



**Sharing the love
of Jesus**

Sandbach Baptist Church Newsletter

Sunday 20 September 2026

Reflection for the week

You are acquainted with all my ways (Psalm 139:3) by Hilary Forbes

September always feels like something of a new year. As Sue said at the Sunday Service a couple of weeks ago, new things happen in September. School begins again for a new academic year, and it does seem to be a time in church when we might try something new or have fresh ideas to put into action. As I am typing this, I have set up a new place to write and type, and I can see whole bunches of rosy-red crab apples on my crab apple tree hiding in among the leaves. Some trees and flowers grow best in Autumn, and I can empathise with that! I am sure it is not just me who is relieved the heatwaves are over for this year.

There is also something about September which causes us to re-anchor ourselves as a church, in our relationship with God, with one another and with our community that we are part of. Psalm 139 is one I often refer to as an anchor psalm, because reading it and meditating on it anchors us once again in our relationship with God, who never leaves us, who knows what we are going to think, say and do before we do. He knows every strand of DNA in our body. If all the DNA in our body were stretched out it would not be far off sixty billion miles long. That is not even imaginable is it! It is only about three billion miles to the planet Pluto, and that took nearly ten years for the spacecraft 'New Horizons' to get there. If all the DNA in a human body were stretched out, it would reach Pluto and back almost ten times.

David would not have known about DNA, but he knew his God. Let us enter this Autumn with a fresh sense of awe and gladness in our hearts, as with David, we declare:

"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Marvellous are your works and that my soul knows very well."

Psalm 139:14

[NB one billion = one thousand million!]

Our Service for the week beginning Sunday 20 September 2026

Our service on Sunday 20 September will be at 10:30am at Sandbach Primary Academy (SPA). This will be an all-age service and will be led by Mark Thompson.

Our Activities for the week beginning Sunday 20 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:	House Group 7:45pm by Zoom [Contact Ian Parsons for further details]
Friday:	Energize Senior Small Group 7:15-8:45pm at Oasis
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 Celtic blessing for the week

May the God of peace bring peace to this land.
May the Son of peace bring peace to this land.
May the Spirit of peace bring peace to this day and all days.

Amen

News items

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

Date of Notice: mailed 17 September 2026

Dear SBC Member or Friend

This is the Notice of our quarterly SBC Ordinary Church Members' Meeting on Monday 28 September at Oasis at 7:30pm. Non-members are very welcome to attend but may not vote.

The following papers, if not already received, will be sent in a later email, 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.

Yours warmly in Christ Jesus

George Hill
Church Secretary

For Information

Bob Mynett would like to draw out attention to a **Charity Concert on Sunday 20 September 7:00pm at St Mary's Church** for the Motor Neurone Disease Charity (MND). A member of the St Mary's Music Group who has MND has been unable to play her clarinet with them for many months as she has MND. The Coop Community Band will be leading the concert.

Dates for your Diary

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.