



**Sharing the love
of Jesus**

Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter

Sunday 15th September 24

Message from Alistair-

In 2010, William Tunstall-Pedoe set out to identify the most boring day in history—or, at least, the most boring day in the 20th century.

Using an algorithm to scan through each day in the 20th century, Tunstall-Pedoe discovered that nothing of note happened on April 11th 1954. That is, unless you're Turkish engineering professor Abdullah Atalar, who was born that day. An athlete named Jack Shufflebotham also passed away. No other well-known people were born or died.

There also don't seem to be any noteworthy news stories from around the world. No major events from the stock market, sporting events, or NASA. No major films were even released that day.

Now Tunstall-Pedoe may be right: April 11th 1954 may be the most boring day in history. But according to many people all of history is boring. And maybe for you studying history at school was boring because it was filled with dates, people and places which often required rote memorization.

The reality is that history teaches us so much. C S Lewis made a perceptive comment about history. He said, 'If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought the most of the next.'

We have bills to pay, children to raise, deadlines to meet, stuff to do. Why occupy our thoughts with the 'not yet' when we need strength to face the 'right now'? Because understanding the future empowers us to face the present.

That was the Apostle Paul's opinion. 'Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us' [Philippians 3:13-14]. The best of life is yet to come. Do you have challenges in this life? Then ponder the next. Be a future-facing follower of Christ.

Our Service- Sunday 15th September 24-

Our service on Sunday 15th September will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy. It will be an all-age service led by Rev. Alistair Stewart. The Bible reading is Luke 19:1-10 and the title is, 'Transformation.'

Tea and coffee will be served after the service.

Our Activities- Week beginning Sunday 15th September 24-

Monday- Welcome Bap- 10:00am-12:00 Noon at Oasis.

Monday- Leaders Meeting- 7:30pm by Zoom.

Tuesday- Tots and Co- 9:30am-11:30am at Oasis. Sue, Alison and Chris F are on the rota.

Tuesday- Encounter with God- 7:00pm-8:00pm at Oasis.

Wednesday- Ladies Fellowship- 10:30am-12:00 Noon at Oasis. A Study called 'Portraits of Jesus.'

Wednesday- Wednesday Evening House Group- 7:30pm at Oasis.

Thursday- Alpha- 7:45pm by Zoom. Session 12- How can I resist evil? [See notice later in the newsletter].

Saturday- Saturday Prayer Gathering- 8:30am-9:15am at Oasis.

If you would like to join any of the midweek groups, please contact Alistair and he will put you in touch with the group leader.

Passion for Praise- Verses from Scripture that emphasise praise to our God-

'Worship the Lord in all his holy splendour. Let all the earth tremble before him. Tell all the nations, "The Lord reigns!" The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.' *Psalm 96:9-10*

Wisdom for the Week- Christian quotes to inspire and encourage- History-

'All that we call human history- money, poverty, ambition, war, classes, empires, slavery, is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy.' *C S Lewis*

News for the Church Family-

From George Hill- Delamere Forest Picnic and Walk- Sunday September 15th-

As previously announced, the Delamere event has been moved back from Sunday September 8th to Sunday September 15th (weather permitting). Please contact George if you intend to go.

On that Sunday, after church we will drive to Delamere Forest Visitor Centre, which is at CW8 2HZ, Linmere, Delamere, Northwich. We will have a picnic on the tables by the car park.

The best route is via Winsford, turning right at the Fishpool Inn. The car park at Delamere Forest Visitor Centre is pay and display and is expensive (£9.50 for three hours), so we will want to share lifts!!

Please offer lifts if available. For those able to walk, footpaths may be rough/muddy in places. Binoculars may be useful. Contact: George Hill.

Please contact George if you intend to go.

From Alistair and the Leadership Team- Alpha-

Our Alpha course will resume on **Thursday 19th September at 7:45pm** by Zoom. It is Session 12- How can I resist evil?

Here is the Zoom link for Alpha, which will be the same for every session.

Ian Parsons is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Alpha Group

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9074373769?omn=83841564364>

Meeting ID: 907 437 3769

Dial by your location

- +44 203 481 5237 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 907 437 3769

If for any reason the link doesn't work, you can still join the meeting by downloading Zoom onto your device and entering the Meeting ID - there will be no further password.

From Christine Hill- Tek Ura "Closer" Zoom Events-

As a church we have formal Zoom updates from Dan and Annie Dupree and Tek Ura. But for general interest they run a series of "Closer" Zoom events that anyone can join. The next one of these is at 7:00pm on Monday 23rd September.

If anyone would like to join this and hear more about Tek Ura as a one off or on a regular basis, please ask Christine or George for details of the Zoom link.

Future note for your diaries- Dan and Annie will be visiting SBC in person on Sunday 26th January, 2025.

From Union Street Baptist Church, Crewe- Heritage Open Days-

All are welcome to our upcoming (free) Heritage Open Day here at Union Street Baptist Church on Saturday 14th September- 10:00am -14:30pm. Pre-booking not required. Refreshments available. More details:

<https://www.usbccrewe.org.uk/post/heritage-open-days>

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/submission-event/open-building-union-street-baptist-church.html>

And finally....

The first time I saw a universal remote control, I thought to myself, 'This changes everything!'

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