

Family News

July / August 2026



Craft and Chatter

1st & 3rd Fridays monthly, 10am -12 noon
at Southwell Baptist Church



Card making, knitting, adult colouring,
& crochet, plus magazines to browse
and occasional workshops on varied
crafts.

Free to all
Light refreshments
available



Serving Together this Summer

As we move into our summer months we look forward to the longer days and warmer weather (hopefully - we are in the UK...), and have optimistically packed away the winter boots and coats, enjoying the ease of just stepping out and closing the door behind us without having to don several layers before facing the outdoors. We anticipate barbecues in the garden, picnics in the park, al fresco drinks, and life just feeling easier and more pleasant.

However, summer doesn't always make life easier for everyone and this gives church an opportunity, along with the sun, to shine. Not in a showy way that demands attention and praise, but in a quiet Christ-like way that says 'we see you and we're here to help'. For example, the extreme heat experienced in recent summers can be difficult for elderly and those with health issues, so just keeping an eye and ensuring people are coping is something we can all do.

For those in care homes, family holidays and the extra demands of children at home can mean fewer visits and more loneliness. This is where our team of care home volunteers shine, taking services to those who can no longer attend church, and spending time talking to residents, serving them teas and coffees, and helping them know they are not forgotten. None of this has to be 'worthy' and solemn. Some of our best ministry happens when we roll up our sleeves, let down our hair, and just come alongside people doing what is needed with good humour.

For many families, school holidays are not a joyful break but a logistical nightmare involving childcare issues, stretched budgets, and the realisation that children need three full meals a day, every day, even in July and August. School meals disappear for six weeks, and the rapid cost of living increase has made food bills soar. It's no surprise, then, that local foodbanks see an increased demand. The volunteers there do extraordinary work providing food parcels, toiletries and household basics, and a sense of dignity and hope to those in real need. We are very grateful to them for carrying on with the grace of people who have learned to smile whilst sorting out 57 cans of baked beans, debating whether custard counts as a 'luxury item', and debating what you do actually do with quinoa. We are also grateful to

those of you who contribute regularly to the collection point here - without you none of this could happen and people would go hungry. Your support is crucial now that the misguided council 'Fair Share' food hub initiative locally has been poorly implemented, causing donations to the foodbank in our town to drop to the point where collections have been reduced from weekly to fortnightly. If you don't already donate please don't think you have to stretch yourself to buy an extra bag of shopping, but a box of cereal here, and a bag of pasta there all add up to real and vital help for families in need.

There is joy in shared purpose and community in shared effort. Whilst we (hopefully) enjoy the sunshine let us remember that serving others is a reflection of how Christ lived, and a witness to his teaching. This summer may our church not be known for the typical summer fetes and cake stalls, but for its compassion, generosity, and a willingness to stand alongside those who need a little extra support.

And if we can do nothing else, we can pray.

Heavenly Father,

As the summer sun blesses our days, we thank you for the warmth, the light, and the chance to slow down a little.

We pray for those who find summer a challenge, for those suffering from loneliness, and for the families for whom the holidays are a challenge - for parents juggling work, childcare, and the stress of not being able to provide enough food to satisfy hungry children. We lift the volunteers at our local food banks to you and ask you to bless them. May every parcel handed out be a reminder of your love in action. We also lift before you all of those who already volunteer at and on behalf of SBC in numerous ways and thank you for them.

Help us, as a church, to serve together with joy - not from duty, but from compassion and a desire to please you. Make our small acts shine and reflect your glory. Amen.

Sue H

Trisch's 80th birthday Celebration



We were delighted to be able to share in Trisch's special birthday celebrations last month, presenting her with a bouquet of flowers, a card signed by members, and a cake which she generously shared with us all over coffee after the service.

Trisch is a long-standing member of SBC, along with her husband Pete. She also works tirelessly for Churches Together in Southwell, keeping all churches informed of what others are planning, and enabling joint enterprises where all the churches come together for services, to pray for the community (see the recent Lighthouse project) or for regular breakfast meetings for fellowship across the denominations and discussion of how we can help each other.

