

Family News

September 2025



The Dwelling Place at Southwell Baptist Church

1st Friday Monthly 9.30am - 2.30 pm

No Dwelling Place in
September



Where did summer go? I blinked and we're heading into Autumn and harvest! Hopefully we still have good weather to come and there will be plenty of time for the farmers to bring in the crops that they have so diligently sowed and tended this year.

Whilst it's always sad to say goodbye to summer, I do love autumn with its beautiful colours. I tend towards nostalgia, remembering my gran telling me off for getting my white ankle socks dirty by kicking through the piles of fallen leaves, school harvest festivals, and Sundays in chapel singing 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. I never could sing - as I've told many of you, I once tried to sing my grandson to sleep when he was a baby and he took his dummy out of his mouth and put it in mine. I think I get it from my dad who, when he was a child, was sent out to weed the school garden during singing sessions!

Times of change do, I think, bring a tendency to look back, to evaluate and consider the direction that we're headed in. Looking back on our year so far at SBC, and staying with the farming analogy, I think we've all, as a church of every person ministry, done a good job in tending our sheep. We have cared for each other and strengthened our sense of community. With the help of visiting speakers, church members, and home group leaders we have (sometimes quite literally) fed our flock. While we continue our search for a new minister and look forward to the changes that will bring, the seasons here continue to play out, and we carry on keeping the faith, marking the milestones, and trying to keep God's church here thriving.

One of the obvious truths about harvest is that you can only reap what you sow. To be able to gather in an abundant crop the farmer first had to sow the seed, and then nurture it. For us, this means that we first have to spread God's word and then carefully watch for any new growth that springs from that and keep it watered. The Women's Breakfasts have been a great example of this in action. From a seed of an idea from Sue M, we now have around 30 women attending, many of whom are not church attenders but who have come along with friends. They come

back, each time enjoying fellowship with Christian women and listening to testimonies from two invited speakers. Wouldn't it be great to expand this, and maybe reach more men and younger people too?

Recently, two opportunities to do more with outreach have presented themselves to us. I say recently, but one has been dropping on and off the radar for over a year. We were contacted by a travelling company from Glasgow who were looking for venues to bring their Jesus the Evidence presentation. At first we thought this may be more suitable for Churches Together but, to cut a long story short, have recently come to the conclusion that this is something we should do at SBC, with the support of CTiS, and have booked it for October 27th. We hope everyone will get behind it and invite people along to listen to what Derek has to say.

Around a month ago we also received an email from two girls running the Christian Union at Brackenhurst, asking if there was any way we could support them. They currently have only four members and are hoping to attract new people. We circulated their prayer requests, as you probably remember, but have since then gone back to them with the offer of putting on an evening meal that they could invite fellow students to, giving the opportunity for them to ask questions about the CU while they're here. Olivia and Leah were delighted with this suggestion and we will be getting together on their return to college for the Autumn term to discuss the practicalities. The timing of the Jesus the Evidence evening will also allow us to invite the students along to ask their questions there, with Olivia and Leah's help, and hopefully be convinced that the evidence is overwhelmingly in favour.

It feels like the loose strands that have been laying around have suddenly come together and we're weaving something good. Your prayers for these events will be very much appreciated, and we will, of course, be asking for help nearer the time.

God bless

Sue H

Summer Socials - August Picnic



On August 17th we had a church picnic social after the service. Members brought along their picnics and folding chairs, and we made use of the church garden to eat and chat together.

The weather wasn't quite so sunny as forecast, but it was still warm enough to sit outside and we weren't scrambling for the shady spots, so all was well.

Fellowship is important to us here at SBC and events like this are a great opportunity to get to know each other better.

Thanks to Barry for the photos.

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



Decoupage at Craft and Chatter



In July our Craft & Chatter regulars enjoyed a workshop trying their hand at decoupage. Here's what they produced.



Summer Socials - July Barbecue



In the midst of the third heat wave of the year to date, a barbecue seemed like the perfect social event to follow a Sunday service. The weather always likes a joke however, and we found our plans washed away by torrential rain.

Not to be deterred or have our spirits dampened, the burgers and sausages went into the oven and we enjoyed them along with the delicious sides, salads and desserts brought along by our members for sharing. A great time was had by all, including our guest speaker David and his wife Julie who we were so pleased to have join us.

