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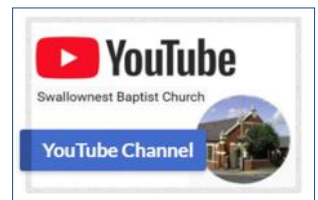
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But the **greatest** of these is **Love**

Welcome to Swallownest Baptist Church! As I write this I wonder if I should be saying it or someone should be saying it to me? It is great to be with you all at long last and I can't wait to get to know you all properly. If you are a visitor to the church that includes you as well.

My husband John and I, together with Buddy the cat, have been living in Nailsworth in Gloucestershire. I grew up in nearby Stroud which is also known as the Five Valleys. If you get valleys, you also get hills, to which there are lots. The Cotswolds is very pretty but it also has its own share of problems like anywhere else such as, homelessness, addiction, isolation, and loneliness.

John grew up in Bloxwich in Walsall, Birmingham and joined the Grenadier guards when he was 17. He's seen a lot of the world and lived in many different places. I am sure we will be happy living here.

I am looking forward to finishing the painting and decorating and things on the house so we can go and explore the countryside here a bit more. You should know I'm a country lass at

heart. Give me some fields to stomp around, and some birds to listen to, and I'm happy but as Paul Young sings, *'Wherever I lay my hat, that's my home.'*

Wherever we live, and wherever we are, God is with us. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8).

I am excited about what God has in store for us as a church family in the coming months and years ahead and I'm excited to be journeying with you all. Change is inevitable but if we stand still forever and don't change then eventually the church would die and no one wants that, do they?

As I look up from my laptop, in my office, I see the word 'love' - it sits in the form of carved letters on my windowsill. One of my favourite verses in the Bible is that of 1 Corinthians 13:13 *'And now three things remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.'* We choose who we love and how we love. We choose whether we continue to go on loving when people are difficult, or we disagree with them. Sometimes love, and loving people can be difficult, but

yet, we are called to 'love your neighbour as yourself' (Matthew 22:39).

I pray that we may always remember to love each other, and to behave lovingly to each other and those we meet. May this be a church where God's love is very apparent to all who enter it's doors and beyond. May God's presence be very real and may we be authentic to Him. May we carry God's love and may it shine from us and into

our community and beyond. If you don't yet know Jesus and God's love we pray that you may encounter him and His abundant love for you here at Swallownest Baptist Church.



Jo

Jo Regan is our Minister

If you wish to contact the leadership team or would like to share any news or prayer requests with the church, then please contact:



swallownestbaptist@gmail.com

You are warmly invited to join us

As we welcome

Revd Jo Regan

As minister of

Swallownest Baptist Church

On Sat 7th June at 3.00pm

Followed by tea and cake

[RSVP jan.swallownestbc@outlook.com](mailto:jan.swallownestbc@outlook.com)

Sunday



Prospects meets in the church school room on the third Sunday of each month @ **3:00pm**.

- 15th June
- 20th July



TeenMeet meets on the first Sunday of each month in the late afternoon / early evening and is for those of secondary school age.

- 1st June
- No meeting in July



Youth Alpha will start on Sunday 22nd June between **5:00 - 7:00pm** and will run for 6 weeks. It is for those of secondary school age (11-18).

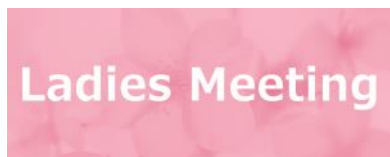
- 22nd & 29th June
 - 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th July
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Monday



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

- 9th and 23rd June
- 7th & 21st July



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

- 2nd, 16th and 30th June
 - No meetings in July
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Tuesday



The **ARK Play Group** takes place every Tuesday during term time. There are 2 sessions: **10am-11:30 am and 1:00pm-2:30pm**. £1.50 per family plus 50p per extra child.



Mini Messy Church takes place in church on the first Tuesday of each month @ **3:30pm**.

- 3rd June
 - 1st July
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Wednesday



There will be a **Prayer meeting** taking place every week on a Wednesday morning @ **11:00am**.

Thursday



The **Lunch Club** takes place in the church schoolroom every week on a Thursday, with lunch being served @ **12:00pm**. Come and join us for food and a chance to chat. We just ask for a small donation of £2 per person.

Saturday



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

- 14th June
- 12th July



Our **Sunday services** take place each week at 10:30am in our church building. We also 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 each week during the service.

June

1 st	Rob Joyce (Communion)
8 th	Suzanne Charles
15 th	Jo Regan (Communion)
22 nd	Family Service
29 th	Prayer Service

July

6 th	Rob Joyce (Communion)
13 th	Jo Regan
20 th	Suzanne Charles (Communion)
27 th	Jo Regan



If you're wondering what Christianity is about and you have questions to ask then Youth Alpha is the place for you.

Youth Alpha is for those of secondary school age (11-18) and will start on Sunday 22nd June between 5 - 7pm for 6 weeks. We will have food, a short film then a time for discussions and a chance to ask questions. We are then planning to run for a further 6 weeks in September. If you are interested in attending or finding out more, please contact Jan:

jan.swallownestbc@outlook.com

Church Membership

In May, we celebrated members old and new!

Many congratulations to Jean Thompson, who reached the amazing milestone of 70 years of church membership!



And welcome to Esther Taylor, Ruth Cox and Jo Regan who joined as new members.

