

Swallownest Baptist Church



Newsletter

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“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.” Romans 1:16

Contentment!

As we have come through May and look forward to June, many have already enjoyed holidays both at home and abroad in far flung parts of the world.

However, for many who work, or have children in the education system, the summer and any thoughts of holidays are still somewhere on the distant horizon.

Many will already have firm plans about where they intend to go, while others may be hoping for a bargain when they pick up a late deal. Others will be looking forward to days out in special places.

However, I am also acutely aware that there are some whose summer promises to be quite different - for all sorts of reasons.

I think of a number who are awaiting hospital treatment or are recovering following surgery and others suffering serious illnesses.

While some are excited about the prospect of the next few months, others will be facing it with a sense of uncertainty, even trepidation.

Over past weeks, one of the recurring themes in church and some of our house groups has been Paul's assertion that:

*"I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation."
Phil 4:12*

Most of us would be reluctant to make such a claim and we spend much of our time looking forward to 'better things'.

Earlier in this chapter Paul calls upon us to:

"Rejoice in the Lord always."

This often feels like a very high, if not impossible, command. However, his call is not to rejoice in our circumstances, good or bad, but to rejoice in the LORD.

As we reflect upon the unfailing goodness of God, His provision and grace, it is my prayer that we will all know a greater measure of the contentment of which Paul speaks and that only God can truly give.

Phil.

Newsletter by Email



If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter via email, or have any ideas for items that you would like to see in future editions, please speak to

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Ladies Fellowship

Before Easter, Pat Hands came to our Ladies Fellowship Meeting to show us how to make Easter flower decorations, with the cross being the focal point of our decorations. Here are just a few examples of what we made. A great time was had by all.

Annee Longley



The Ladies Fellowship takes place fortnightly on a Monday afternoon at 1:30pm in church. If you are interested in coming along and would like to find out more, please speak to Marbeth Purdy or Jean Thompson.

David Skeet's Ordination and Induction

To mark and celebrate David's ordination and his joining our leadership team, and to welcome David and his wife Julie into our church family, we will be holding an ordination and induction service on Saturday 31st August at 2:00pm.

Please feel free to invite others from the wider church family that you think might like to come along and support David. Please let Phil Clowes know so that we can track numbers.

Bible Reading Resources

“Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path”. *Psalms 119:105*

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
2 Timothy 3:16-17



We were reminded of the importance of the Bible in a sermon by Malcom Purdy on 7th April. If you missed it or would like to hear it again, it is available on the church website:

www.swallownestbaptist.org.uk/resources/bibletalks/

Reading the Bible regularly is a really key thing for us to do to grow in our Christian lives. After all, the Bible is full of God’s promises, it teaches us more about God and His will for our lives, it instructs us in righteousness, and is a means by which God can speak to us.

In this country we are really blessed to have free access to the Bible, and with technological advancements, it is possible to even have it on our mobile phones so we can have it with us all of the time!

However, reading the Bible regularly takes discipline. Using Bible reading notes can be a big help as they provide a reading and focus for each day, and provide commentary to help us think and understand what we have read.

The church has teamed up with the CLC Christian bookshop in Sheffield and will be placing a bulk order for Bible reading notes for all those who would like to subscribe. If you are interested and haven’t already signed up, please speak to Phil Clowes.

There are also lots of free Bible reading resources online and available as mobile phone apps.



YouVersion
Bible app



Bible In One Year
app



UCB’s Word for Today, available on their website: www.ucb.co.uk/read
Or via their mobile phone app.

Adopt A Child

For several years now our church has supported the Adopt a Child charity through sponsorship of two children - Alexandro and Daphne. Alexandro has now completed his sponsorship and has therefore left the scheme. Please continue to pray for him as he starts work.

We have decided to continue to sponsor 2 children and we would like to now introduce you to Christoper.

Christoper is 10 years old, his favourite colour is red and he likes to play ball. The Adopt A Child scheme has recently written to us to tell us that Christoper has accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour, which is amazing news.

Being part of the Adopt A Child scheme means that Daphne and Christoper receive good nutritional meals, basic medical and dental care, and are able to go to Bible classes if they wish.

Adopt A Child is the sponsorship program run by the organisation Living Water International. Their vision is "changing the world one child at a time" and their mission is to reach whole families for Christ by ministering to their children. They seek to achieve this through demonstrating God's love - by providing practical care and genuine friendship. As a relationship builds and confidence is established, natural opportunities for evangelism occur.

Adopt A Child provides much needed feeding programmes, evangelistic Bible teaching, basic medical/dental care, local evangelism and church planting. Today in Guatemala over 8,000 children are fed at 9 weekly feeding programs and 9 churches are now scattered throughout the region preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It costs £36 in total each month to sponsor Daphne and Christoper. This cost is met by the church through fund raising events and donations from people of their small change.

Please remember to pray for Daphne and Christoper. Guatemala is a very poor country where most children are required to work from an early age in order to support their families. Only the more fortunate are able to attend school.

If you would like to find out more about Daphne and Christoper, the Adopt A Child scheme, how you can start to donate your small change, or you are interested in sponsoring a child yourself, please speak to Jan Dean or visit their website: www.adopt-a-child.com

Good Friday Walk of Witness

It was great to see a really good turn out for the Good Friday Walk of Witness again this year, from across Aston Churches Together. We don't think we have ever known such good weather for the event! Let's pray that those within our community, who saw the cross, were led to think about what Easter is really about.



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23-27 August 2019

BOOK IN NOW FOR 2019!

ONE
EVENT

A number of our church family will again this year be attending this amazing Christian Festival in Lincoln. You can choose to come for all or part of the event, it's entirely up to you. If you would like to know more, then please speak to Ben Stacey or check out the website: www.one-event.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

Monday

Ladies Fellowship 1:30pm (10th & 24th Jun)
1:00pm (8th July)

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

Wed 5th June & Thur 11th July National Call to Prayer @ 7:00-8:00pm
*Methodist Church, Sheffield Road, Killamarsh.
Please speak to David Taylor for more information.*

Sun 16th June & Sun 21st July Prospects@Central @ 3:30 - 4:00pm
(3rd Sunday of each month) *An inclusive service for those with learning disabilities. Held at Central Methodist, Lodge Lane .*

Sat 13th July Men's breakfast @ 10:00am
To book a space contact philclowes

Week Commencing Church Spring Clean
Mon 22nd July *Please sign up to volunteer to help.*

Sat 31st August Ordination and Induction Service for David Skeet @ 2:00pm

Sunday Services @ 10:30am

June

2 nd	Ollie Clowes (Communion)
9 th	Ben Stacey
16 th	Ian Hodgkin (Communion)
23 rd	Rob Joyce & Debbie Clowes - Family Service
30 th	Rob Joyce

July

7 th	David Harvey (Communion)
14 th	Jeff Chapman
21 st	Phil Clowes (Communion)
28 th	Ollie Clowes & Junior Church - Family Service

- ◆ 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



For more information, news on upcoming events, copies of the newsletter, and to listen to the Bible talks from our Sunday services, visit our **website**: www.swallownestbaptist.org.uk