



## SBC News

Oct / Nov 2024



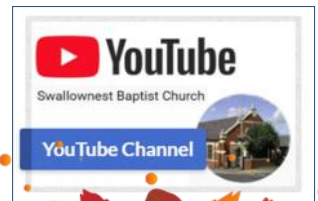
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Hi everyone.

I hope as you read this, you feel ready to face the shorter days, colder weather and the clocks changing.

I thought it would be a good opportunity to look back on some of the activities that have taken place over the summer months.

Every Tuesday during the month of August, we held our Summer Club for primary school aged children. It was well attended last year but this year, the numbers went through the roof. Our highest number of children for the second Tuesday afternoon was 29 with around 14 adults. Overall, we've had over 100 children and 30 adults in our church building. Also, our Mini Messy Church numbers are increasing every time. Could you please pray for us and the adults and children who attend week by week.

In July, George and Pauline invited our Teen Meet group to their Crown Green Bowling Club and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.



Our first church picnic was amazing, and so was the weather. Maybe a little too hot for some!

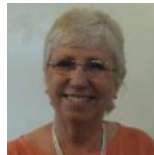


I loved our first Tea Dance, which has been a dream of mine for a long time. It was a perfect day for me with the sun shining, spending time with friends, lovely music, tea and cake, and of course, the best part, dancing. Here's to the next one!

As I'm writing this on the day after Acts and Snacks, I'm thankful to all the people who took part and for our church family who are willing to embrace new ideas.

Looking forward, this will be a busy but most exciting season, with so many different activities for us to look forward to. The most exciting thing of all is that our faithful God will be sharing them with us.

God is faithful through all seasons. *"For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth". Psalm 71: 5*



*Jan Dean - Children and Families worker  
(on behalf of the leadership team)*

If you wish to contact the leadership team or would like to share any news or prayer requests with the church, then please contact:



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## Sunday



**Prospects** meets in the church school room on the third Sunday of each month @ **3:00pm**.

- 20<sup>th</sup> October
- 17<sup>th</sup> November



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

- 6<sup>th</sup> October
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November

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## Monday



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

- 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October
- 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November

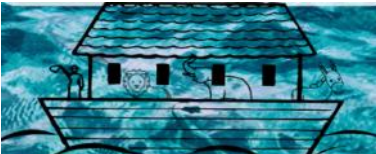
## Ladies Meeting

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

- 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November

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## Tuesday



The **ARK Play Group** takes place every Tuesday during term time. There are 2 sessions: **10:00am-11:30 am and 1:00pm-2:30pm**. £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**.

- 1<sup>st</sup> October
- 5<sup>th</sup> November

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## 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.



The **Light Party** is on **Thursday 31st October @ 5:00pm-7:00pm**. Come and join us for food, games and fun. All welcome.

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## Saturday



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

- 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November



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

- 19<sup>th</sup> October
- 16<sup>th</sup> November



Our **Harvest Coffee Morning** takes place on **Saturday 5th October from 10:00am - 12:00pm**. There will be coffee, cakes and a book stall.

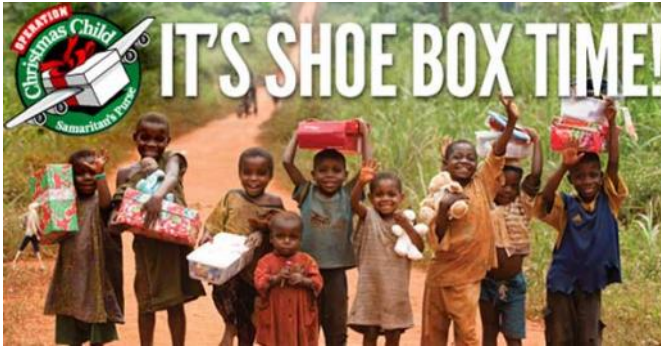


The **Men's Breakfast** takes place in the church school room on the second Saturday of each month @ **8:30am**

- 12<sup>th</sup> October
- 9<sup>th</sup> November



Join us on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November for a **quiz night** Further details to follow.



It is time again for us to start filling shoeboxes in support of Operation Christmas Child.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's

love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Please help this great cause. Your simple gift of a shoe box can provide a child with great joy and excitement, as this may be the only Christmas present that they receive.

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**Find a shoebox.** Operation Christmas Child boxes are available from church (at no cost). Obtain a label from Hazel, and stick it on your shoebox to show if it is for a girl or a boy and the age.

2

**Fill with Gifts.** There are a variety of things that can be put into a shoebox including toys, hats, scarves, combs, toothbrushes, soap, pens, stickers, and notepads. Please don't include things such as toothpaste, sweets, food, medicine, liquids or anything fragile or sharp.

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**Make your donation.** Please include a donation of £5 with each box. This covers the cost of getting the shoebox to a child. Donations can be made online and you can also print off a barcode, add it to the box and this will enable you to track which country your shoebox gets sent to.

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**Pray.** Lastly, please remember to pray for the child who will receive your gift, and also for all the volunteers who will ensure that your gift gets there.

The shoeboxes will be collected early November. We'll let you know the deadline date in due course. For more information, speak to Hazel Manship or visit the website which includes loads of information and ideas around what to pack.

[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child)



Looking for a way to care for our local community? Well have you considered joining our weekly prayer and pick. We get to care for the environment by picking up any litter, leaving the area tidier for everyone to enjoy. At the same time, we get to pray for all those that live in our community. It's also a lovely time to chat and get to know others in the church better. And if you needed any more incentive, you will also get to wear a hi vis jacket!

It takes place each Wednesday morning at 11am and we cover a different part of Aston, Aughton, Swallownest each week. All equipment is provided. Please speak to Jan Dean if you would like any more information.



“When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”  
John 8:12

This year, we will again be holding a Light Party as a Christian alternative to Halloween. A Light Party provides an opportunity to reach out to our local community with the good news of Jesus, replacing the fear and darkness associated with Halloween, with light and life.

**Thursday 31st October**

**5pm—7pm**

During the evening there will be party games, food, and plenty of fun to be had for people of all ages.

So this Halloween, come along and join us, and why not use the opportunity to spread God’s light and love amongst our family and friends, and to celebrate the victory Jesus won on the cross once and for all.

*Come and celebrate the Light of the World.*



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.

Oct	Nov
6 <sup>th</sup> Suzanne Charles (Communion)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Rob Joyce (Communion)
13 <sup>th</sup> Olivia Egan	10 <sup>th</sup> Rob Joyce
20 <sup>th</sup> Natalie Freeman (Communion)	17 <sup>th</sup> Paul Allen (Communion)
27 <sup>th</sup> Suzanne Charles	24 <sup>th</sup> Café Church



**Café Church** takes place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am. Join us for drinks and a bite to eat. It's a great opportunity to sit and chat. Towards the end of the service, there will be a short talk from one of our church leaders.

