

What's on at SBC?



Sunday morning worship: 10.30 a.m.

All Welcome!

Coffee and chat in lounge afterwards

Energize: activity groups for 5—13s

Creche: under 5s

Farsi Group meets every Thursday at church.

Small groups will meet each week during Lent. Please see Steve or Ken for more details.



...invite you to **MARCH for JOANITA** this March!

This will be a fund-raising event for Joanita on

Sunday, 24th March 2019

We are thinking of having a 'sponsored walk' with the Energize young people—possibly in a local area/park. Joanita is 16 years old now and lives in Uganda. Energize sends £25 per month, which helps to pay for her education and supplies. Please take part or sponsor us.

Help us MARCH for JOANITA this March!



Stockport Baptist Church



*Month to View
March 2019*

Sunday Series for Lent: The Mystery of God

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| 3 | March | Baptismal Service
<i>All age, followed by Bring and Share lunch</i> |
| 10 | March | 1st in Lent: The Mystery of Good and Evil
<i>A service that includes sermon-based teaching</i> |
| 17 | March | 2nd in Lent: The Mystery of God's Glory
<i>A reflective service built around Communion</i> |
| 24 | March | 3rd in Lent: The Mystery of Sin, Suffering and Hope
<i>An exploration of the theme</i> |
| 31 | March
<i>Mothering Sunday</i> | 4th in Lent: The Mystery of Relationship and Reconciliation
<i>A service that includes Bible-based teaching</i> |



Message from the Associate Minister

Dear Friends,
Wednesday, 6 March, marks the beginning of Lent, the 6-week period leading up to Easter. While Lent is more often associated with Catholic and Anglican spirituality, more recently it has gained increasing popularity among other church streams, and the past few years here at SBC we have used Lent in different ways to re-examine and re-commit to our faith.

This year, broadly using resources produced by Churches Together, we are journeying with the theme of Mystery, as we prepare our hearts and our lives for the world-changing events surrounding Easter.

We actually begin our journey on Thursday, 7 March, when we will gather to hear words of scripture and to be marked with an ashen cross.

Then, as well as Sunday worship, we are encouraging people to participate in small study groups for the duration of Lent, helping make this a special 6 week season of reflection, study, prayer and action, as we follow the way of Jesus.

'Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.'

God Bless,

Ken

Money Matters...Target £2, 800 per month
Offerings in January: £2, 688
Average to date: £2, 688



SBC's Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 13th March 2019 @ 7.45pm

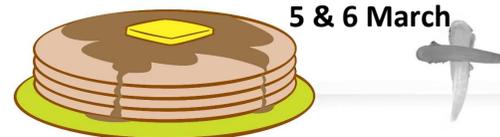
There will be a short church meeting after. Non-members are welcome, but may not take part in the voting.

Nominations to date:

Treasurer: Dave Allen

Secretary: Peter Wadsworth

Deacon: Sarah Booth



5 & 6 March

SHROVE TUESDAY

A S H WEDNESDAY



Pray for the persecuted church

This month:

Eritrea

More information on the lounge noticeboard

All dates and times are correct at time of printing! Please listen to the weekly notices in Sunday services for any changes.

PRAYER BREAKFAST @
St. Matthew's Edgeley
Saturday, 2 March 2019
@ 8.30am

Diaconate Meeting
Monday, 4 March
@ SBC 7.45pm

Lent Groups

Why not join a small group for Lent? 6 sessions starting in the week beginning 11th March will be following the sermon series on 'The Mystery of God'. Make sure you sign up to join one. Lists go up soon!



SBC Verse for 2019

So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him,

COLOSSIANS 2: 6,7



strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.