She assures us that she had a wonderful birthday weekend with all of their family, and that her 80th was her best birthday ever!

Thank You from Togo





Jeanne and Stephen recently returned to Togo for her father's funeral, taking with them the donations from SBC for the local people. You may be able to spot your items amongst the images they took and kindly sent to us.



The Dwelling Place

at Southwell Baptist Church



Open 1st Friday Monthly 9.30 am - 2.30 pm

and includes

Craft & Chatter from 10.00 am to 12 noon

Bite Sized Gospel

Lessons from the Letters to the Corinthians



The giving which does not give itself is always a poor thing.

The Church is a fellowship in which the watchword is not independent isolation but interdependent togetherness.

There comes a time when trouble must be faced.

Discipline must always be aimed to lift a man up and not to knock him down.

There can be no standing still in the Christian life. The man who is not advancing is slipping back.

It takes a big man to listen to hard advice.

Men must love each other before their love for God has any reality.

Here ends the Letters to the Corinthians

Trisch

SOUTHWELL BAPTIST CHURCH Organisation 2026

Christ Centred, Community Focused

INTERIM STEERING GROUP (ISG)



Janet
Kneen

Safeguarding



Chris
Puddephatt

Pastoral Care Service Lead



Jenny
Harris

Service Lead



Barry
Westbury

Building / IT



Sue
Hartley

Administrator



Iain
Daiziel

Treasurer

HOME GROUPS



Trisch

**Monday
Evening**



Sandy

**Tuesday
Morning**



Janet & Mark

Tuesday Evening



Jenny

**Wednesday
Afternoon**



Isobel

**Wednesday
Evening**

COORDINATORS



Richard
Welcome
Rota



Jan
Dwelling
Place



Joan
Prayer
Rota



Arderne
Care Home
Ministry



David
Men's
Social



Sandy
Women's
Social



Steve
Audio
Visual



Pauline
Flowers



Sue
Women's
Breakfast



Jenny
Craft &
Chatter



Trisch
CTIS &
Missionaries

Dates for the Diary

Aug 9th	BBQ Lunch
Aug 17th-23rd	Week of Prayer
Aug 23rd	Bring & Share Lunch / Prayer Meeting
Sep 27th	Harvest Service
Sept 27th	Harvest Lunch & Fun Quiz

Regular Church Activities

Renew Wellbeing	Every Monday 1pm-3pm (except Bank Hols)
Craft & Chatter	1st & 3rd Fridays Monthly
Dwelling Place	No Dwelling Place in May or June.
Southwell Court Services	1st Tuesday Monthly

If you have something you'd like to share that would be suitable to include in the magazine please do send it via info@southwellbaptistchurch.co.uk. The cut-off date for each issue is the 15th of the previous month. Don't worry if you're not confident with writing - tell me what you want to say and I'm happy to help. *Sue*.

Renew Southwell

at Southwell Baptist Church

A quiet shared space where it's ok not to be ok.

Join us
every Monday
at 1.00pm
for chat, shared
hobbies, and company.



