



# 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**

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



## FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

ST ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

# OPENING REFLECTIONS

Welcome, we are glad you worship with us.

Our first core value here at St Andrews is people. We exist to foster healthy godly relationships. We encourage people to be part of a group of likeminded people where growing in faith together supports people in reaching their full potential in God.

One of the ways we do this is through our small group meetings. Throughout the month we have a whole range of different groups who meet to encourage one another in faith and friendship. Feel free to ask about these, more details are on page 4. Donna oversees this ministry, she would love to hear from you.

As part of our ongoing encouragement for people to meet together we are pleased to announce three new groups this month as well as an Alpha course from May. Why not check out the notice board in the church hall to see more information about these groups. I believe God is calling everyone at St Andrews to be part of a group. If you feel the Lord place on your heart other groups, please share with the leadership team so we can also pray into this. We look forward to journeying together in Gods great mission and discipleship.

The bible reminds us to never stop meeting together. Let us continue to move forward throughout 2019 and discover the world God is forming and revealing to all those that seek His kingdom.

*Hebrews 10:24-25*

*<sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching.*

God Bless

*Revd. Brian Stocker*

Minister

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**Next Issue Submission Deadline:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

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



**3<sup>rd</sup> Feb** – 9:30am & 11:00am  
**10<sup>th</sup> Feb** – 9:30am & 11:00am  
**17<sup>th</sup> Feb** – 9:30am & 11:00am  
**24<sup>th</sup> Feb** – 9:30am & 11:00am

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

## MESSY CHURCH

Come and join us for a Family Fun Service on

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**5:30pm – 7:30pm      £1 per person.**

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



## MESSY CHURCH HAS MOVED TO A WEDNESDAY!

COME AND JOIN US, ON THE **3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY BETWEEN 5:30PM AND 7:30PM**

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 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Service

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:** Communion

Interested in joining the team?  
Please speak to Revd. Brian Stocker.



# UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFO



**Date:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**Price:** £50 per couple.

You and your valentine are invited to a three-course dinner and mocktails.

The Young People Ministries of St Andrews are looking forward to hosting you. We are fundraising towards our classroom building project and activities.

## SPOTLIGHT 'CHURCH OFFICE'

**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 the Church Office.**

### **Who works in the Church Office?**

The church office is managed by Sarah Harris. During the week you will find many volunteers offering their time to support the works of the office.

### **What does the Office do?**

The office is the communication centre of St Andrews. We ensure that many aspects of the church administration and communication is organised e.g. WNS, Young People's Work, Notices, Service Documents and much more. We have regular meetings to catch up and ensure we are planning ahead long term. Fortnightly, we meet as a team for reflections and prayer.

### **Where is the Office?**

The office is located next door to the kitchen. You may not recognise it much as this past month we have had a drastic makeover.

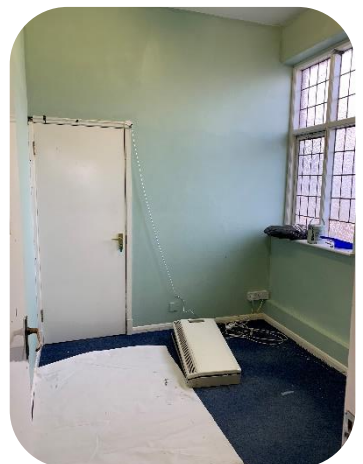
### **When is the Office open?**

The office is open Monday – Friday mornings 8:30am - 1:00pm.

### **Why do we need an Office?**

The aim of the office is to assist with the organisation of the works that God has for St Andrews Baptist Church and to relieve the administrative pressures from the Leadership and Eldership.

Interested in volunteering some of your time, please see Sarah in the office.



# 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 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues	Cleo Manonge	Cleo & Tafi's
Wednesday	7:00pm – 9:00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Alan Webb	The Cronje's
Thursday	10:30am – 12:00pm	Weekly	Joan Clarke	Clarice's
Friday	7:00pm – 9:00pm	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> 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.

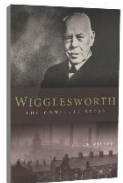
Check out the map of Home Group locations and details within the church.

# SMALL GROUPS

## CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February      12:00 noon – 2:30pm      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 9<sup>th</sup> February      1:30pm – 3:30pm

All ladies are welcome to join us at St Andrews for our meeting where we will have a guest speaker joining us. Please see Andrea Adio for more information.

## MENS MEETING

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February      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.

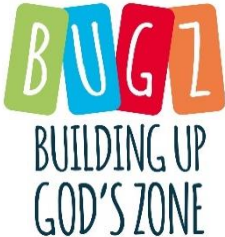
# YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

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

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 20<sup>th</sup> February.**



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

For more information, please see Matt our family worker.

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**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, 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 pray for the Leadership focus group as they come to discern the mind of Christ. We pray they receive Your vision and guide us along your path for us.

Lord, we also pray for the team behind the new 6-11 years group 'BUGZ' which begins at 6:30pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February. We pray that as they deal with final preparations, they feel Your presence and guidance.

Lord, we to pray for the developments of the classrooms. We made serious headway in 2018, and being so close to completion now, we pray that these will be ready to be kitted out by January allowing our young peoples work on a Sunday to develop further.

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## MY MONTHLY PRAYERS

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

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# STREET EVANGELISM

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**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.

<sup>9</sup> *'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. <sup>10</sup> 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.**

*<sup>7</sup> Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> 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  
Lloyds Bank PLC



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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**

[minister@standrewsbletchley.org.uk](mailto: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**

[sarah.harris@standrewsbletchley.org.uk](mailto:sarah.harris@standrewsbletchley.org.uk)



### **CHURCH SECRETARY: Donna Harris**

[secretary@standrewsbletchley.org.uk](mailto: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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