

Sittingbourne Baptist Church



October Magazine & Diary 2019



We are nearing the time to pack the shoe boxes with donations already received or to bring your ready filled shoe box to church to be collected.

In September, a lovely afternoon was spent by the Bright Hour ladies filling boxes with things they had brought along or choosing from the donations received over the past few months. If you talk to these ladies I am sure they will tell you what a worthwhile time they had and a better understanding of what happens to the shoe boxes.

We have a good number of boxes already covered in paper and ready to be filled. There are many donated items waiting to be put in these boxes, but, as ever there is a shortage of some items.

These include
gloves for adults
scarves
erasers and sharpeners
shaving foam
shower gel
shampoo - especially for children
toothpaste for adults
children's toothpaste and brushes
face flannels
deodorants for men and women
sweets dated for consumption after March 2020

Of course we welcome any donations. On the chest beside the kitchen in the lounge there are the leaflets sent by Blythswood where you will find a list of items to be packed. Voluntary Donations of £3 are welcomed to help pay for the delivery of the boxes.

Our final push for getting shoe boxes filled is Saturday October 5th from 2 –5pm in the lounge. There will be refreshments and as many as can make it are really welcome.

A huge thank you for all the support we have received over the past months.

Hope to see you on October 5th,

Shoebox Team



Thank you so much for all of your very kind donations for the **Harvest Service**. The Foodbank gifts which amounted to 80 kg— (14st 8lbs in old money) are greatly appreciated. The latest monetary amount, before the magazine deadline, which was sent to the BMS was £480+

Your generosity to the appeal is just outstanding— Thank you so very much on behalf of all the lives which will benefit from your sacrificial giving.

Ephesians 4v32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another...."

Shoebox appeal 2019

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Thank you

We had a 'Please' and a 'Thank you' on the front of last month's magazine, as we do this month, and this is a 'Thank you' and a 'Please!!'

This little notice is doing what we don't like to do as a Nation— but it is talking about Money!

We have some very generous, faithful givers in our church— many of whom have a Gift Aid form locked in the office which enables us to claim back some free money from HM Treasury! There are some valid reasons why people cannot complete a Gift Aid form but there are some people giving generously who could complete one and we would be allowed to claim back the income tax— in part— on their Gifts.

If you are a UK tax-payer giving through a personal account not a business account may I ask that you prayerfully consider completing a Gift Aid Form ?

As 'Discretion is the better part of Valour' there will be a supply of Gift Aid forms and envelopes in the church office pigeonhole for people to use. If you can't complete one, then no problem— we remain grateful for every single contribution and gift made to the church and all of the different departments. God Bless you.

Hebrews 13v15-16 'let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise,'

Robin's Induction



On Saturday August 31st several people from the Church journeyed to Ferring Baptist Church in Sussex for the Induction of the Rev. Robin Brenchley ! The building was built in the sixties, single storey and probably seats about 70. When we arrived we looked around at their notice-board with many activities advertised and thought this sounds a lively place.

The Church was almost full for the service which followed a similar pattern to Robin's Ordination here. Marion was called up to the platform to make her promises with Robin to serve the Church and the local community, being guided by the Lord.

We were treated to sandwiches and cakes for refreshments afterwards at the Community Hall nearby. What a wonderful day everyone enjoyed and the start of a new chapter for the Church and particularly for Robin and Marion.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Peter & Marion



**Visitors to Robin and Marion too—
note the sign!**

With Gratitude

Carol would like to thank all of her 'lovely church family' for their support and prayers during her recent hospital visits and treatment. Also Thank you from Carol for the cards and gifts and kind wishes:-

She says-

"May the Lord reward you abundantly, and she is so grateful to him for her renewed health and mobility"