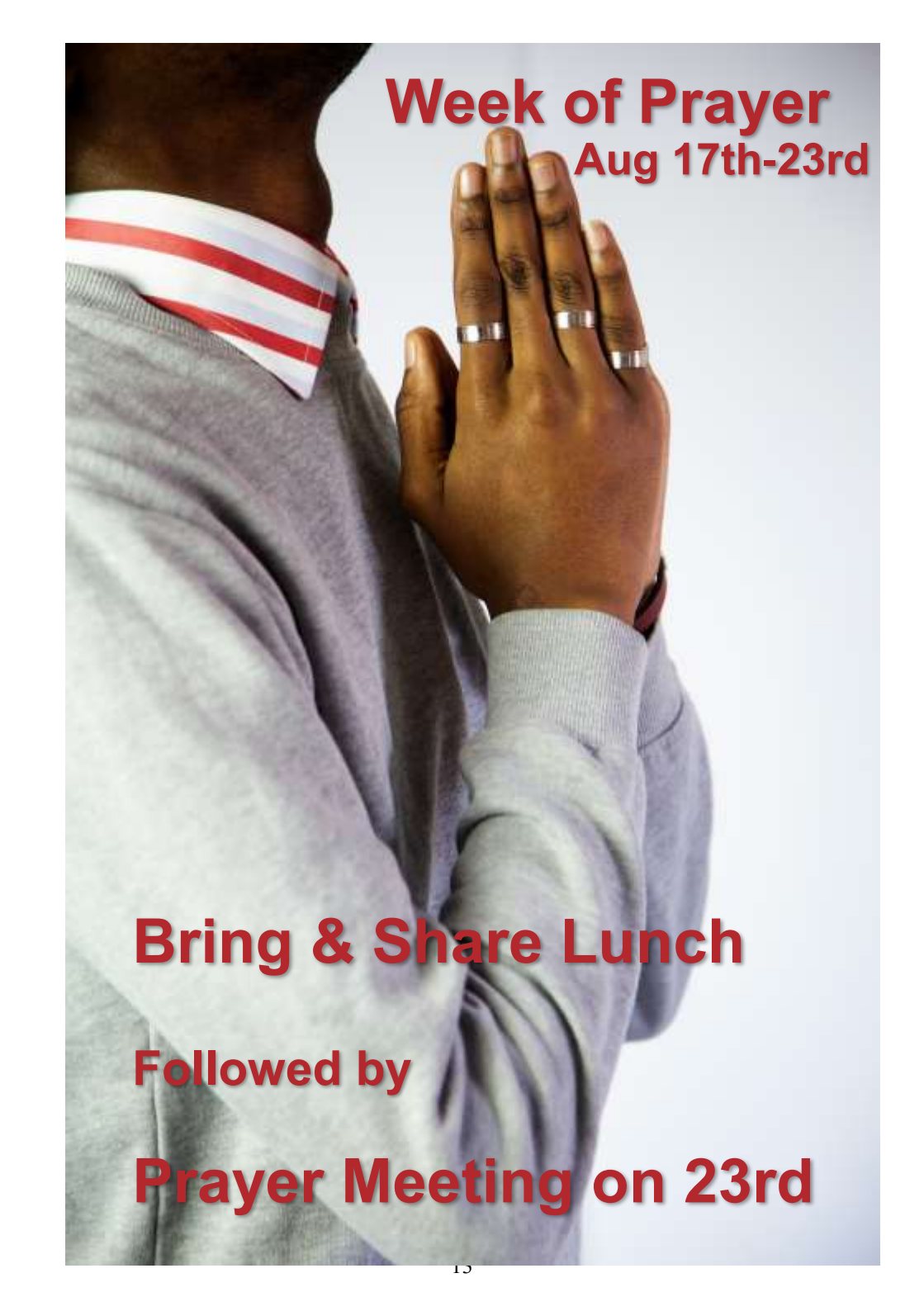
www.renewwellbeing.org.uk
charity no: 1173963

It's easy to get in touch and
a warm welcome awaits you.
Just drop in on a Monday or
for more info:

email info@southwellbaptistchurch.co.uk

Renew Wellbeing

A quiet shared space
where it's ok not to be ok.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in a prayer position. The person is wearing a grey sweater over a white collared shirt with red and blue stripes. They are also wearing three silver rings on their fingers. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Week of Prayer

Aug 17th-23rd

Bring & Share Lunch

Followed by

Prayer Meeting on 23rd

Weekly Programme

Sun	10.00am	Prayer Meeting (Upstairs Room)
Sun	10.30am	Sunday Worship & Children's Church
Mon	1.00 pm 07.30pm	Renew Wellbeing Home Group - Southwell
Tue	10.30am 07.30pm	Home Group at SBC Home Group via Zoom
Weds	7.30 am 2.00 pm 7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting via Zoom Home Group - location varies Home Group - Southwell
1st Tues Monthly	02.30pm	Service at Southwell Court Care Home
1st Fri monthly	10.00am	Dwelling Place Tea Room (inc Craft & Chatter from 10am-12 noon)
3rd Fri monthly	10.00-12noon	Craft & Chatter

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SBC
Summer Barbecue
9th August

BBQ Provided.
Bring and share salads,
sides, and desserts.