

Welcome to the June-July newsletter! It really is incredible to realise, writing this, that 2024 is approaching its half-way point. By this point in the year, it's inevitable that we will all have experienced some real blessings, as well as some real challenges. That's as true for Swallownest Baptist Church as it is for our personal lives.

As the church goes through this period of pastoral vacancy, it's a good time to reflect on what has gone before, as well as dream about what God can do through this time of transition. It has already been a great opportunity for the church to come together to pray, to discern God's will for His church in Swallownest and to think about the future. I encourage us all to pray continually, giving thanks for what has come before and asking for guidance for what is to come.

The challenge – for us personally and for the church - is that we don't have an exact roadmap for how the next

months will play out. Surprises and “curveballs” are sure to come our way in the months ahead. But the best news is that we don't have to walk the path alone. We have each other and we have the love of Christ, who walks with us.

In this season, I believe that God has a word for us, and I am sure that He has a direction that He wants the church to take, to best bring Jesus into the community around us. And, as we allow ourselves to be open to God's leading, we can be completely assured of His love, His power and His incredible plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us a hope and a future.

God bless,



Rob Joyce (on behalf of the leadership team)

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Sunday



Prospects meets in the church school room on the third Sunday of each month @ **3pm**.

- 16th June
- 21st July



Youth@SBC meets on the first Sunday of each month in the late afternoon / early evening and is for those of secondary school age.

- 2nd June
 - 7th July
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Monday



A time of **Prayer & Meditation** takes place fortnightly on a Monday via Zoom @ **9:30am**.

- 3rd and 17th June
- 1st, 15th and 29th July



The **Ladies Meeting** takes place in church fortnightly on a Monday @ **1:30pm**.

- 3rd and 17th June
 - 1st July (*last meeting before the summer break*)
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Tuesday



The **ARK Play Group** takes place every Tuesday during term time. There are 2 sessions: **10am-11:30 am and 1:00pm-2:30pm**. No need to book. It is £1.50 per family plus 50p per extra child.



Mini Messy Church takes place in church on the first Tuesday of each month @ **3:30pm**.

- 4th June
 - 2nd July
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SUMMER CLUB



Summer Club takes place in church every Tuesday during the school summer holidays @ **1:00pm - 2:30pm** for 0-11 year olds.

- Starts 23rd July

Wednesday



The **Prayer Walk and Litter Pick** takes place every week on a Wednesday morning @ **11:00am**.

Thursday



The **Lunch Club** takes place in the church schoolroom every week on a Thursday, with lunch being served @ **12:00**. Come and join us for food and a chance to chat. We just ask for a small donation of £2 per person.

Saturday



The **Men's Breakfast** takes place in the church school room on the second Saturday of each month @ **8:30am**

- 8th June
- 13th July



The **Prayer Meeting** takes place in church twice per month on the first and third Saturday @ **9:30am**.

- 1st & 15th June
- 6th & 20th July



Hymn singing at Treeton Grange Care Home takes place on the third Saturday of each month @ **11:00am**.

- 15th June
- 20th July



Our **Sunday services** take place each week at 10:30am in our church building. We also livestream the services via our YouTube Channel. The first and third Sunday of each month includes communion. Junior Church is for school-age children and meets each week during the service.

June		July	
2 nd	Rob Joyce (Communion)	7 th	Rob Joyce (Communion)
9 th	Suzanne Charles	14 th	John Claydon
16 th	Rob Joyce (Communion)	21 st	Natalie Freeman (Communion)
23 rd	Junior Church Family Service	28 th	Suzanne Charles
30 th	Prayer Service		

Many Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jean Thompson who recently celebrated her 90th birthday. Jean has been coming to Swallownest Baptist Church since her parents brought her along as a baby and has continued to live out her Christian faith throughout the years. Many thanks to Jean for her love and service to the church family.

