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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***

MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

ST ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

A NOTE FROM OUR ELDERS

We give thanks for God's church for His people for all those who worship at St Andrews, either in the past, present or future. Lord we continue to uphold the vision and ethos for your church and we pray that in the midst of our diversity we come to worship, to feed on your word and to walk humbly together, collectively for it is our responsibility as we are the church

We give thanks to God for all the new people that have recently joined us and we look forward to sharing and journey as we walk together and may we live out through Christ word "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action" 1 John 3:18

As a church Lord help us to focus on Keeping the Gospel

- Real – Gods love is real (*1 John 4:7-21*)
- Relevant – Gods teaching on our lives (*John 10:10*)
- Radical – Allowing the Holy Spirit to transform us (*John 14:15-17*)
- Refreshing – Spiritual growth (*2 Corinthians 12:9*)

Make our tent bigger. Open our doors wide. Don't think small! Make your tent large and strong Isaiah 54:2

Lord we come to another chapter in the life of St Andrews and we are thankful for all those who have recently participated in the church survey and we look ahead to the focus groups for each of the services and we look forward over the coming months.

May we be encouraged to grow in our walk together and may we know that it is through Christ people that we can share the Good News to all people.

The Eldership

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Next Issue Submission Deadline: Monday 14th May

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

This month at our church services, we will begin our series on 'Kings'



06th May – 9:30am & 11:00am

13th May – 9:30am & 11:00am

20th May – 9:30am & 11:00am

27th May – 9:30am & 11:00am.

Refreshments are served at 10:30am between the services. It would be great to meet you.

MESSY CHURCH

This month's Messy Church will be on

Wednesday 9th May

6:00pm – 7:30pm

£1 per person.

Family service with messy fun and games including a sit-down meal.



DEDICATION SERVICES

This month we will be holding a couple of dedications during our 11:00am Services.

Sunday 6th May – Faith Turner

Sunday 27th May – Harmony and Archie



CATON HOUSE SERVICES

This month we will be holding our regular two services at Caton House, our local residential care home.

Wednesday 9th May – Reflection

Friday 25th May – Communion Service



UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFO

MEN OF ST ANDREWS

Saturday 5th May

8:30am – 10:00am

All men are welcome to come along to our next Men's Breakfast. This will be taking place at Morrisons, Westcroft. All men should have received an email to confirm attendance. Any problems, please contact the office.

WOMEN OF ST ANDREWS

Saturday 26th May

7:00pm – 8:00pm

All ladies are welcome to come along to our next Women of St Andrews meeting. This will be a time to come together in prayer. For more information, please see Andrea Adio, Andrea Bowen or Jean Morris.

GDPR: HAVE YOU CONSENTED?



As of 25th May 2018, the laws of consent regarding your personal data is changing. If you have not consented to us storing your data, and informed us how you wish to be consented, we will not be able to and so you will not have any communications from St Andrews Baptist Church.

You need to allow/deny consent to

- 1. Us storing your information.**
- 2. How we contact you
(Email, Post, Text, Phone)**

To confirm you have completed a form, or responded to our email, please contact Sarah.

CHURCH MEETING

Saturday 9th June

1:30pm

Our next church meeting will be taking place on Saturday 9th June at 1:30pm. All are welcome to come along. Our main agenda item will be the Sunday Service Review. At this meeting we will also follow up regarding our minister's proposal at the last church meeting. Please see an Elder for more information.

MINISTER ANNUAL LEAVE

Sunday 27th May – Tuesday 5th June.

Our minister will be on annual leave following the church service on Sunday 27th May and will not return until Tuesday 5th June. During this time for any ministerial issues, please contact one of our Elders.

Please also note Brian's day off is a Monday.

SPOTLIGHT: 'CATON HOUSE'

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 is 'Caton House'.

Twice a month, a small team from St Andrews, visit our local residential care home 'Caton House'. One of our services is more of a reflective style which is themed around topics such as holidays, romance etc. and our other monthly service is communion.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday (Reflection) and the 4th Friday (Communion) of the month. If you are interested in getting involved in this fantastic outreach opportunity, please see Angela Mather.

Let us bless the residents of Caton House by seeing you there.

