



**Sharing the love
of Jesus**

Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter

Sunday 13 September 2026

Reflection for the week

'Hope Whispers my Name' by Jon Swales

Hope whispers my name,
And speaks to my soul.
 'Rest a while,
I have a healing balm and will tend your wounds.'

 I counter,
'But have you seen the pain,
 The poison runs deep,
 The beasts run wild.'

 And hope speaks,
And addresses my wounded heart,
 'Indeed,
 I know.
The night is darkest just before the dawn.

 On cursed tree,
Through whip and nail,
 The evil of empire,
 & the sickness of sin
 sinned against me.
 Alone in pain.
I breathed my last.'

 Downcast I spoke
 'The beast has won.
As hope lies silent in the grave.
In the book of life evil will have the last word'

 And hope rejoiced
And laughed and sang,
A song of healing love,
 'My beloved one,
 This is not true,

The grave did not win.
I was raised to life.
Evil does not have the last word.
Love itself has won.'

And I wept,
And he wiped the tears from my face.
Hope embraced me in his love,
I beheld his face.
We danced
He is making all things new.

Poem 38 in 'Let Me Be the Kind Who Weeps: Poems for a Wounded World' by Jon Swales

Our Service for the week beginning Sunday 13 September 2026

Our service on Sunday 13 September will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy (SPA). The service will be led by Tony Togneri who will also be preaching. The service will include Communion.

Our Activities for the week beginning Sunday 13 September 2026

- Monday:** Welcome Bap 10:00am-12:00noon 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-9:00pm 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
Coffee Morning for Shoebox Appeal 10:00am-12.00noon (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

'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

Philippians 4:4-7

News items

From: Susie Warburton: Coffee Morning Love in a Box Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2026

Once again we will be filling shoeboxes with lovely things for children (aged 3-14) in need in Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania. Of course, to do this we need lovely things to put in them! So please do get knitting, sewing and buying so that we can pack the boxes with lots of goodies.

There will be a **fund-raising coffee morning on Saturday 19 September 2026 10:00 – 12:00** at Oasis to raise money to buy the boxes, pay the transport costs and buy any extra goodies needed. Please do come along and support this wonderful project. There will be a bring and buy table, so please do bring goodies for that as well.

To help you donate items for the shoeboxes, we have made a list of the lovely things we need (and copies of this list are available in the foyer on Sundays):

Toothpaste
Toothbrushes large and small
Bars of Soap
Flannels/Sponges
Wash Bags
Woolly Hats (small)/Gloves/Mittens
Pencil Cases
Notebooks/Small Exercise Books
Pencils/Crayons/Ball Point Pens
Small Soft Toys
Small Toys/Games
Combs/Hair Bobbles/Hair Slides
Small Packets of sweets/chocolate (dated best before no earlier than June 2027)

NB You can find more information about this project on the church [website](#)

From: George Hill: SBC Quarterly Ordinary Church Members' Meeting 28 September 2026

The next quarterly SBC Ordinary Church Members' Meeting will be held on Monday 28 September at Oasis at 7:30pm. Non-members are very welcome to attend but may not vote.

The following papers will be sent by email shortly, or will be delivered personally if necessary:

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

From Churches Together in Sandbach: Christmas Day Lunch

The Christmas Day Lunch organised by Churches Together in Sandbach provides Christmas food and company for people in our community who would otherwise spend Christmas Day alone. Many people from our local churches have volunteered as drivers, servers and welcomers over the years.

This year we are also looking for a **group of volunteers to form an organising team** to make this important event happen again in 2026.

If you would be interested in volunteering this year, especially as part of the organising team, please would you contact Rev'd Carolyn Lawrence - 1108revcarolyn@gmail.com - by **Sunday 4 October**. A date to meet will be organised soon after that.

Dates for your Diary

20 September	All Age Service 10:30am at the School
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)
17 October	Messy Church for Harvest 10:30am-12.00noon at Oasis
18 October	All Age Harvest Service 10:30am at the School
7 November	Shoebox Packing Day
8 November	Remembrance Sunday
14 November	Slide Show of Galilee Fundraising Evening for Tek Ura
27 November	Decoration of Oasis for Christmas!
28 November	Messy Church for Christmas 10:30am-12.00noon at Oasis
29 November	All Age Advent Service 10:30am at the School
30 November	Annual Church Meeting
17 December	CTiS Carols on the Cobbles 6:00pm
20 December	All Age Carol Service 10:30am at the School
25 December	Christmas Day Service 10:30am at the School

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