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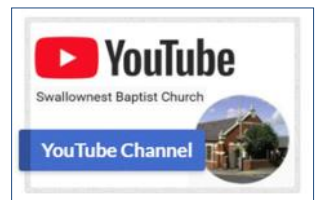
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WHAT'S NEW!

According to the Oxford dictionary the word 'new' means - produced, introduced, or discovered recently or now for the first time; not existing before. Another definition would be - already existing but seen, experienced, or acquired recently or now for the first time.

In the last newsletter we looked at how to end a season well. Today I would like to focus on the *new* season. We could say that the season had already existed, but that it is new for this year and is 'now' for the first time. It is also a new academic year, even though we are three-quarters of the way through 2022. Many children would have started a new school or started for the first time. My 3 grandchildren started at *new* schools, one of them for the first time. Others would have started university and will face new experiences. Before we know it a new year will begin... 2023!

Of course, the news over the last few weeks has highlighted the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II who died on Thursday 8th September. The end of one era and the start for the new monarch, King Charles III. I guess we could say that he was already in

existence and seen, but now for the first time he becomes King and takes on a new role. This important role will see *new* responsibilities through the oaths that he has made.

You may recall in the service on Sunday 11th September, that I struggle a little with the word 'King'. That's because, for me, there is only one King, the King of Kings Jesus Christ. Not that I have an issue with the monarchy!

However, within scripture we find a wealth of wisdom and guidance that point to new things and the way for us. There is hope. Hope has a name; it is the name above all names - Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

In Lamentations 3:22-23, Jeremiah reminds us "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are *new* every morning; great is your faithfulness".

Who can forget the amazing words that Jesus shared with his disciples; words that ring true for us today and for all our tomorrows. In Matthew 26, we find Jesus is sharing the last supper with his disciples. He takes the

cup, gives thanks, hands it to them and says “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins”. Here's the amazing message of hope and assurance as Jesus continues, “I tell you; I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my father’s kingdom” (Matt. 26: 27-29).

and witnesses we see the spread of the gospel message. One day we will be all together again in God’s new kingdom. This is something that already exists and we will experience it for the first time soon. Amen.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David Skeet is our Church Team Leader

It is Jesus that can assure us of victory over death and of a future with him. Through the power of the Holy Spirit

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Send Good News & Great Joy this Christmas

It is time again already for us to start filling shoeboxes in support of Operation Christmas Child.

This year the goal is to send two-thirds of shoeboxes from the UK to Ukraine or the neighbouring countries that are hosting many Ukrainian refugee families.

Please help this great cause. Your simple gift of a shoe box can provide a child with great joy and excitement, as this may be the only Christmas present that they receive. You can head to the charity's website for the latest information: samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ Shoe boxes are available from the church and will be collected early November.

If you don't feel able to fill a shoe box then any donations would be gratefully received. It is even possible to 'virtually' fill a box online!

Special Events at Swallownest Baptist

We are holding a number of special events in October. Please invite along friends and family - all welcome.



The Coffee Morning will be raising funds for the BMS Harvest Appeal. As well as being able to grab a coffee and cake, there will be a cakes stall and second hand book stall. We want to help with the economic crisis and so there will also be a food sale, with the opportunity to purchase 5 food items for £1; 10 items for £2 or 15 items for £3 (cash only).



Join us for drinks and a bite to eat. A taste of church but not as you know it! At Café Church, you'll find the chairs set out around tables – much like in a “normal” café. There might be a quiz, or some craft – but there's no pressure to do it. A breakfast is provided by our wonderful catering team (usually we have bacon or sausage butties, pastries and drinks) but most of all, it's a fantastic opportunity to sit and chat. Towards the end of the service, there will be a very short talk from one of our church leaders.



This year, we will again be holding a Light Party as a Christian alternative to Halloween. A Light Party provides an opportunity to reach out to our local community with the good news of Jesus, replacing the fear and darkness associated with Halloween, with light and life. During the evening there will be party games, food, and plenty of fun to be had for people of all ages. All welcome, free entry.



Men's Breakfast

Good food, good company... and maybe hear something you have never heard before!

All men welcome – any background, any faith, any age, any postcode. £4 all in.

Second Saturday each month 8:30am, starting Saturday 8th October

Booking is helpful but not essential for further details contact us

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The **Prayer Meeting** takes place in church and via Zoom on the first Saturday of each month at 9:30am.

- 1st October
- 5th November



A time of **Prayer & Meditation** takes place fortnightly on a Monday via Zoom only at 9:30am.

- 3rd, 17th and 31st October
- 14th and 28th November



The **Men's Breakfast** takes place in church on the second Saturday of each month at 8:30am

- 8th October
- 12th November



Saturday @ 8:30am
£4

All men welcome – any background, any faith, any age, any postcode.



The **Ladies Meeting** takes place in church fortnightly on a Monday at 1:30pm.

- 10th and 24th October
- 7th and 21st November



Prospects meets once a month in the church school room at 3pm.

- 16th October
- 20th November



Sunday @ 3:00pm



Our **Sunday services** take place each week at 10:30am in our church building. We also continue to livestream the services via our YouTube Channel. The first and third Sunday of each month includes communion.

Junior Church is for school-age children and meets every Sunday. The children and young people stay in the main building at the start of the service for the time of sung worship, and then go out to our School Room building for their age-specific groups, where they engage with songs, bible teaching, crafts and other fun. The School Room is attached to the right-hand side of the main church.

All our previous live streamed services are available to watch again on our YouTube channel. The audio from the Sunday Service is also available on our website under Bible Talks, and through our Podcast.

<p>Oct</p> <p>2nd David Skeet - <i>followed by</i> <i>Bring & Share lunch</i></p> <p>9th Jhonnar Lugo</p> <p>16th Olivia Egan (Communion)</p> <p>23rd Café Church</p> <p>30th David Skeet</p>	<p>Nov</p> <p>6th David Skeet (Communion)</p> <p>13th Rob Joyce - Remembrance Sunday</p> <p>20th Duncan Moynihan (Communion)</p> <p>27th David Skeet</p>
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If you wish to speak to the leadership team, or if you have any items of news or prayer requests that you would like the church to know about, then please contact:

07536 992946



Join us for our

HARVEST

festival



Sunday 2nd October 10:30am

Come celebrate Harvest with us at
Swallownest Baptist Church, Worksop
Road.

We'll also have a bring n share lunch
after the service.

