



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



JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

ST ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

OPENING REFLECTIONS

Psalm 23: 1- 3

The Lord is my best friend and my shepherd. I always have more than enough. **2** He offers a resting place for me in his luxurious love. His tracks take me to an oasis of peace, *the quiet brook of bliss*. **3** That's where he restores and revives my life. He opens before me pathways to God's pleasure and leads me along in his footsteps of righteousness so that I can bring honour to his name.

God continues to bless each and every one of us, as we worship and walk together in ministry and mission.

St Andrews continues to prayerful seek and discern, Gods vision, bringing his people to build his church now and for the future.

As we reflect Psalm 23, what vision is God placing on your heart. How are we living out the core values of St Andrews: people, prayer, praise, prophetic, participation and preparation.

God provides opportunities for all of us to participate together, building His team, His Church, a community as we humble ourselves seeking out Kingdom values, with our hearts full of compassion and peace as we love and serve one another. Let us each embrace, be bold, and be apart of Gods vision.

We look forward to welcoming you, and getting to know you not just on a Sunday, why not get involved with our home groups too.

Prayers and blessings

Donna Harris

Church Secretary

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Next Issue Submission Deadline: Tuesday 16th July

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.



7th July – 9:30am & 11:00am

14th July – 9:30am & 11:00am

21st July – 9:30am & 11:00am

28th July – 9:30am & 11:00am

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



CORE VALUES

All that we do at St Andrews Baptist Church is underpinned by our Core Values
People, Prayer, Praise, Prophetic, Participation, Preparation

MESSY CHURCH

Come and join us for a Family Fun Service on
Wednesday 17th July.

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 10th July: Service 11:30am

Friday 26th July: Communion 11:30am

UPCOMING EVENTS

AFTERNOON TEA

Date: Monday 19th July

Time: 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Venue: St Andrews Baptist Church

Cost: £3 per person

Tickets available from Clarice or the church office.

FUNERAL OF EILEEN ATTWELL

Date: Monday 15th July

Time: 1:00pm

Venue: St Andrews Baptist Church

All are invited to come and join as we remember Eileen who sadly passed away on 15th June.

FUN DAY

Date: Saturday 14th September

Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

Venue: St Andrews Baptist Church

We have an opportunity for you to volunteer at our community fun day, a great chance for you to get involved within the mission at St Andrews. For more information, please see Hetsie Cronje.

CHURCH MEETING

Date: Thursday 25th July **Time:** 6:45pm

Venue: St Andrews Baptist Church

All are invited to come along to our Church Meeting, where we discuss the members, ministry, mission and monies of St Andrews.

BAND PRACTICES

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

Saturday 6th July 7:00pm

Saturday 13th July 4:30pm

Saturday 20th July 7:00pm

Saturday 27th July 5:00pm

SEMINAR

Date: Saturday 27th July

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am

Venue: St Andrews Baptist Church

Topic: Social Media Safety

Advising Parent Protection – Keeping Your Children Safe in a digital age.

This is a no fee course, there are limited spaces. You must register your space the church office by Thursday 25th July.

SPOTLIGHT ‘SEMINAR’

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 our upcoming Seminar.

On Saturday 27th July, Revd. Brian Stocker is holding a Seminar on ‘Keeping Your Children Safe in a Digital Age’ a course on online safety for you and your children. The seminar will consist of two short talks, plus time for questions and answers and even some demonstrations. This seminar is perfect for parent, grandparents and carers.

The course will run between 9:00am and 11:00am, there is no cost, we ask that you register your space with our office by Thursday 25th July. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

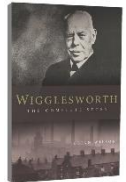
Home Group dates are available from their leaders.

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	Alan Webb	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 16th July 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 13th July 6:00pm – 7:00pm St Andrews Baptist Church

All ladies are welcome to join us for our prayer meeting. For more info please see Andrea Adio.

JIM'S PUZZLE CORNER



Sally was driving home from the office one night and had stopped at the traffic lights. Whilst stationary she noticed that her dashboard odometer (mileage clock) indicated **25,952 miles**.

Observant as she was, Sally recognised that this number was palindromic – that is, it read the same backwards as forward. She mused to herself, *"Uuum, I reckon it'll be a long time before a palindrome number appears again ..."*

Nevertheless, upon arriving home, two hours later, another palindromic number had appeared!

Question(s): What was the new number, and at what speed, on average, had she been travelling during those two hours?

Closing Date: Sunday 21st July.

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.



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.

CLOSES FOR SUMMER ON WEDNESDAY 17TH JULY



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.

For more information, please see Matt our family worker.

CLOSES FOR SUMMER ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY

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 20th July 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 5th – Friday 9th August 9:30am – 12:00 noon £15 per child

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

LIMITED SPACE



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, David Niblock, Stewart Baggaley, Tayo Evans, Clarice Bratton, Brobey, Maki and Rose-Chambers 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 Attwell family, that they receive your strength at this hard time, following the loss of Eileen on Saturday 15th June.

Lord, we pray for the Holiday Club Team as they continue to plan and prepare for our club in August.

Lord, we pray for our young people's work teams as they draw to a close for the summer following another year of fantastic sessions. That they get the rest they need ready for the next academic year.

Lord, we also pray for the young people as they enter their final few weeks at school. That they are able to remain focused throughout this time.

MY MONTHLY PRAYERS

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

PRAYER & STREET EVANGELISM

Saturday 20th July

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.

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

sarah.harris@standrewsbletchley.org.uk



CHURCH SECRETARY: Donna Harris

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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