



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



MAY 2020 NEWSLETTER

ST ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

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SUBMISSIONS

Next Issue Submission Deadline: Wednesday 20th 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 DATES

8th May – Church Office Closed
25th May – Church Office Closed

OPENING REFLECTIONS

Where do you go from here?

What is it all about?

This time of lock down is a time of preparation, a time to step back and reflect.

What are we here for? What is the purpose?

By spending time with God, by meditating and praying, we can find out more about our identity and purpose. God gave us His word to live by, to dwell in it. Be nourished and refreshed by His word. *'Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night. They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time.'* Psalm 1;2-3

Know who God is and know who you are. Acknowledge God – He made the world and everything in it. *'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters'* Psalm 24;1

He made the Heavens and the Earth. He is the creator of everything. And he made us. *'You created my inmost being; you put me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.'* Psalm 139; 13-14

And our main purpose here is to as what is the Lord's purpose for us, to obey the Lord and to worship Him with all our heart, mind and soul. *'Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?'* Jesus replied: *'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'* Matthew 22;36-37

Worship Him! Praise Him for everything! And trust in Him. God gave us Jesus. He brought unconditional love and complete forgiveness. And He gave us the Holy Spirit. Invite Him into your life today. He knows you even more than you know yourself. You are His child. You are loved. Dwell in this love. Build up your relationship with Him. And grow. Make it not about yourself but know what you live for and make your life a living sacrifice. Surrender your life and let God take over. Completely trust in Him as nothing is in our power. And this time really proves it. Step back and let Jesus step in.

Trust in His plans for they are good. God is always good. We might not see it; we might not understand. Who can understand the mystery of life and death? But we can be assured of God's goodness. The devil is already defeated. And the truth is Jesus. He is the way. He is the life.

'There is therefore no condemnation in Christ Jesus' Romans 8;1

'Nothing can separate us from His love' Romans 8;7

Trust in God and stand on His promises.

And use this time to prepare yourself for something new. As a start of a new season is ahead of us.

God Bless

Andrea Adio

Church Elder

UPCOMING SERVICES

During this uncertain time, and whilst we cannot congregate together in person on a Sunday, we are publishing service information on our website.

[Please click here to access our website services.](#)



The screenshot shows the website for St Andrews Baptist Church. The header features a cross and the text "Real, Relevant, Radical, Refreshing" and "St Andrews Baptist Church". Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Home, COVID-19, Who, What, Where, When, How, Photos, Search. The main content area is titled "When" and "Unavailable". It lists services: Recorded Sermons, Messy Church: Family Service, and Christmas Services. There is also a link to the St Andrews Calendar and Events. The main text reads: "This week we continue our series of 'Eyes on Jesus' with the theme Denying Eyes/Searching God". It includes hymns: "God is good, all the time - CMP 984" and "Jesus is Lord - CMP 367". It also lists announcements: "Church Closed for all activities (except Food Bank) until further notice." and intercessory prayers: "We come together in your name. We cry out to you for your world, for the pain, the suffering, the anxiety which surrounds everyone. We know as we read in Jeremiah 29:11. For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a future." and "We pray for all in authority to seek your guidance. We pray for all in the medical profession and in front line jobs. Give them strength, courage and keep them well."

MESSY CHURCH

We have postponed our Messy Church meetings until further notice.

Should the situation change, we will keep you updated.



CATON HOUSE

Please keep the residents of Caton House in your prayers.

Our services at Caton House have been postponed indefinitely during this time.



SPOTLIGHT 'PASTORAL CARE'

ST ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastoral Care

John 21:15-17
'Feed my lambs.'



One of our core values is **PEOPLE**

1 John 3:18
'let us love, not in word or speech,
but in truth and action.'

The Team:

Elders coordinating Pastoral Care are:

Torsby/Mike

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Pam Ashurst

During this time, please ensure we are doing all we can to contact those who we have contact details for in the church. We pray for those that feel lonely and isolated during this time.

JIM'S PUZZLE CORNER

The Rubik Cubic



A cube measuring three inches on each side is painted all over and is then cut into one inch cubes.

Question: How many cubes have

- A) Paint on three sides? B) Paint on two side
C) Paint on one side? D) No paint at all?

LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS: "Gone Fishing"

Firstly, clearly, neither Mr Salmon (+ salmon) and Mr Bream (+ bream) are not seated on the far left. Therefore, either Mr Roach or Mr Tench occupy that position. However, if Mr Roach (+ roach) is on far left then we end up with Mr Salmon (+ salmon) on the far right - which is clearly incorrect. Therefore, the only remaining, and workable solution, is for Mr Tench (+ tench) to be seated on the far left.

TENCH	ROACH	BREAM	SALMON
MR TENCH	MR ROACH	MR BREAM	MR SALMON

CHURCH PROFILE

The church profile team consists of: Donna Harris, Mike Kasibo, Torsby Attipoe, Andrea Adio, Hetsie Cronje, Juan Cronje, Marianne Brobey, Angela Mather, James Lovatt and Clive Piggott.

They will be responsible for representing the wider church and collecting feedback from the wider church to build the final church profile document which will be circulated prior to approval at a church meeting.

CURRENT PROGRESS

So far, the profile team have compiled the data which you submitted in your demographic questionnaire at the end of February. They have also been looking into the local area and community and identifying similarities and differences.

We have recently shared the questionnaire for gaining your feedback on St Andrews' theology and worship.

The profile team continue to meet (virtually) throughout this time. They would really appreciate your feedback with the compiling of the Church Profile as we seek to find a new minister.

UPCOMING DISCUSSION ITEM

Our next profile discussion is based on our strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats as a church. This is broken down into:

- **Strengths:** Characteristics which give us an advantage over others
- **Weaknesses:** Characteristics that place us at a disadvantage over others
- **Opportunities:** Elements in the environment that we could utilise to advantage
- **Threats:** Elements in the environment that could cause us trouble.

Please keep this in your prayers, and a discussion form will be sent out the first week of May.

CHURCH MONTHLY PRAYERS

Please see our intercessory prayers from our church services which have been published online.

We have uphold the following in our prayers:

The Beard's, Clarice Bratton, Joan Clarke, Joy Hubert, Ruth Hudson, Pauline Johnson, Eileen Keeling, Angela Mather, The Martin's, Jean Morris, David Niblock, Gloria Ofusu-Nantwi, Addie Pandolfini, Margaret Payne, Joan Pearce, Clive Piggott, Barbara Pither, Pam Smith, Susan Snow, Maureen Walduck, Shirley Wood.

Our ongoing prayers are also asked for:

Buddug Phillips, Michael Kamau, The Stocker's

We pray for: Our church family.

In our local community:

- We pray for all who are working from home.
- We pray for the school children who are learning from home.
- We pray for Caton House.

In the World beyond

- The global pandemic for COVID-19

We give thanks for:

- All those Key Workers who are working day and night to support us all.



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.***



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.

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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.



Standing Order & Bank Transfer

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We are currently working from home and still available by phone and email.



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