



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



JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER

ST ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

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SUBMISSIONS

Next Issue Submission Deadline: 20th June.

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 limited.

UPCOMING DATES

Mondays: Email of any Key Messages
Wednesdays: Email Reflection
Fridays: Email Update

CHURCH UPDATE

HEADLINES

- Pastoral profile team update

MEMBERS & ATTENDEES

- Regular pastoral calls
- Food shopping support

MINISTRY

- Online services continue to reach far and wide
- Coffee morning
- Prayer zoom meetings
- Procedures for social distancing for reopening church, will update as things develop

MISSION

- Prayer support for Gethsemane International Ministries
- BMS

MAINTENANCE

- Manse Rental continues
- Lawns being kept tidy.

MONEY

- Finance review.
- CIO review
- Finance appeal.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

- Youth monthly meeting by zoom
- Participation recording the Bible readings for Sunday for website, prayers, sharing and singing at coffee mornings

UPCOMING SERVICES

During this uncertain time, and whilst we cannot congregate together in person on a Sunday, we are publishing service information on our website.

[Please click here to access our website services.](#)

Home > When > Services > Service Info

When

Services

- Recorded Sermons
- Messy Church: Family Service
- St Andrews Calendar
- Events

Sunday 24th May

St Andrews Service Information

Opening

Greetings and a very welcome to our service today. Far and wide we come to join together, no matter where you are, we are glad that you have been able to join us as we come to offer our praise and worship to God. A time to sit, reflect and come before God, to renew our soul, for in our relationship with Him we pray that we will be able to fix our eyes firmly on Christ as we draw closer to Him, in a real, relevant, radical and refreshing way.

May we all take a few moments to just stop, pause and reflect on the past week. Wow what a week, some nine weeks into the lock down, how are you doing. Full of joy, or full of uncertainty on what the future has in store. Unprecedented times, challenging times, enjoying the time to sit and relax, or feeling completely swamped with work. What ever our individual circumstances, may we each know that we are loved by our heavenly father, Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. He prunes us that we'll be more fruitful, fruitful pruning, but for growth and flourishing. How is he pruning each of us? How are we spiritually growing during this current season.

As we shared last week God doesn't want us to social distance from Him. He wants us to join him, anytime, any place any where and just worship Him, praise Him. We may be scattered unable to come physically together but united we are Christ Church to come to worship today from the comfort of our homes from far and wide but may we lift up our voices as we seek this time reflect and seek God.

Psalm 80:1-3

ZOOM COFFEE MORNINGS



Every Sunday morning at 11:00am we meet for a video call coffee morning with the church family. Here is some feedback:

For me one of my best highlights of the week, is the coming together on Sunday, at 11 am with my Spiritual family. It is wonderful to be able sit safely, in my own space, sipping coffee, while we share happy moments, concerns and worries with each other. You are all so amazing. Sharing Testimonies, Scripture and Songs. Encouraging and supporting each other through these unprecedented times. It is strange singing songs of worship & thanks to the Creator, without others around me, but it is uplifting too. And although I mute myself for a short while, so my terrible singing cannot be heard, I know God is listening and he alone will find me tuneful. I can also meet with families from far afield. If you are on the internet you too can join us. It would be so good to see you and share some time together. – Jean Morris

I just want to say how much I am enjoying the zoom coffee mornings and being able to see my church family on a Sunday morning. For those of you that haven't joined us yet I'd like to really encourage you to do so, the benefits of staying connected with each other are immense and help to relieve feelings of isolation and loneliness. We have a time of sharing any testimonies, someone will share something encouraging, one of the youth will read a passage of scripture, a family or person will choose a song/hymn for us to sing and we close with a prayer. If anyone would like to join us and are not very good with technology someone will talk you through being able to join us. Many of those who have joined a zoom coffee morning have said how much they have enjoyed meeting with others and how their spirits have been lifted. So, come on, why not give it a try? – Sue Lovatt.

SPOTLIGHT 'PASTORAL CARE'

ST ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastoral Care

John 21:15-17
'Feed my lambs.'



One of our core values is **PEOPLE**
1 John 3:18
'let us love, not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.'

The Team:

Elders coordinating Pastoral Care are:
Torsby/Mike

Our Pastoral Team are:

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Pam Ashurst

During this time, please ensure we are doing all we can to contact those who we have contact details for in the church. We pray for those that feel lonely and isolated during this time.

JIM'S PUZZLE CORNER

Shifty Coins:



There are four coins, 50p, 2p, 20p and 5p which are in a pile at point A, with the largest at the bottom. The object of the exercise is to move the coins from point A to point C via the intermediate point - B. Only one coin can be moved at a time and a larger coin cannot be placed atop a smaller coin.

Question: What is the minimum number of moves required to re-assemble the coin pile at point C?

Hint: you might try it with two /three coins first to develop a method. If you're mathematically inclined you might be able to formulate an equation to relate the number of coins to the number of moves.

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS: "The Rubik Cubic"

THREE sides [corner cubes] = Eight

TWO sides [centre edge cubes] = Twelve

ONE side [centre face cubes] = Six

ZERO sides = [cube centre] = One

CHURCH PROFILE

The church profile team consists of: Donna Harris, Mike Kasibo, Torsby Attipoe, Andrea Adio, Hetsie Cronje, Juan Cronje, Marianne Brobey, Angela Mather, James Lovatt and Clive Piggott.

They will be responsible for representing the wider church and collecting feedback from the wider church to build the final church profile document which will be circulated prior to approval at a church meeting.

CURRENT PROGRESS

So far, the profile team have compiled the data which you have submitted for the Theology and Worship and also the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats.

The profile team continue to meet (virtually) throughout this time. They would really appreciate your feedback with the compiling of the Church Profile as we seek to find a new minister.

UPCOMING DISCUSSION ITEM

Our next profile discussion is based on our:

- Evangelism,
- Serving of the Community
- Young People's Work
- Mission Initiatives

Please keep this in your prayers, and a discussion form will be sent out the first week of June.

CHURCH MONTHLY PRAYERS

Please see our intercessory prayers from our church services which have been published online.

We have uphold the following in our prayers:

The Beard's, Clarice Bratton, Joan Clarke, Joy Hubert, Ruth Hudson, Pauline Johnson, Eileen Keeling, Angela Mather, The Martin's, Jean Morris, David Niblock, Gloria Ofusu-Nantwi, Addie Pandolfini, Margaret Payne, Joan Pearce, Clive Piggott, Barbara Pither, Pam Smith, Susan Snow, Maureen Walduck, Shirley Wood.

Our ongoing prayers are also asked for:

Buddug Phillips, Michael Kamau, The Stocker's

We pray for:

- The youth being able to meet via zoom
- Uphold those in Government
- Coffee mornings and being able to meet
- We pray for our children that in living through this experience they may develop an understanding of your love and care that will remain with them through life.
- We pray for those who mourn, that they be comforted
- We pray for those who are financially compromised that they might put their hope and their trust in you.

In our local community:

- We pray for all who are working from home.
- Children, those that have continued to attend school due to parents being key workers
- Children who will be going back to school, children and teachers safety
- We pray for Caton House.

In the World beyond

- The global pandemic for COVID-19

We give thanks for:

- All those Key Workers who are working day and night to support us all.



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.

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Gift Aid

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



Standing Order & Bank Transfer

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We are currently working from home and still available by phone and email.



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