



**Sharing the love
of Jesus**

Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter

Sunday 21 June and Sunday 28 June 2026

A Reflection

Apples of gold in settings of silver by Hilary Forbes

"I have hidden your word in my heart ..."

Psalm 119:11

The Bible is a treasure trove which we can draw on deeply. It seems a while ago now but remember back in February, in our Bible reading week George encouraged us to study the Bible and suggested there are three aspects to think and pray about: observation, interpretation, and application.

The words of scripture were written in the first instance to a particular group of people in a specific context, by leaders, historians, prophets, shepherds, poets, kings, apostles, and a doctor to name but a few. To study their context, is to help interpret the meaning. There is also a timelessness about the scriptures because the Holy Spirit can take a verse or passage and speak to us through it. The Holy Spirit brings a fresh insight or speaks directly into our specific situation that we have been praying for wisdom about. There is a lovely verse in the book of Proverbs which says,

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver."

(NKJV Proverbs 25:11).

As a young man King Solomon asked God for wisdom (2 Chronicles 1:10). In verse one of this chapter, we read that the proverbs in this collection are "more proverbs of Solomon" compiled by the men of Hezekiah, king of Judah. Hezekiah reigned around three hundred years after Solomon, yet he wanted to have Solomon's words of wisdom gathered in one place so that he could read and study them. That we can read them today is because of Hezekiah's thirst for wisdom.

Let us ask God to speak to us afresh, that we may speak timely words of wisdom to encourage one another. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to breathe new life into the ancient yet always new scriptures, to bring us fresh insights, and deep soul-stirring truths from His Word, moving us again to worship Jesus in wonder and awe.

Jesus - the Word of God, whose name is above every name. Hallelujah – what a Saviour!

Our Service for the week beginning Sunday 21 June 2026

Our service on Sunday 21 June will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy (SPA). This will be an All Age service for Fathers' Day led by Dave Murphy. Dave's main text will be Isaiah 55:8-9.

Our Activities for the week beginning Sunday 21 June 2026

- Monday:** Welcome Bap 10:00am-12:00 Noon at Oasis
Quarterly Church Meeting 7:30pm 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:** Energize Juniors Small Group 6:45-8:15pm at Oasis
- Saturday:** Morning Prayer Gathering 8:30am-9:15am at Oasis

Our Service for the week beginning Sunday 28 June 2026

Our service on Sunday 28 June will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy (SPA). This will be taken by Rev Tony Togneri.

Our Activities for the week beginning Sunday 28 June 2026

- Sunday:** A Rocha Brook Wood to Wheelock Nature Stroll 2:30pm at the Crosses
- 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:** House Group 7:45pm by Zoom [Contact Ian Parsons for further details]
- Friday:** Energize Games Night 6:45-8:45pm at the School
- Saturday:** Morning Prayer Gathering 8:30am-9:15am at Oasis

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 today ... and tomorrow ... and tomorrow

'For God, who said 'let light shine out of darkness', made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.'

2 Corinthians 4:6

News items

From George Hill: SBC Quarterly Ordinary Church Members' Meeting Monday 22 June 2026

A reminder that our next SBC Quarterly Ordinary Church Members' Meeting will be on Monday 22 June at Oasis at 7:30pm. Members should have received the papers either by email or personal delivery. These comprise:

1. The Agenda.
2. The Ordinary Church Meeting financial statement.
3. The minutes of previous meetings to be approved.

Non-members are very welcome to attend but may not vote.

From George Hill: Nature walk for friends of A Rocha and other friends Sunday 28 June

All are welcome on my next accompanied nature walk of the summer, exploring Dingle Trail and Park.

Please meet at Sandbach Crosses at 2:30pm on Sunday 28 June, weather permitting. Please have reasonable footwear. Not suitable for buggies. No unaccompanied under 18s. All walkers join at their own personal risk.

From George Hill: Farm Picnic and Open-Air Service Sunday 5 July

We have again been kindly invited, weather permitting, to hold a summer OUTDOOR service at the farm of Janet and Mike Wright in Nantwich.

We will meet for a picnic at the farm, any time from 12:30pm onward, on Sunday 5 July (so leaving after our morning service). Please bring your own lunch. Please offer lifts to those without transport. Please bring a chair if this is easy for you.

The afternoon will then be for relaxing and chatting, with an optional country walk (with appropriate footwear, as there may be stiles). There will be a short open-air service at approximately 3:30pm. If there is any food later this will be made known in due course.

Details in the email newsletter.

Dates for your Diary

5 July	Farm Service and Picnic
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
8 October	Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy Harvest Festival 7:30pm Yatehouse Farm Middlewich
10 October	Walk around Buxton (with fair)
11 October	Prisons Sunday
17 October	Messy Church for Harvest 10:30am-12.00noon at Oasis
17 October	Harvest Social Evening
18 October	Harvest Service
7 November	Shoebox Packing Day
8 November	Remembrance Sunday
14 November	Slide Show of Galilee Fundraising Evening for Tek Ura
28 November	Messy Church for Christmas 10:30am-12.00noon at Oasis
30 November	Annual Church Meeting

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

**Please note that this Newsletter covers two weeks.
The next Newsletter will be circulated on Thursday 2 July.**