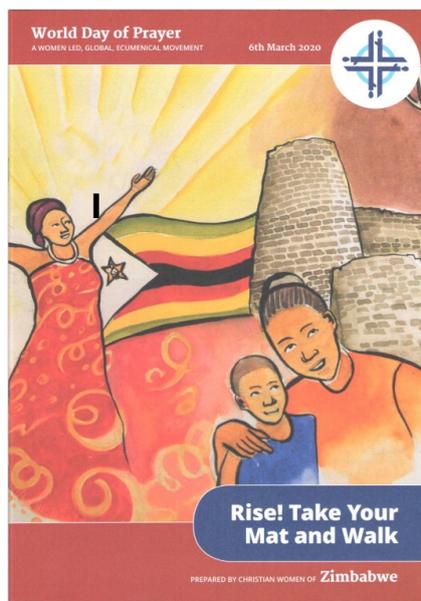
World Day of Prayer 2020



World Day of Prayer March 2020

The World Day of Prayer is a women-led, global, ecumenical movement with prayer and services starting as the sun rises over Samoa and ending 38 hours later back in the Pacific, as the sun sets over American Samoa. We will be praying and sharing the same service with people in over 120 countries and islands around the world. Each year the service is put together by a different country; this year it is written by the women of Zimbabwe in Africa.- It may seem early, but it is time to think about **2020 World Day of Prayer**.

Representatives from the churches in Sittingbourne get together a few times to pray for and plan the service which is held on the first Friday in March each year.



The Service will follow through the booklet prepared by the women of Zimbabwe

Something else taking place in town a little bit before WDP! See the notice board in the corridor for details which are not so tiny!



If you would like to know more about the WDP, please go to www.wwdp.org.uk. The first meeting to **plan** the service, will be held **on Friday 4th October, 2.30pm in The Hub, at the Sittingbourne Baptist Church**. Everyone is welcome to come. We are especially grateful to the Methodist Church who will be hosting the event on 6th March 2020 at 10.30am and 7pm. For any queries, contact the church office for details

W.O.W. Women Of Worth CONFERENCE
Worship • Mixers • Teaching • Table Discussion
Craft • Prayer • Fellowship • Fun

SATURDAY = 5TH = OCT = 2019

SITTINGBOURNE METHODIST CHURCH
HIGH ST. ME10 4PB = 10AM-3PM = £10
BRING PACKED LUNCH, REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Do you know who you are in Christ? Do you understand the value God places on you? Do you realize the power God has given you? This conference takes you to that special place of experiencing God's true value... as a woman of worth. You will also learn to recognize the Lord's leading when it's time to make changes, go into a new direction, and letting go of the things of the past.

WELCOME BACK OUR GUEST SPEAKER...
Kris Swinburn, Director www.FromHisHands.com
plus Dawn VanderWalt & Angela Krikke
SingleParentMissions.com

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Worship Corner



By Brian Dickson (Worship Co-ordinator, Deacon)

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:38 (NKJV)

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

To Give or to Receive?

The Bible says it is better to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). Yet in our world today, society encourages us to build our own 'success', whether in education, in our careers or in amassed personal wealth.

Despite what prosperity gospel preachers might preach about Luke 6:38, the wider context of the chapter has nothing to do with getting rich, and everything to do with giving yourself to all and without partiality. Not just to those whom you warm to. It is this emphasis that people might find the most challenging, but when you consider that God, who sends the rain not only on the just but also the unjust, and who gave himself for all, how much more should we surrender to him, not just what is easy but also what is precious?

New Song

This month: **I Surrender** by Matt Crocker (Hillsong)

The title of our new song for October speaks to surrendering ourselves to God.

Surely this is something we need to hear and to be encouraged to pursue as Christians? To have something to help pierce through the fog of modern day life in Britain, to help draw us back to God and what we can give to him. He indeed is worthy of our worship and so much more.

To hear the song, visit our church website at: www.sbc-church/sbc-praise-and-worship.

Church Choir

October will be a busy month for the choir, practising for a special event in **October that will require not one but two practice sessions:**

Next Practices: October 10th & 24th. 8pm in the Sanctuary.

Next Performance: October 27th 6.30pm.



Preachers for October Services

6th	10:30am	Chris Hughes	6:30pm	Brian Dickson (Communion)
13th	10:30am	Nathan Gordon	6:30pm	Mission Evening-Mission Aviation Fellowship
20th	10:30am	Compassion Sunday	6:30pm	Chris Hughes – Training and Equipping Barriers to belief
27th	10:30am	Chris Hughes -this service will include Communion moved from last week	6:30pm	Nathan Gordon and David Casse – Hymns of Testimony Evening

First Contact

FIRST CONTACT is a column by one of our deacons, Kuda Osoba.

On a regular basis Kuda will be looking out for people who are willing to be interviewed, and asking for their views on their first contact with:

Sittingbourne Baptist Church.

This Month: Sonia

What are your first memories of SBC?

