

Swallownest Baptist Church



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“... my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory
in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

Not always what we expect!

It's been quite a summer of surprises so far.

Whether we are thinking of the World Cup, Wimbledon, Westminster or even the weather, things have not generally worked out as most would have predicted.

It's probably fair to say that England exceeded most people's expectations, even managing to successfully navigate a penalty shootout. All in all, quite a good showing.

At Wimbledon, past champions fell short and we saw some of the longest matches on record and all this as the heat wave was just beginning to become established.

As I write, although there is the occasional promise of a shower, there appears to be no sign of an end to the heat wave.

And, of course, in the midst of all this, as negotiations for Brexit continue, we have seen key figures from the government resigning.

It's been quite an eventful summer so far, with plenty to entertain us.

Of course, life often is more exciting when things don't work out quite as predicted.

On the other hand, in the past few weeks, we have also seen and heard of

tragedies around the world. Here, the unexpected has brought great uncertainty, difficulty and grief.

In life, which is so often marked by unexpected events, it is so reassuring to know that in Jesus we can know God's presence with us in everything we encounter.

As we face our own daily joys and struggles, we can find consolation in God's word:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31 v 6 (ESV)

Phil.

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Cup Cakes and Charity



At Messy Church at the end of May, we had loads of activities to get involved in to help us understand how to put on the full armour of God. We also had an amazing selection of beautifully made cup cakes to choose from.

The purpose of the cup cakes was to encourage people to donate towards an initiative being run by the Baptist Union which aims to free women from the sex trade in Thailand.

BMS World Mission is reaching out to survivors of sex trafficking and women who've been sexually exploited in Bangkok, Thailand. They're empowering these women by teaching them how to make jewellery and cakes, as well as giving them opportunities to receive business training.

How we can pray:

Pray for ways we can support, empower and enable women who are survivors of trafficking.

Pray that more traffickers will be brought to justice and that Bangkok's local authorities will become better equipped to find them.



Many thanks to Julia Moore and Debbie Clowes for baking the cup cakes. Many thanks to everyone who donated. We raised £75 in donations, which the church has matched, resulting in a total of £150 going towards this important cause.

One Event - A Christian festival for all the family

The One Event takes place every year and is organised by Ground Level Network, a community of churches of which we are now a part. The event takes place over 5 days and people can come for all or part of this time, with a number of people coming as a day visitor. During the event there are times of worship, speakers, seminars, prayer and bible study sessions, as well as time to spend with friends and church family. There are special programmes for children of all ages, and for those with learning difficulties.

This year's event is focused on Purpose. Your purpose, our purpose and God's purpose. We were beautifully and fearfully made for purpose. To tell a story - your story. The event helps to energise and equip us for living more effectively as followers of Jesus so that we can return home ready to make a greater difference in our community and carry out the PURPOSE that God has for each of us.

A number of our church family attend One Event every year, and below are some of their thoughts as to why people should come along.

“Amazing community feeling.”

“It's a time where wider family
come together and meet with God.”

“3,000 to 4,000 Christians come
together to worship God—what
an experience!”

“It's time out to worship
God and be refreshed.”

“Fantastic God filled
weekend.”

Lets remember to pray for the event:

- that they will have the number of volunteers needed to run all the planned events.

- that the weather will be good, and that there will be safe travels to and from the event.
- that those in ministry will come with revelation from God.
- that children and adults will come to know Christ.
- that people attending will leave knowing God's purpose for their life.
- pray for team leaders and those who serve. Pray especially for Ben Stacey who will be leading one of the technical teams.

If you are interested in coming along and would like to find out more, please speak to Ben Stacey.



Did you know?

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www.swallownestbaptist.org.uk/resources/newsletter



For more information, news on upcoming events, and to listen to the Bible talks from our Sunday services, visit our **website:** www.swallownestbaptist.org.uk
Also check out our **Facebook** page.

Summer Missions



As we reach the start of the summer school holidays, it also marks the start of the United Beach Missions (UBM) summer evangelistic outreach programme. UBM has been in existence for nearly 65 years and they operate a number of Beach Mission teams across various seaside resorts in the UK, Ireland and on the continent, during the summer holidays. The heart of the work is to share the gospel with the many holidaymakers that they come into contact with. Often people whilst they are on holiday have more time to chat, and are willing to stop and think about the important issues of life, who Jesus is and what He came to do.

UBM run a series of daytime and evening activities for children and families and all members of the Beach teams are Christian volunteers. Teams are open for anyone from the age of 15 to 115 to join! Activities range from tug of war, sharing bible stories, teaching bible verses, family knock out competitions, beach games and much more. As a teenager and student, I have been on many Beach teams, and they provide such a unique opportunity to share your faith with others, as well as a great opportunity to meet and spend time with other Christians.

So as the school holidays start, lets remember to pray for the Beach Teams:

- that they will have enough volunteers to be able to resource all the weeks across the different locations.
- that the weather will enable them to run full programmes.
- that they will make the most of the opportunities to speak to people about the Gospel.
- that they will see people turning to Christ.

If you would like to find our more, please speak to Janet Davey or visit their website: www.ubm.org.uk

Dates for your diary

We offer an open invitation to anyone who would like to join us at any of our events.

Regular Events

Please note that there is no Ladies Fellowship, Mums & Tots, or Craft Club during August.

Monday

Ladies Fellowship 2:00pm (fortnightly - 3rd and 17th Sept)

Tuesday

Mums & Tots 10:00-11:30am (Term time)

Please note: there is currently a waiting list

Craft Club 1:30pm (Term time)

Wednesday

Midweek Communion Service 7:30pm (1st Wednesday of each month)

Saturday

Prayer Meeting 9:45am (1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month)

Other Events

Fri 24th Aug - Tues 28th Aug ONE Event, Lincolnshire Showground

Sat 8th Sept Men's breakfast @ 10:00am

Sunday Services @ 10:30am

August

5 th	Ben Stacey (Communion)
12 th	Jeff Chapman
19 th	Ian Hodgkin (Communion)
26 th	Ben Elliott-Sim (No Family Service)

September

2 nd	Malcolm Purdy (Communion)
9 th	Olivia Egan
16 th	Ben Stacey (Communion)
23 rd	Chris Jeavons - Family Service
30 th	Rob Joyce

- ◆ Tea & coffee is available before the service
- ◆ Junior church, for children of all ages, takes place during the service
- ◆ All family services are followed by a bring & share lunch
- ◆ If you need help with transport to/from church on any Sunday, please contact Phil Clowes