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As I write in this edition of our newsletter, I'm reminded of the changes that have recently taken place. Firstly, our move to the community of Aston and Swallownest, all the hard work and dedication that went in to getting things ready, was received with very thankful hearts.

Over the coming weeks, I will continue to take part in the different groups that make up the church as this has been a valuable part in getting to know the folk that make up our community.

Julie and I felt truly welcomed as we took part in an amazing induction and ordination service, thank you to all those who were able to take part and attend. The complimentary feedback from many of the visitors was a true testament to the hospitality, warmth and love that was shared by all on that momentous day. It felt like we literally raised the roof as we lifted our voices to praise His name on high!

However, as the nights draw in and the temperature lowers, we may be thinking of hibernating! May I encourage us all to spread the love and light of Jesus to all who we are journeying with, who we encounter on a daily basis and those who we are yet to cross paths with.

For it is with a deep conviction that we stand together and declare: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes". Romans 1:16

I would like to offer many thanks for all your prayers, cards and flowers that we have received and conclude by saying that we are encouraged by the warm welcome that we have received on our arrival to Swallownest Baptist Church.

Grace and peace in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.



David Skeet is our Church Team Leader

Newsletter by Email



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Welcome to David & Julie Skeet

On Saturday 31st August, we joined together for David's ordination as a Baptist Minister. We welcomed David, and his wife Julie, into our church family as David was inducted into the church leadership team. It was a great service with a full church and the opportunity to join in fellowship with the wider Christian community. There were representatives present from Aston Churches Together, the Yorkshire Baptist Association, Guiseley Baptist Church (the sending church), Harehills Lane Baptist Church (the church David is joining us from) and Ground Level Network. And let's not forget the amazing spread of food afterwards!

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the preparation and running of the event.

Please remember to pray for David as he embarks on his new role as Team Leader and for David and Julie as they settle into our church family.



THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER
5:15 - 7:00PM
ALL AGES WELCOME

It's fun, it's free, and there's food!

Resources

“To help people experience the Bible as a unified story that leads to Jesus”

The Bible Project is a non-profit animation studio that produces short animated videos with the aim of making the Bible accessible to everyone. It was created in 2014 and is not part of any specific Christian denomination or tradition, but is seeking to help others understand the scriptures in an engaging and approachable way.



All of their videos are available free of charge on their YouTube channel, the Bible app and Vimeo. There are over 130 videos and 200 podcasts. They have over 100 million views across 200 countries and over 1 million subscribers. Their videos are engaging and very informative.

There is a video for each book of the Bible which provides an overview of the book and its structure, its main themes and also provides some historical background to the book. It also shows how the book fits into the entire Biblical story. They are a really good resource for home Bible study groups.

There are videos which explore key Biblical words in both Hebrew and Greek to help gain a better understanding of the language within the Bible.

There is a series of videos on how to read the Bible which looks at its origins and purpose.

There are also videos covering particular themes such as God, the Holy Spirit, Justice and Holiness.

To find out more, visit their website: <https://thebibleproject.com/> or their YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/jointhebibleproject>

Pastor Samson Maundu Muinde

Samson is the Pastor of a church in the Machakos area of Nairobi in Kenya and was eager to gain a degree in Theology. His main obstacle was finance. However on speaking to the SBC leadership, they decided to support him financially. So, in January 2015 he began to study at the 'Internal Leadership University', Nairobi, studying for a Bachelor of Theology Degree.



I found this paragraph from the acceptance letter he received interesting.... How many universities in the UK prayerfully consider an individual for admission to any course?

"The Admissions Committee met to consider your application and after prayerful consideration and discussion the committee has recommended your acceptance into Bachelor of Theology Programme."

I have a message from Samson to ourselves and the church and it seems that he has set his sights on doing his Masters degree in Aberdeen sometime in the future.

The message is as follows: *"Praise God Brother, my wife and I are doing well in the Lord. I have no correct words to express my appreciations and gratitude enough for what you and the Church did for me, it's only God alone who is able to reward you enough and may gracious God meet all your needs now and always in Christ Jesus. My prayer and wish is that one day I may serve your church as I do my M Div degree @ the Aberdeen theological seminary. May our able God provide."*

Pastor Sam Maundu

David Taylor

Volunteers needed at Rotherham Hospital

Could you spare a few hours each week to be a volunteer in Rotherham Hospital and represent the Chaplaincy Department?

Two types of volunteer are needed:-

Sunday Volunteer – giving your services one Sunday a month which involves:

- helping to set up the Chapel for the Sunday morning service
- transporting patients, in wheelchairs, to and from the chapel.
- talking to patients during these journeys
- sitting with patients and helping them to access the service sheets and play an active part in the service.

Pastoral Volunteer –

- visiting patients on a Ward who have previously been identified by the Chaplaincy team,
- offering time and support for those who would like to speak to you.
- Promoting the Chaplaincy service to those who may wish to discuss spiritual issues further or have specific religious needs/wishes which can be met by a chaplain.

You will be given the support and supervision necessary for either of the above roles. If you are interested or want to know more please speak to Malcolm or Marbeth Purdy.



Operation Christmas Child

It is time again already for us to start filling shoe boxes in support of Operation Christmas Child. Shoe boxes are available from church and they will need to be returned to church by mid November. The exact return date will be confirmed in due course. Any filled boxes can be left in the church office.

Please help this great cause. Your simple gift of a shoe box can provide a child on the other side of the world with great joy and excitement, as this may be the only Christmas present that they receive.

If you would like to help but are not able to fill a shoe box, then donations would be much appreciated.

For more information, speak to Hazel Manship or visit the website which includes loads of information and ideas around what to pack.

www.operationchristmaschild.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 (fortnightly - 14th & 28th Oct, 11th & 25th Nov)

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

Sun 6th Oct Baptismal Service @ 4:00pm
For Crystal Peaks Church

Thu 31st Oct Light Party @ 5:15 - 7:00pm. Food will be available during the evening. Free entry!

Sat 9th Nov Men's breakfast @ 10:00am

Tue 12th Nov Church Members' Meeting @ 7:30pm

Sun 20th Oct & Sun 17th Nov (3rd Sunday of each month) Prospects@Central @ 3:30 - 4:00pm
An inclusive service for those with learning disabilities. Held at Central Methodist, Lodge Lane.

Sunday Services @ 10:30am

October

- 6th Harvest Thanksgiving - Phil Clowes (Communion)
Donations to New Hope Foodbank
- 13th David Skeet
- 20th Ian Hodgkin (Communion)
- 27th Rob Joyce & Debbie Clowes - Family Service

November

- 3rd Jeff Chapman (Communion)
- 10th Ben Elliott-Sim
- 17th David Harvey (Communion)
- 24th Chris Jeavons - 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