



# St Andrews Baptist Church

Keeping the Gospel Real, Relevant, Radical and Refreshing



<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**

*'Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.'*

**1 John 3:18**



## JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

ST ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

# OPENING REFLECTIONS

Greetings to you and your family,

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020 as we look forward to the many opportunities for the year ahead, we all know it will certainly be a new season for us all as a church.

St Andrews has been blessed in so many ways and we give thanks to God for Brian and June and their servant hearts their loyalty and dedication building God's Kingdom. Brian joined us as Student minister in Sept 2008 and becoming our full-time minister in Sept 2011. Throughout this time, we have seen the church grow spiritually, in our diversity and getting busy loving in a real, relevant, radical and refreshing way.

We invite you to join us on 19th January for Brian final service as the church full time minister of St Andrews Baptist Church, a time of celebration and giving thanks to God.

We are reminded in ***Jeremiah 29:11***

*11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

As we move into this new season as a church may we stand strong, coming together in unity and pray and look forward the journey ahead.

Prayers and blessings

God Bless

*The Church Elders*

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**Next Issue Submission Deadline:** Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

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.



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

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

**19<sup>th</sup> January** – 10:30am

**26<sup>th</sup> January** – 10:30am

## MESSY CHURCH

Come and join us for a Family Fun Service on  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**  
**5:30pm – 7:30pm**      **£1 per person**

A Community Celebration as Brian says  
farewell.



## CATON HOUSE

Let us bless the residents of Caton House at our two  
services this month:

**8<sup>th</sup> January** – Service

**31<sup>st</sup> January** Communion



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## WINTER NIGHT SHELTER UPDATE

We are looking for volunteers who would be able to assist with either of the following:

Monday Evening: 6:45pm – 10:30pm

Tuesday Morning: 6:45am – 8:15am

Please contact the office if you are available.

## AFTERNOON TEA

Date: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Time: 2:00pm – 3:30pm

Venue: St Andrews Baptist Church

Cost: £3 per person.



## SPOTLIGHT 'BRIAN'S INDUCTION'

Brian's induction service at Bretton Baptist Church will be taking place

**Date:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February

**Time:** 2:00pm and will be followed by light refreshments.

**Venue:** Bretton Baptist Church (Copeland, South Bretton, Peterborough PE3 6YJ)

The service is intended to mark and celebrate the commencement of a new ministry, it should be a joyful occasion that recognises: Ministry is a calling, Ministry is a commitment and Ministry is a partnership.

Brian and June would love for you to be there if you are able as they begin the next chapter of their journey and ministry.

We are looking to organise a coach for this, if you would be interested in joining us please let the office know so we can get this booked. **To book a space on the coach, please let us know by 5<sup>th</sup> January. If we do not have enough interest, we will not be able to organise this.**



# OUR 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	Donna Harris	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



## 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.



In the run up to Christmas Rudolf was put in charge of Santa's grotto. One of his first jobs was to devise a new method of stock control. He arranged the stock of Christmas spirit on three shelves in three sizes of container: Large (L), Medium (M) and small (S). He had 18 litres of spirit on each shelf arranged in the following order.

Top Shelf: 1 L, 3 M & 3 S; Middle Shelf: 2 L & 6 S. Bottom Shelf: 4 M & 6 S

**Question:** Can you work out how much spirit each size contains?

**Closing Date: Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

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.*



### LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS: "People in Motion"

If the observer remained on the platform then he/she would see a train arriving at Kings Cross every hour, but in the question the observer is travelling to Edinburgh and the trains will meet and pass each other at twice the speed and half the time – every thirty minutes.

Thus the 11.00 arrival will have left Edinburgh at 05.00, 11.30 at 06.00, 12.00 (07.00), 12.30 (08.00), 13.00 (09.00), 13.30 (10.00), 14.00 (11.00), 14.30 (12.00), 15.00 (13.00), 15.30 (14.00), 16.00 (15.00), 16.30 (16.00). Upon arriving in Edinburgh at 17.00 he/she will now see the 17.00 about to leave, making thirteen trains altogether.

# BRIAN'S FAREWELL

All of the activities taking place this month for Brian's Farewell

St Andrews Baptist Church  
Invites you to...

## BRIAN'S COMMUNITY FAREWELL

A fun, all aged service including dinner.  
All are welcome to come along.

**WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY  
5:30PM - 7:30PM**

RSVP to [office@standrewsbletchley.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewsbletchley.org.uk)  
by Monday 13th January 2020

## COMMUNITY FAREWELL

**Date:** Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

**Time:** 5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Venue:** St Andrews

A very different looking Messy Church will be taking place this month, this will be an opportunity for all the community to come along and say farewell to Brian and family.

We as a church are very thankful for all Brian has done within our community, and we are sure there are many others who feel the same way.

This is the perfect opportunity for you to come and say goodbye to Brian, June and family.

## BRIAN AND JUNE'S FAREWELL

All are welcome to join us on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at our combined service where we are saying goodbye to Brian and June.

There will be a lunch to follow which is RSVP. RSVP forms are available in the foyer or alternatively have been emailed out in the weekly roundup.

For more information, please contact the church office.

**BRIAN & JUNE'S**  
*Farewell Celebration*

**SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY  
10:30AM COMBINED SERVICE  
FOLLOWED BY LUNCH  
RSVP BY 3RD JANUARY**

# CHURCH PRAYERS

## **We have recently been asked to pray for:**

Kingsley Kwakye, The Baggaley Family, The Beard Family.

## **Our ongoing prayers are also asked for:**

*Angela Scott, Ann Long, Buddug Phillips, Clarice Bratton, Francis Wenton, Joan Pearce, Linda Hinze, Margaret Payne, Michael Kamau, Maki, Pam Smith, Rose-Chambers and Walduck families.*

**We pray for:** The prayers shared on our Monthly Prayer sheet which can be located in the foyer.

## **In the church:**

- Brian and June as they prepare for their move in the middle of the month.
- Our Financial Situation.

## **In our local community:**

- We pray for schools who will be beginning a brand new term

## **In the World beyond**

- People in the countries suffering from conflict – Mali, Syria, Central African Republic, South Sudan, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Nigeria, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, Yemen, Burundi, DR Congo, Mexico.

## **We give thanks for:**

- The team of volunteers and the community who continue to support our Winter Night Shelter

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## PRAYER AT ST ANDREWS

Following the Launch of our 'Ways to Pray with St Andrews'. This month we have the following events taking place:

**Prayer Walk** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – 7:00pm

*Meet at St Andrews for 7:00pm and we will go on a walk around the community.*

**Prayer Praise and Prophecy** – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January – 7:00pm to 8:00pm

*In Meeting Room 3.*

**Pray Where You Are** – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

*Pray where you are today.*

**Elders Prayer.**

**Prayer and Street Evangelism**

*One group pray at the church whilst another group go onto the streets of Bletchley.*

**Connect Cards** – Complete a connect card and place in the offering box. The Elders will pray over your prayer throughout the week.

<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 taxpayer, 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  
*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**  
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**CHURCH SECRETARY: Donna Harris**  
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**TREASURER: Juan Cronje**  
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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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