That I was welcomed warmly and loved and cared for and supported by my church family when I was going through a very difficult time in my life.

What are the things that have kept you here as a member and have been important to you?

The teaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Then forming friendships and having fellowship in house group, and then co-leading a house group with my husband, Phil. Also getting involved with working in the Community because I work in the Contact Centre. Meeting other Christians and building friendships with new people has also been important to me.

Watch this space for more of our members to be interviewed by Kuda and make sure that you try and get to know some new people every week! Sometimes all it takes to make someone welcome is a smile!



CALLING ALL CHOCOLATE ADDICTS

Please sign up for your Real Advent Calendar which focuses on the true message of Christmas and includes chocolate!

There is a sign up list on the Church Lounge notice-board and the order needs to go in by Sunday October 20th— please ask Ann H for any further information— What a great advent gift for your younger family members! Please check allergy advice if you have any concerns.

New Activities and Events



2nd, 16th and 30th October are the dates for
In Deep

Also check out the notice board in the Church
Lounge for any thing you need to know!

David Casse was reminded of this poem in
September when Chris spoke on
'Serving God's purpose, Right here, Right now!'

The Gospel According to You— Anon

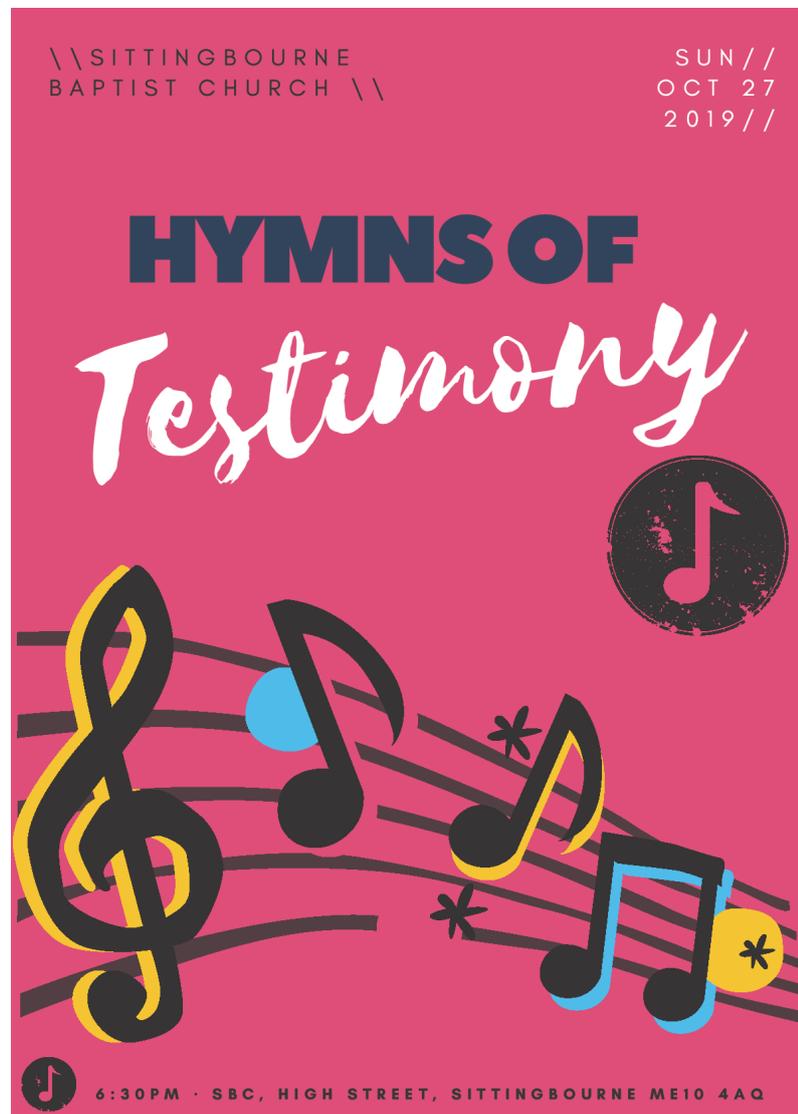
If none but you in the World today
Had tried to live the Christ-like way
Could the rest of the world look close at you
And find the path that is straight and true?

If none but you in the World so wide
Had found the Christ for his daily guide
Would the things you do and the things you say
Lead others to live in His blessed way?