Dates for the Diary

Sept 27th	CTiS Breakfast Forum
October 5th	Harvest Service
October 11th	Work Morning
October 27th	Jesus the Evidence

Regular Church Activities

Renew Wellbeing	Every Monday 1pm-3pm (except Bank Hols)
Craft & Chatter	1st & 3rd Fridays Monthly
Dwelling Place	1st Friday Monthly - No DP in September
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.

Airline Announcements. Smiles for September.

"Hi, I'm Captain Amanda Smith. Yes, I'm a female pilot and as a benefit, if we get lost on the way I won't be afraid to stop and ask for directions.

After a heavy landing the pilot announced 'As you may know, we have hit our destination'.

"Please remain seated until the plane is parked at the gate. At no time in history has a passenger beaten a plane to the gate. So please don't even try."

Pilot as the cabin lights are dimmed: "The lights are dim and you all are getting sleepy, very, very sleepy. You don't need any assistance from your cabin crew. Sleep now. Zzzzzz.

"I've just been informed that my mother-in-law has just passed security and will be shortly boarding this flight using one of my crew passes. If you all sit down fast, we should be able to get out of here before she arrives."

"In case of an emergency landing, air masks will drop from the overhead compartments. Place the mask over your nose and mouth and adjust the straps on either side to secure it. If you are traveling with a small child, secure your mask first then assist them with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one child, decide which one has the most potential and assist that one first."

"Please make sure you take all your belonging with you. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please don't leave children or spouses

"Now ladies and gentlemen, I'd like to share some words with you all that my father shared with me on my eighteenth birthday: Pack your bags and get out."

“That was a rough one. Since you all survived we expect you to keep all those promises you just made.

As the plane is taxiing to the gate the pilot announces, “We are currently recruiting people to clean the aircraft. If you wish to volunteer then please stand before we have come to a stop.”

“For those of you wondering about the weather at our destination, Honolulu is reporting sunny skies and temperatures of 86 degrees. Unfortunately, our destination is Nome Alaska which is reporting 27 degrees below zero and blowing snow.”

“We’ll be landing as soon as we get closer to the ground.”

“We are pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight.”

“When exiting the plane please watch out for the low overhead door. If you forget, please watch your language.”

“Please refrain from smoking until you reach a designated smoking area, which, for California, is Las Vegas.”

“As we taxi out we’d like those passengers sat on the right side of the aircraft to press their faces against the window. We’d like to remind those other airlines what a full plane looks like.”

“This aircraft is equipped to land on water... Once.”

“Hello and welcome to Alaska flight 438 to San Francisco. If you’re going to San Francisco, you’re in the right place. If you’re not going to San Francisco, you’re about to have a really long evening.

In reference to oxygen masks: “Please help yourself before helping small children or politicians.”

Renew Southwell

at Southwell Baptist Church

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

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



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Just drop in on a Monday or
for more info:

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Bite Sized Gospel

Lessons from 1 Corinthians

Men judge a message by the life and character of the man who brings it.



A man must regard himself as a man whose primary duty is not to help himself but whose privilege is to serve others for God's sake.

The real reward of any task is not its money payment but the satisfaction of a job well done.

If a man is going to do his best work in anything he must bring to it a body as fit as he can make it. It is one of the tragedies of life that men may refuse to think until they become incapable of thinking.

We cannot save others unless we master ourselves.

Let him who thinks he stands secure take care lest he fall.

The whole business of idol worship was the work of the demons; through it they seduced men from God.

Many a thing that a man may do with perfect safety as far as he himself is concerned, he must not do it if it is going to be a stumbling-block to someone else.

It is always better to err on the side of being too strict than on the side of being too lax.

There is no reason why people should not differ and yet remain at peace.

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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 Bible Study Home Group - Farnsfield & 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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Jesus: The Evidence

There is a historical and rational basis
for Jesus being the Son of God.
There is a wealth of evidence to
support this.

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evidence pointing to Jesus
being the Son of God.
Jesus: The Evidence draws
upon current historical,
textual and archaeological
research to present this
evidence in a clear, rational
manner - accessible to
atheists, agnostics and
Christians alike.



Mon. 27th Oct. at 7.30pm
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