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
Wednesday	7:00pm – 9:00pm	Fortnightly	Tim Hughes	The Hughes'
Thursday	10:30am – 12:00pm	Weekly	Joan Clarke	Clarice's
Thursday	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Fortnightly	Brian Stocker	The Awa's
Friday	12:30pm – 2:30pm	Fortnightly	Alan Webb	The Hughes'
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 break down and 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.

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.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

MESSY PLAY

For parents/carers and their under fours. Meets on a **Wednesday Morning from 9:30am – 11:30am**. Very messy play including water play, so please do not wear your best clothes. The group asks for a **£1 donation** for the first child and **50p per additional child**.

Closed on Wednesday 30th May due to Half Term.



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 continue material from CLICK Unit 4 which looks at the subject of 'Jesus teaches us about God's kingdom'



IGNITE YOUTH GROUP

Saturday 19th May

2:30pm – 4:00pm

St Andrews

All those secondary school age are welcome to come along to our youth group, run by Tafi and Cleo. They are very much looking forward to seeing you there and this wonderful area of ministry grow at St Andrews. Should you have any queries, please contact Tafi and Cleo via our office.



OUR FINANCES

Thank you for your continued support towards the ministry, mission and maintenance of
St Andrews Baptist Church.

FINANCES AT 31st MARCH

	Budget	Actual
Income	£17,830	£16,851
Expenditure	£21,648	£16,008
Net 2017		£843

From these figures, you can see we are currently under budget for both our income and expenditure, however we have closely been monitoring our expenditure and therefore we are currently at a surplus of £843. Our offerings are looking positive, compared to last year, at this point our offerings are up by £1,271.

Should you require a full set of our accounts, please contact Sarah in the office who will be able to assist. Should you have any questions, please see our Treasurer Helene.

WAYS TO GIVE



Envelope Scheme

To make an anonymous weekly donation, speak to the treasurer for more details.



Offering Box

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



Cheques.

Cheques can be made payable to St Andrews Baptist Church



Standing Order & Bank Transfer

Sort Code: 30-15-53

Account No: 02110038

St Andrews Baptist Church

Lloyds Bank PLC



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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th May: Messy Church

19th May: Youth Group

9th June: Church Meeting

11th June: Afternoon Tea & Memorial Service

23rd June: Wedding of Graham and Suzanna

*We look forward to
seeing you there.*

CHURCH PRAYERS

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

Please keep the following people upheld in prayer.

Ann Long, Buddug Phillips, Clarice Bratton, David Beard, Hope Turner, Joan Pearce, Les Hubbard, Miriam Abogaye, Stewart Baggaley, Maria Spain, Simon Shearsby, Richard Lockett, Maureen Walduck.

Psalm 34: 1-10 v8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Let us praise God at all times not just when things are going well, or it is convenient to do so: Let us bless God every chance we get, may our lungs our every being be full of his praise.

Lord we lift our church family to you, for all those who are grieving sick, waiting hospital appointments, or just struggling at this time. 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 pray for our young people for all those who are taking exams, Lord we pray that throughout all their study that you will be, Lord that any fear or anxiety will fade and that they are able to focus gain rest and know that whatever their results they have done their best before you.

Lord we pray for the partnership with Bridgebuilder Trust as we seek a Secondary Schools and Church Families worker. Lord we want to reach out into the community. We pray that there will be an interest in for this post and look forward to another staff member joining the team at St Andrews in this dual role.

Lord we pray for your guidance and discernment as we continue to listen being obedient to your call on our lives. Lord thank you that you promise to deliver each of us from any fears or concerns we may have. Lord we pray for protection for your people and Lord in all we do may we live out our lives with Jesus at the centre in all we do.

MY MONTHLY PRAYERS

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

OFFICE OPENING HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 8:30am – 1:00pm

the office will be closed on Monday 7th May and Monday 28th May.

The office is managed by Sarah Harris with help from a team of volunteers. You are very welcome to pop in and have a cup of tea and a chat.

CONTACT DETAILS:



MINISTER: Revd. Brian Stocker

Email: minister@standrewsbletchley.org.uk

Please note due to high volumes of emails, Brian is not always able to respond.

Brian's day off is a Monday.



SECRETARY: Donna Harris

Email: secretary@standrewsbletchley.org.uk



ADMINISTRATOR: Sarah Harris

Email: sarah.harris@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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