Ah, friends of Christ in the world today
Are many who watch you on your way
And look to the things you say and do
To measure the Christian standard true:

Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ
With its love so unfailing and true,
But what do they say and what do they think
Of the Gospel according to you?

You are writing each day a letter
to men
Take care that the writing is true:
'Tis the only gospel that some
men will read,
That gospel according to you.



Our very popular hymns evening is back—come to our Evening Service on October 27th and remind yourself of all the oldies— the Choir will be there too!!!



A Little word of
Encouragement from Kuda-

"I had a great chat with one of the ladies in the church, and it caused us to really have a good laugh. It just made me appreciate the sharing of ideas and how when you talk to others, it helps you to see things in a new light. God must have had this idea in mind when He encourages us not to forsake the assembly of the brethren. (Hebrews 10v25) This time together can be uplifting and encouraging when you can hear what others are going through, but also be ready to give a word to lift someone's spirit up. So do come to church to receive, but also come ready to give, and share some of your time over a cup of tea. That way we can know each other better and also hold hands as we continue the Lord's good work.

OCTOBER 2019

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1 9:30-noon-Choir 12-5pm Private Function in lounge 7:45pm Deacons Mtg.-Hub 7:45pm Ladies	2 10:30-12 noon A.B.C. 7:30pm In Deep in Basement 7:30pm Prayer Meeting in Lounge	3 10:30am C.T.I.S. Prayer in Hub 12:45pm Lunches 2 pm Bright Hour 7:30pm Exploring Christianity in Lounge	4 10am-12 noon Food Bank 1-2pm EST 2:30pm W.D.P in Hub 7-9pm Underground 10pm-2am St. Pastors	5 10am-12 noon Contact Centre 12:30-2pm EST 1-5pm Shoe Box packing in Lounge	6 10:30am Morning Service- 6:30pm Evening Service with Communion 
7 2-3:30pm Rendezvous-Multiple Sclerosis-Swale- Brenda Fathers	8 9:30-noon Private function 7:30pm Digging Deeper	9 10:30-12 noon A.B.C.	10 10:30am C.T.I.S. Prayer in Hub 2pm Bright Hour 8pm Choir rehearsal	11 10am-12 noon Food bank in Hub & Sanctuary 1-2pm EST 7-9pm Underground 10pm-2am St. Pastors	12 10am-12 noon Contact Centre 10-12 noon EST Artisan Market	13 10:30am Morning Service 6:30pm Evening Service Mission - Mission Aviation Fellowship
14 2-3:30pm Rendevvous-British Heart Foundation- Kim Brophy	15 9:30-noon Private function 7:45pm Deacons: Prayer meeting	16 10:30-12 noon A.B.C. 7:30pm Youth leaders 7:30pm In deep in Basement 7:30pm Exploring Christianity in Hub	17 10:30am CTIS Prayers in Hub 12:45pm Lunches- 2.00pm Bright Hour 7-10pm Men's Fellowship -All in Church Lounge	18 10am-12 noon Food Bank in Hub & Sanctuary 1-2pm EST 7-9pm Underground 10pm-2am Street Pastors	19 10am-12 noon Contact Centre 10-12 noon EST Covenant Love Chapel	20 10:30am Morning Service Compassion Sunday 6:30pm Evening Service
21 2-3:30pm Rendezvous in Sanctuary-Miles & Co.	22 9:30-noon Private function 7:30pm Digging Deeper	23 1:30pm House group 7:30pm Exploring Christianity in Lounge	24 10:30am C.T.I.S. Prayer in Hub 2pm Bright Hour 8pm Choir rehearsal	25 10am-12 noon Food Bank in Sanctuary & Hub 1-2pm EST 10pm-2am Street Pastors in Hub	26 10am-12 noon Contact Centre 12:30-2pm EST	27 10:30am Morning service COMMUNION 6:30pm Hymns evening with Youth Band & Choir
28 2-3:30pm Rendezvous- Wandering in Flanders Fields	29 9:30-noon Private Function 7:30pm Service of Thanksgiving	30 10:30-12 noon A.B.C. 7:30pm Exploring Christianity in Lounge 6:30pm Y.L. Meeting 7:30pm In Deep	31 10:30am C.T.I.S. Prayer in Hub 2pm Bright Hour			