



**Sharing the love
of Jesus**

Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter

Sunday 12 April 2026

Reflection for the week

“Come and eat breakfast!” (John 21:12) by Hilary Forbes

As I have been watching and listening to the conversations between Mission Control and the Artemis mission’s astronauts heading for the Moon in their Orion space capsule, one thing has particularly struck me; that they sound so familiar! Where to find the electric shaver; the need to change their socks; what they are having for breakfast! These mundane activities connect us to the astronauts and help us to travel vicariously with them.

After the resurrection and before His ascension, the risen Jesus appeared to His disciples several times. Each time, his disciples did not immediately recognise him. Mary thought he was the gardener (John 20:15); two disciples on the Emmaus road welcomed him to walk with them but as they would a stranger (Luke 24:15-18); and when the disciples were out fishing, they thought the figure on the shore watching them toil was a stranger (John 21:4). Even when Mary told them she had seen him, they were too grieving and confused to dare to believe her (Luke 24:11).

Our emotions can cloud us from recognising Jesus is right here with us. He is with us whether we recognise his presence with us or not! Mary recognised him when he called her by name (John 20:16). The two disciples recognised him when he broke bread with them (Luke 24:30-31). The disciples out fishing recognised him when he suggested they cast their nets on the other side, and the same miracle happened as when he first called them. Then he invited his exhausted disciples to come and have breakfast with him, something wonderfully ordinary (John 21:6-12).

After the crucifixion, the disciples had gone back to doing what they knew – fishing. This was where the risen Jesus had met them. There are times when going back to doing the familiar thing, is where he meets us too; in our work, over a cup of tea, or as we wash the dishes. He is real, he is with us and his presence is not dependent on our emotional state.

He is already waiting for you by the kettle!

Our Service for the week beginning Sunday 12 April 2026

Our Sunday service on Sunday 11 April will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy (SPA). The service will be led by Andrea Jones and the speaker will be Rev Sue Thompson. Sue's theme will be reflecting on Easter today and her reading will be Luke 24:1-7.

Our Activities for the week beginning Sunday 12 April 2026

- Monday:** Welcome Bap 10:00am-12:00 Noon at Oasis
- Tuesday:** Tots and Co 9:30am-11:30am at Oasis
Encounter with God 7:00pm-8:00pm at Oasis
- Wednesday:** Ladies Fellowship 10:30am-12:00noon at Oasis
Wednesday Bible Study Group 7:30pm at Oasis
- Thursday:** No House Group this week
- Friday:** No meeting of Energize this week.
- Saturday:** Morning Prayer Gathering 8:30am-9:15am at Oasis
Slide Show of British Wildlife 6:00pm for 6.30pm at Oasis (see below)

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

A Refrain for the Week

Lord, give me the grace to pause, take breath and reassess just where I am, to find time to hear your voice in the quiet. ... And in the silence as the treadmill of my mind stops turning I'll hear you offering me Shalom. The peace that passes understanding. And then refreshed, my energy restored, I can begin again to live as you would have me live.

Eddie Askew

News items

From George Hill: British Isles Island Wildlife Slide Show for Tek Ura Saturday 18 April

Everyone is welcome to a fundraising PowerPoint Slide Show of British and Irish island wildlife to raise money for Tek Ura. It will be at **Oasis on Saturday 18 April at 6:00pm for 6:30pm.**

The evening will include a large number of my own images of all sorts of UK wildlife, including rare species, taken by me over some 40+ years! We will follow anti-clockwise the coasts of Scotland and its islands, and we will finish the evening with a wildlife picture quiz.

This will be in support of the Tek Ura project; the Christian aid work to support severely underprivileged communities in Tirana and elsewhere in Albania.

Free admission and refreshments. No booking required unless you bring a team! Wheelchair access. All donations gratefully received.

Dates for your Diary

19 April	<i>A Rocha Fine Trees Circuit Walk around the town centre 2.30pm at the Crosses</i>
20 April	<i>Exploring the Future Session 3 7:00pm-9:00pm at Oasis</i>
9 May	<i>SBC Prayer Session 2:00-4:00pm at Oasis</i>
10 May	Christian Aid Sunday
17 May	<i>A Rocha Filter Bed Wood Trail Nature Stroll 2.30pm at the Crosses</i>
24 May	Pentecost Sunday
6 June	Summer Social Evening Fundraising for TEK URA 6.00-9.00pm at Oasis
6-7 June	Visit of Dan & Annie Dupree from TEK URA
20 June	<i>Messy Church 10:30am-12.00noon at Oasis</i>
21 June	Father's Day
22 June	Quarterly Church Meeting 7:30pm at Oasis
28 June	<i>A Rocha St Mary's Dell, Dingle Wood and Park Nature Stroll 2.30pm at the Crosses</i>
26 July	<i>A Rocha Brook Wood to Wheelock Nature Stroll 2.30pm at the Crosses</i>
2 August	Low mobility stroll and picnic in Crewe Park – after morning service
6 September	Picnic and walk at Tittesworth Reservoir – after morning service
19 September	Shoebox Transport Fundraising Event 10:00am-12:00noon at Oasis
28 September	Quarterly Church Meeting 7:30pm at Oasis

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If you have any items for inclusion in the Newsletter please pass these to Andrea Jones by 9am on Thursdays.