

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:

6.30pm onwards

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



Stockport Baptist Church

**To help destitute refugees donate at:
www.stockportbaptist.org**



**ROC Community Mentoring (in partnership with COACH)
Volunteer Mentor Training**

Free 2 day training opportunity: 11th & 18th May 2019 9.30am-4pm

If you are interested in knowing more, please come to an **Information Evening** to be held on **Monday, 29th April** from 7.30-9pm at Stockport Christian Counselling (The Town House, Hope Terrace SK3 9DU). To register your interest, please contact Andy Bell at ROC (tel:01613934511 or email: andybell@roc.uk.com).

ENERGIZE says: THANK YOU!!

Our MARCH for JOANITA raised £245!

Thank you to all the Energizers (including Lucas!!) and leaders who took part and to all who so generously donated and sponsored this event. It will really help Joanita as she trains in tailoring. Continue to pray for her health and that she succeeds in her training and is able to earn a living.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers and support.

**HE IS
RISEN!**

*Month to View
April 2019*

**Sunday Series: The Mystery of God
and Easter Services**

- 7 April** **The Mystery of Love and Sacrifice**
A reflective Communion service
- 14 April** **The Mystery of Joy and Salvation**
Palm Sunday A multi-media service for everyone
- 18 April** **Maundy Thursday Communion Service**
Thursday 7.30pm
- 19 April** **Prayer and reflection**
Good Friday 10am-12 noon (prayer stations followed by short reflective service)
- 20 April** **Olive Branch Gazebo event**
Saturday 11am-2pm
- 21 April** **Easter Day**
9am Breakfast together
10.30am A celebration service with sermon based teaching
- 27 April** **Quiet Space at SBC**
Saturday 9-10am (the church is open for prayer)
- 28 April** **After Easter**
A service exploring the days following Easter

Money Matters...Target £2, 800 per month
Offerings in February: £2, 639
Average to date: £2, 663

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

Diaconate Meeting
Monday, 1 April (no fooling!)
@ SBC 7.45pm

PRAYER BREAKFAST @
St. Matthew's Edgeley
Saturday, 6 April 2019
@ 8.30am

Message from our Associate Minister

Dear Friends,

What must it have been like to be in Jerusalem around the time of that first Easter? Imagine yourself as one of Jesus' followers as he makes his way, slowly but purposefully, towards the holy city. The story is so familiar to us that we can easily miss the drama of it all, as the pieces are put in place and the stage is set: Jerusalem buzzing with excited, partying visitors, there to celebrate Passover. The dignitaries in town for the occasion: Pilate, the Roman governor, barely tolerating this incomprehensible festival; Herod, Judea's puppet king on show to his people; and the religious establishment, at the centre of Israel's greatest annual celebration, making sure everything is ready for this great event.

And into all this rides Jesus, on a donkey, swept along on a wave of popular expectation – *is this the One who will finally release us from the prison of this brutal regime?*

Then he storms into the Temple – the sacred heart of the nation and of the festival – shouting angrily, throwing stuff around, creating a scene. The religious officials are angry, *who does he think he is?*

The Roman officials are wary. *Do we know this guy? Is he likely to be a problem?*

And the rest, as they say, is history.

Walk with us on the journey as we follow Jesus on the road to Jerusalem, and to the cross, this Easter.

God Bless,

Ken

SBC's Annual General Meeting

The meeting unanimously voted for the following people: **Treasurer:** Dave Allen (1 year)

Secretary: Peter Wadsworth (1 year)

Deacon: Sarah Booth (3 years)

They will serve alongside: Debbie Allen, Davis Awoniyi, Debbi Gurbutt and Dee Wainwright.

Huge thanks to Chris Cheetham and Geoff Vann for their many years of service to the church as deacons



Pray for the persecuted church

This month:
Indonesia

More information on the lounge noticeboard (thanks to Chris & Margaret Batchelor)