

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



Stockport Baptist Church



To help destitute refugees donate at:
www.stockportbaptist.org
or use the labelled offering envelopes at the
back of the church.



On Thursday, 2 May we will have the pleasure of welcoming Withaya and Helen Boondeekhun to our church. They are our BMS Link Missionaries working in Thailand. It will be the last day of their Home Assignment and they will be here from 6-9pm

They will have lots to tell us about their work of church planting in a mainly Buddhist country. Withaya has been a church pastor in the UK and Helen is a TEFL teacher.

Month to View
May 2019

Sermon Series: A Time to...

- 2 **May** Visit of our BMS Link Missionaries:
Thursday The Boondeekhuns from **6-9pm**
- 5 **May** **A time to doubt: John 20: 19-31**
A sermon-based service
- 12 **May** **A time to meet God in the ordinary:**
John 21: 1-14
A Communion service
- 19 **May** **A time to heal and restore: John 21: 15-25**
An all-age service led by Rev Andrew Phillips
- 25 **May** **Quiet Space at SBC (9-10am)**
Saturday
- 26 **May** **A time to pray**
An explore together service

Message from our Minister

Dear Friends,

The time between Easter and Pentecost is called Eastertide. Easter for Christians is not just one day, but rather a 50-day period. The season of Easter, or Eastertide, begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends on Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what it means when we say Christ is risen. As "Easter people," we also celebrate and ponder the birth of the Church and gifts of the Spirit (Pentecost), and how we are to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

Leading up to Pentecost, we're invited to join with a 10-day global prayer initiative, *Thy Kingdom Come*. SBC will join with several other churches for a **prayer walk through Stockport on Friday 24 May**, followed by a cross-church **prayer event on Saturday 8 June**. Before that, on **15 May**, is the **Stockport Prayer Breakfast**. These are in addition to our regular pattern of prayer – weekly prayer meetings at the Olive Branch on Wednesday mornings, and the quiet space at church on the last Saturday morning of the month. *'Thy Kingdom come, Lord'*.

God Bless,

Steve

Money Matters...Target £2, 800 per month
Offerings in March: £3, 030
Average to date: £2, 785

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, 13th May
@ SBC 7.45pm

Church Meeting
Wednesday, 22nd May
@ SBC 7.45pm

PRAYER BREAKFAST @
St. Matthew's Edgeley
Saturday, 4 May 2019
@ 8.30am

Stockport Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday, 15 May 2019
Light breakfast: 7.40am
Prayer time: 8-9am
St Mary's in the Marketplace
Book on via Eventbrite or contact Kevin McKenna on:
Kevin.mcenna70@ntlworld.com



Pray for the persecuted church
This month:
Iraq
More information on the lounge notice-board
(thanks to Chris & Margaret Batchelor)

Friday, 24 May, 2019
Join with other churches for a prayer walk through Stockport. Be one with thousands of Christians praying for the coming of God's Kingdom.



Pray for 5
You will soon receive a prayer card to list 5 people you want to see come to know Jesus. Commit to pray for them every day.

THY KINGDOM COME

10 day Prayer Initiative: Ascension Day, 30th May to Pentecost Sunday, 9 June



We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!
St. Augustine

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 12-18 MAY 2019

This year's focus: supporting vulnerable mums living in Sierra Leone.
With 70 years of experience in tackling poverty, Christian Aid can make a difference.
Go to: www.christianaid.org.uk to find out more, donate online or put a gift in an offertory envelope.