



St Andrews Baptist Church

Keeping the Gospel Real, Relevant, Radical and Refreshing



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

'Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.'
1 John 3:18



SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

ST ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

OPENING REFLECTIONS

You may have heard of the stories in recent years of the Random Acts of Kindness of strangers, paying for the person behind them in the drive-thru etc. It's a different kind feeling you get when you do something like this, it's a feeling of happiness but also unknown.

When you help someone randomly you do not know what the outcome will be. You do not know if it will create any effect on the person you helped. You do not know if they will appreciate your gesture or not and that is the fascinating thing about it.

As a result of the random acts of kindness, we don't expect anything in return and we do not even know if what was spent (time/money) will be recognised. The whole part of acts of kindness is there are no expectations and therefore there is no feelings of success or failure which therefore leaves you feeling humble, one of the purest feelings.

We as people of St Andrews, volunteer and serve our time to make the church a welcoming place and overall have a desired outcome of what we wish to achieve, therefore we end up doing it to please ourselves rather than pleasing the Kingdom of God. We should therefore volunteer and serve our time for the Kingdom of God with no expectations, and in return truly feel humble for the situation.

As we get busy loving, we show this through acts of kindness some of which include Winter Night Shelter, Street Evangelism, Food Bank, Food Welfare.

May we continue to serve the Kingdom of God with no expectation by carrying out acts of random kindness and feeling the humble blessings that God provides.

32 and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. – Ephesians 4:32

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Next Issue Submission Deadline: Friday 13th September

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 month, where we are keeping the Bible
Real, Relevant, Radical and Refreshing.



1st September – 9:30am & 11:00am
8th September – 9:30am & 11:00am
15th September – 9:30am & 11:00am
22nd September – 9:30am & 11:00am
29th September – 10:15am Cafe

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

MESSY CHURCH

Come and join us for a Family Fun Service on
Wednesday 18th September.

5:30pm – 7:30pm **£1 per person**

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 11th September – Service

Friday 27th September – Communion



CAFE CHURCH

All are welcome to come along to our café church
service on **Sunday 29th September** at **10:15am.**

We look forward to seeing you there.



UPCOMING EVENTS



St Andrews Baptist Church

Community Fun Day

Saturday 14th September, 11am to 2pm
at St Andrews Baptist Church

FREE ENTRY

Plenty of games • Fun activities
Food and drink • Stalls • Lots more

Limited stall plots available at £10, to book please call
01908 415192 or email office@standrewsbletchley.org.uk
St Andrews Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes MK3 5DR

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Date: Sunday 15th September

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: St Andrews Baptist Church

Similar to previous years, Revd. Brian Stocker will be holding a memorial service for the families of those he has conducted services for.

There is an opportunity for you to assist with this service. For more information, please see Donna.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Date: Thursday 19th September

Time: 10:00am – 12:00 noon

Venue: St Andrews Baptist Church

All are welcome to come along and help to raise funds for Macmillan at our annual coffee morning.

Tea, coffee and cake will be available for a donation along with some fun activities. We look forward to seeing you there.

BAND PRACTICES

Below are the dates and times for the 11:00am service band practice this month:

Saturday 14th September

4:30pm

More dates TBC.

SPOTLIGHT 'HOLIDAY CLUB'

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 we look back at our Holiday Club.

We had such a great time with all those who attended Holiday Club 2019!





SMALL 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.

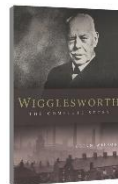
Home Group dates are available from their leaders.

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	Donna Harris	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

BOOK CLUB: READ, ENCOURAGE, GROW

Tuesday 17th September 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 7th September 9:00am St Andrews Baptist Church

All ladies are welcome to join us for our women's breakfast. For more info please see Andrea Adio.

JIM'S PUZZLE CORNER



Thinking Relatively

What relation to you is your:

1. Grandmother's nephew's daughter?
2. Aunt's mother's father's wife?
3. Brother's son's sister's mother?
4. Sister's father's stepson's mother?
5. Uncle's father's only grandchild?

Closing Date: Sunday 15th September

Watch out for the answer(s) in the next Church Newsletter.

All the answers (*one per person*) given to me, Jim Lovatt, by (or on) the closing date will go into a draw. The first three correct answers out of the hat will be listed in the Newsletter. All the very best in your calculations.

Jim.



LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS: "The Fawltly Alarm Clock"

In going from 07.30 to 12.00 (4hrs 30mins) the faulty clock will lose altogether **18 mins**. The clock loses 240 secs in 60 mins, 4 secs every minute or 1 sec every 15 secs. Therefore, in going a further 18 mins it will lose another **72 secs**. In this 72 secs a further **5 secs**. Making the final time on the accurate clock **12:19:17** or, to answer the question, **12:19** hrs to the nearest minute

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.

Resumes 11th September



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.

Resumes 11th September

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. 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 21st September 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.

HOLIDAY CLUB 2020

Thanks to all who volunteered their time to make Pyramid Rock happen. The children all had a great time. We will be back with holiday club in 2020 from Monday 17th – Friday 21st August.

OUR TEAM



MESSY PLAY:
Julie-Ann Ward



JUNIOR CHURCH:
Andrea Bowen



YOUTH:
Cleo and Tafi



BUGZ:
Andrea Adio

CHURCH PRAYERS

We have recently been asked to pray for:

Andrea Bowen, The Beard Family, Pam Smith

Our ongoing prayers are also asked for:

Angela Scott, Ann Long, Buddug Phillips, Clarice Bratton, Francis Wenton, Joan Pearce, Linda Hinze, Margaret Payne, Michael Kamau, Stewart Baggaley, Brobey, Maki and Rose-Chambers families.

We pray for: All the children and teachers returning to school, those starting a new school and those off to university.

We pray for: Niklas Adio travelling to Hong Kong on a University exchange

In the church:

- Community Fun Day (14th September)
- Memorial Service (15th September)

In our local community:

- Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 19th September.

In the World beyond

- People in the countries suffering from conflict – Mali, Syria, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Nigeria, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, Yemen, Burundi, DR Congo, Mexico.

We give thanks for:

- The team and children who attended Holiday Club and made it great for all.

PRAYER AT ST ANDREWS

Last month we launched the new 'Ways to Pray with St Andrews'. This month we have the following events taking place:

Prayer Walk – Thursday 5th September – 7:00pm

Meet at St Andrews for 7:00pm and we will go on a walk around the community.

Prayer Praise and Prophecy – Thursday 12th September – 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Pray Where You Are – Thursday 19th September

Pray where you are today.

Elders Prayer – Thursday 26th September.

Prayer and Street Evangelism – Saturday 29th September – 11:00am to 1:00pm

One group pray at the church whilst another group go onto the streets of Bletchley.

Connect Cards – Complete a connect card and place in the offering box. The Elders will pray over your prayer throughout the week.



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.***

Offering Envelopes



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.

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.

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CONTACT INFORMATION



MINISTER: Revd. Brian Stocker

minister@standrewsbletchley.org.uk

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

office@standrewsbletchley.org.uk



CHURCH SECRETARY: Donna Harris

secretary@standrewsbletchley.org.uk



TREASURER: Juan Cronje

juan.cronje@gmail.com

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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