

# Swallownest Baptist Church



## Newsletter

August - September 2019

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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

## A New Chapter!

As you read this edition of our church newsletter, you will find a couple of references to the arrival, this summer, of our new Team Leader, David Skeet.

David and his wife Julie will join us on 31<sup>st</sup> August, as he is ordained into the accredited ministry of the Baptist church and inducted into the role of team leader of the existing team of elders - Ben, Rob and myself.

It is with a great sense of anticipation that we are busy trying to make sure everything is in place for their arrival.

We see this moment as something which God has been planning for us for some time. The process of calling someone to join the leadership has been long and at times, I confess, some of us have felt a little impatient, but we have come to recognise that, as we read in Ecclesiastes 3:11  
*He has made everything beautiful in its time.*

God's timing may be different to ours but His is perfect.

We are grateful to so many who have, over the past 140 years or so, led the church and brought us to where we are today.

Above all, we are grateful to God for His direction and provision throughout this period.

As we reflect upon this, we are confident that God has exciting times ahead for us as a church and as His plans unfold we all, as the body of Christ, will each have our own part to play.

Once again we need to hold onto His promise

*"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."*

*Jer 29:11*

## 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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# Sunflowers

You may remember that in our February family service, we all received a sunflower seed to remind us of the truth of John 11:25, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die”.

So here is an update on how we are getting on with our sunflower growing. I think it is fair to say that we are experiencing various levels of success! Many congratulations to Megan James with her impressive sunflower. If you think you can beat this, then please submit a photo for the next newsletter.



## Let there be light?

These posters were spotted inside a church. We are unsure as to whether they have been deliberately placed together!



# New Hope FoodBank



Many thanks to everyone who continues to support the important work of the food bank throughout the year.

The need for food banks is unfortunately continuing to grow. The number of food banks has doubled and the New Hope food bank saw an increase of 8,000 meals going out last year compared to 2017. They delivered 33,012 meals and fed 1,572 people.

There are many different ways that you can continue to support the food bank, including a number of volunteering opportunities:

- Donating food (we have a collection point in the kitchen)
- Donating money (any donations can be passed to Bryan Cook)
- Popping into their coffee shop for a drink
- Donating to and visiting their charity shop
- Volunteering to help at a food bank drive
- Volunteering in the food bank warehouse on a Monday morning to help sort food donations
- Volunteering in the charity shop, including sorting charity shop donations
- Volunteering in the furniture warehouse
- Volunteering as a driver for the furniture warehouse

The charity and coffee shop are located within the New Hope Community church's building which is on Old Lane in Halfway, Sheffield S20 3GZ.

If you would like to know more, speak to Bryan Cook, see their Facebook page, or visit their website:

<http://www.newhopefoodbank.org.uk>

# The Church Leadership Team

## Meet Mark Potter

At the April AGM, Mark joined our church leadership team as treasurer, taking over from Pat Hands who had performed the role for over 18 years. A huge thank you to Pat for all her hard work during this time.

Mark was born in Chesterfield, and moved to Dinnington in 2017 when he started a new job in the accounts team at Kiveton Park Steel. Shortly after this he started coming to the church. Mark is part of the audio visual team, and in his free time he enjoys Sudoku puzzles, reading and listening to music. Please pray for Mark as he gets to grips with this important role.



To find out more about our church leadership team, please visit our website: <http://www.swallownestbaptist.org.uk/leadershipteam/>

## David Skeet's Ordination and Induction

From September, David Skeet will be joining the leadership team as Team Leader. Please pray for David, and his wife Julie, as they prepare to move down to Swallownest.

To 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. If you would like to come along and support David and Julie, please sign the list that is at the back of church so that we know numbers for catering purposes.

## Bring & Share Lunches

On the fourth Sunday of every month, after the family service, we have a bring and share lunch. This is a great opportunity to chat to others within the church family over some food.

It is open to anybody and you do not need to book in advance - just turn up! Please just bring enough food, both sweet and savoury, for yourself / your family, and if possible a little bit more in case we have visitors. Any food can be left in the kitchen and will all be put out after the church service.

If you forget to bring, then please still do come and share!



A promotional banner for the 'X MULTIPLY' event. The background is a light blue color with a geometric pattern of darker blue triangles. On the left, there is a large, stylized 'X' made of white and gold blocks. To the right of the 'X', the word 'MULTIPLY' is written in large, bold, dark blue capital letters. Below 'MULTIPLY', the dates '23-27 August 2019' are written in a smaller, light blue font. At the bottom center, there is a white button with a dark blue border containing the text 'BOOK IN NOW FOR 2019!'. In the bottom right corner, there is a white square with the words 'ONE EVENT' in blue, stacked vertically.

Come and join us at this Christian Festival in Lincoln. To find out more speak to Ben Stacey or check out the website: [www.one-event.org.uk](http://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 (2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, no meeting in August)

#### Tuesday

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

*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 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month)

### Other Events

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug - Tues 27<sup>th</sup> Aug ONE Event, Lincolnshire Showground

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

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> September Men's breakfast @ 10:00am  
*To book a space contact Phil Clowes*

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> September Prospects@Central @ 3:30 - 4:00pm  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, no meeting in August)  
*An inclusive service for those with learning disabilities. Held at Central Methodist, Lodge Lane.*

## Sunday Services @ 10:30am

### August

4 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Stacey (Communion)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Rob Joyce
18 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Elliott-Sim (Communion)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Rob Joyce (No Family Service)

### September

1 <sup>st</sup>	David Skeet (Communion)
8 <sup>th</sup>	David Skeet
15 <sup>th</sup>	David Harvey (Communion)
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Messy Church - Family Service
29 <sup>th</sup>	David Skeet

- ◆ 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](http://www.swallownestbaptist.org.uk)