist Church

All men welcome to come along. Please confirm attendance with Revd. Brian Stocker for catering purposes. The team look forward to seeing you there.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

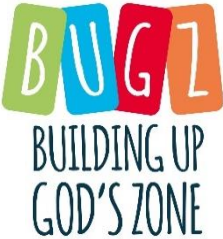
Activities for those aged birth – 18 years. We have an activity for every age group, for more information, please see the group leader.

MESSY PLAY

Wednesday Mornings 9:30am – 11:30am £1.50 per child

For parents/carers and their under fours. Messy and Sensory play activities. Very messy play including water play, so please do not wear your best clothes as they may get ruined.

Closed on Wednesday 10th and 17th April



BUGZ

Wednesday Evenings 6:30pm – 8:00pm £2 per child.

Our new children's club for 6-11 years. There will be lots of activities, games and crafts. Plus, an XBOX and Wii. The group will meet every Wednesday at St Andrews and join Messy Church on 3rd Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please see Matt our family worker.

Closed on Wednesday 10th April

JUNIOR CHURCH

For the under 11's on a Sunday morning during the 11:00am service. We have plenty of fun activities, games and songs to teach those under 11 in a fun and interactive way. For more information please see Andrea Bowen. This month we begin material from CLICK Unit which looks at the subject of 'The Early Church' from the book of Acts. For more information, please see Andrea Bowen.



IGNITE YOUTH GROUP.

Saturday 20th April 2:00pm – 4:00pm



All who are of secondary school age are welcome to come along to our youth group, run by Tafi and Cleo. Come and join Tafi and Cleo for plenty of fun activities, if you would like more information, they would love to hear from you.



FAMILY WORKER & BUGZ

Matt Jarvis

family@standrewsbletchley.org.uk



MESSY PLAY:

Julie-Ann Ward



JUNIOR CHURCH:

Andrea Bowen



YOUTH:

Cleo and Tafi

CHURCH PRAYERS

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

Please keep the following people upheld in prayer.

Angela Scott, Ann Long, Buddug Phillips, Joan Pearce, Richard Lockett, David Niblock, Stewart Baggaley, Tayo Evans, Clarice Bratton, Maureen and Tony Walduck, Brobey and Maki families.

Lord, we lift our church family to you, for all those who are grieving, sick, waiting hospital appointments, or just struggling currently. Lord you know each of us and you know our every need, so we lift all those on our hearts at this time, Lord bring them peace and healing.

Lord, we to pray for those who are interested in joining the Eldership. We pray for them as we come into our AGM and church meeting on 27th April.

Lord, we pray for Helen Whitby and Matthew Maunder who get married at St Andrews this month. We pray your blessing on them during the final preparations and that you are with them on their special day.

We pray for the Easter Cracked sessions still to happen on 4th April, that the local primary school children leave here knowing the real meaning of Easter.

Lord, Finally we pray for the Afternoon Tea taking place at St Andrews on 1st April at 2:00pm.

MY MONTHLY PRAYERS

Use the following space for any prayer requests, or if you feel God has laid something on your heart.

STREET EVANGELISM

Saturday 20th April

11:00am

at St Andrews Baptist Church

This year, another of our priorities is Evangelism. Each month, we will be going out to the people of Bletchley for street evangelism, whilst this is taking place a small group will also be praying in the church. If you think this is something you would be interested in taking part in to bless the people of Bletchley, please see Revd. Brian.

⁹ *'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. **Luke 11:9-10***

WAYS TO GIVE

Thank you for your continued support towards our ministry, mission and maintenance.

*⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. **2 Corinthians 9:7-8.***



Envelope Scheme

To make an anonymous weekly donation, speak to Donna to receive your envelopes.



Offering Box

Please place any loose donations or cheques into our offering box, located to the left when entering the hall.

Money Tins

Tins are available to collect loose change for the Community Development Project.



Standing Order & Bank Transfer

Sort Code: 30-15-53
Account No: 02110038
St Andrews Baptist Church
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Gift Aid

If you are a UK tax payer, please complete our Gift Aid form. St Andrews can claim 25% on all donations you make.

CONTACT INFORMATION



MINISTER: Revd. Brian Stocker

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Due to high volumes of emails, Brian is not always able to respond.

Brian's day off is a Monday.

CHURCH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Monday – Friday:

8:30am – 1:00pm



OFFICE MANAGER: Sarah Harris

sarah.harris@standrewsbletchley.org.uk



CHURCH SECRETARY: Donna Harris

secretary@standrewsbletchley.org.uk

For a full listing of our leadership, please see the board just inside the church or on our website. Thank you for taking the time to read, we do hope and pray you have a blessed month



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