



# 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**



## MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

### ST ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

# OPENING REFLECTIONS

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus.

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

As part of our spiritual journey we are delighted as a church to be looking collectively at our core values. We believe these values are through, people, prayer, praise, prophetic, participation and preparation. All underpin who we are as a church and what it means to come and grow together as we are reminded in scripture:

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

Throughout the next six weeks these values will be explored in our teaching and within our home groups. We pray that you will be able to join us on this journey as we discover more of God's love in our lives and those around. If you would also like to join a home group to be able to explore and go deeper, coming together with Brothers and Sisters, then please see one of the elders.

God Bless

*Donna Harris*

Church Secretary

p.s. Check out the details on Alpha see page 4

p.p.s Join us for Prayer and Street Evangelism on Saturday 18th May. Meeting at the church for 11am.

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**Next Issue Submission Deadline:** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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

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



**5<sup>th</sup> May** – 9:30am & 11:00am

**12<sup>th</sup> May** – 9:30am & 11:00am

**19<sup>th</sup> May** – 9:30am & 11:00am

**26<sup>th</sup> May** – 9:30am & 11:00am

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

## STUDY SERIES

Our new Study Series from Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, will be focussed on our core values

People, Prayer, Praise, Prophetic, Participation, Preparation



## MESSY CHURCH

Come and join us for a Family Fun Service on

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> May:** Service 11:30am

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May:** Communion 11:30am

**LOOKING FOR ANSWERS?**

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. To find out more, please visit: [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org)

14th May – 23rd July

Alpha



**Date:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Venue:** St Andrews Baptist Church

### Are you looking for answers?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian Faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Each session has the same three things in common, food, a talk and good conversation.

### First Up... There's food

Whether it's a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table, or a quick catch up over coffee and cake, food has a way of bringing people together. It's no different at Alpha. Our sessions will start with food, because it's a great way to build community and get to know each other.

### Then... A Talk

*How can we have faith?* and *Who is Jesus?* The talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long, they explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions from *Why and how do I pray?* and *How does God guide us?*

### Followed By... Discussion

Probably the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There's no obligation to say anything and there's nothing you can't say (seriously). It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

**To sign up, please speak to Brian or the Church Office.**



## SPOTLIGHT 'EASTER CRACKED'

**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 Easter Cracked.**

Easter Cracked is a fun and interactive event for Children in Primary schools. Children from Holne Chase, Chestnuts and St Thomas Aquinas visited St Andrews Baptist Church this year to learn about the last week of Jesus life and what He did for us all on the cross on Good Friday. The Children did quizzes, watched some video clips and met a real-life Centurion from 2000 years ago (Malcolm) 😊 It was great to meet lots of children and teachers and everyone had a good time. Everyone took home a palm cross, a comic and some sweets. Thank you to Bridgebuilder for the props.

# 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	Weekly	Mike Kasibo	The Kasibo'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.

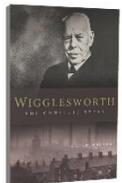
# SMALL GROUPS

## BOOK CLUB: READ, ENCOURAGE, GROW

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> May**



## 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.

**Closed on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> May 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 2019

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 9:30am – 12:00 noon £15 per child

Holiday club is back for 2019 with the theme Pyramid Rock! Registration opens on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please keep an eye out for more information!



**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 pray for Helen Whitby and Matthew Maunder who were married at St Andrews on 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Lord, we pray for the small group who will be travelling to the Baptist Assembly this month in Telford.

Lord, we pray for the Holiday Club Team who will be coming together on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May to plan and prepare for our club in August.

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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 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**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.**

## **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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### **Standing Order & Bank Transfer**

Sort Code: 30-15-53

Account No: 02110038

St Andrews Baptist Church

Lloyds Bank PLC



## 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

*The church office will be open 10:00am – 12:00 noon the w/c 20<sup>th</sup> May.*



### **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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