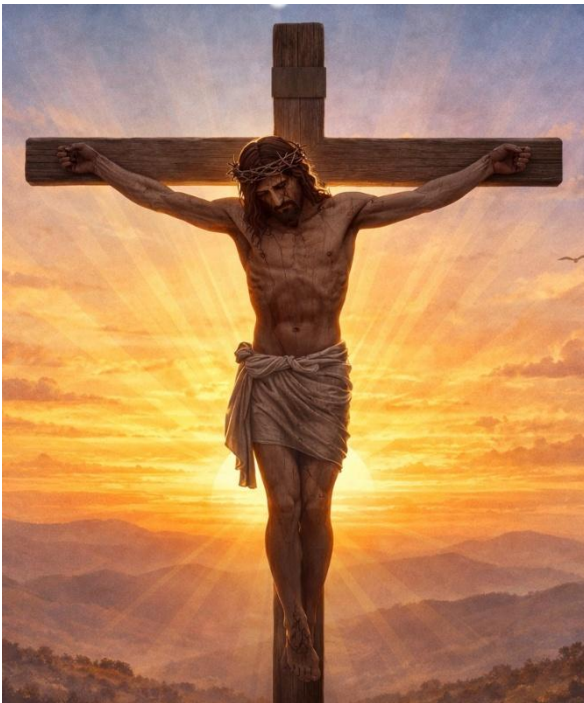




ST. ANDREWS

BAPTIST CHURCH

April 2026 Newsletter



**Easter is
more than
a story
what does
it mean for
us today?**

Easter is at the very heart of the Christian faith.

It is the story of Jesus Christ, His death on the cross and His resurrection to new life.

But Easter is more than something that happened long ago. It is a message of hope for today.

It reminds us that love is stronger than fear, that forgiveness is possible, and that even in our darkest moments, new life can begin again. Through Easter, we are invited into a relationship with God, to know His peace, His grace, and His promise of life that never ends.

Easter means that no one is beyond hope, and everyone is welcome.

We would love you to join us at our Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 2nd April 6.30pm

Good Friday 3rd April 10.30am

Easter Sunday 5th April 10.30am

with guest speaker David Hazeldene

🕯️ Church Life & Notices

☕ Easter Drop-In Morning

On Saturday 28th March, we enjoyed a truly special time together as church members and our wider community gathered for our Easter Drop-In Morning. The old church was filled with the welcoming aroma of teas, coffees, and pastries, alongside a wonderful range of crafts for all ages to enjoy.

We were delighted to welcome over 60 visitors, including 25 children. It was a joy to see the room buzzing with conversation and laughter, as friendships were formed and rekindled. Our craft club did a fantastic job showcasing their skills, inspiring many to get involved, proving that the activities weren't just for children, but for everyone!



It was particularly lovely to see both new faces and those returning after some time away. Moments like these remind us of what a blessing it is to come together in fellowship, sharing time, creativity, and encouragement with one another.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the morning, whether through helping on the day, providing refreshments, preparing crafts, or faithfully praying. Your contribution made such a difference.

To those who joined us, thank you! it was a joy to welcome you, and we hope you felt at home, and to our church family, we would love to encourage you to be part of future events like this. These occasions are such a valuable opportunity to connect, serve, and share God's love in a simple but meaningful way.

We are already looking forward to the next one!



AGM Update

Over the past two years, we have been trialling a combined Diaconate system with Trustees and Deacons meeting together. Following careful consideration, it became clear that this structure was not serving the church as effectively as hoped. A proposal was therefore brought to return to our previous model, with separate Diaconate and Trusteeship roles.

At our AGM on Thursday 26th March, members voted in favour of returning to this original structure. Following this decision, nominations were brought forward and affirmed for the roles of Deacons and Trustee.

We are pleased to share the following appointments:

Deacons: Sue Evans, Dee Slatter, Barry Thiselton

Trustee: Chris Prater

Our leadership structure is now as follows:

Elders: Barry Thiselton, Chris Prater, Gary Slatter, Bob Noble

Trustees: Margaret Harvey, Gary Slatter, Bob Noble, David Evans, Sandra Gibbons, Marilyn Harris, Chris Prater

Deacons: Barry Thiselton, Ray Williams, Sue Evans, Dee Slatter, Sandra Gibbons, Marilyn Harris, Bob Noble

Further information about the specific responsibilities within each role will be shared in due course.

Please do continue to pray for God's wisdom, guidance, and protection over all those serving, as they faithfully give their time and gifts to support the life of our church family.

Volunteers - Serving as a Trustee or Deacon

We are still prayerfully seeking individuals who may feel called to serve as a Trustee or Deacon.

These roles are an important part of supporting the spiritual and practical life of the church. If you would like to find out more, please speak to one of the leadership team.

Please continue to pray for wisdom, unity and willing hearts.

Volunteers - Serving together in simple ways

Every act of service, big or small, helps shape the life of our church. From offering a friendly welcome, to preparing refreshments, to supporting behind the scenes, each role plays a part in creating a space where people feel safe, valued, and able to encounter God.

Could this be something you feel called to explore?

Please speak to a member of the leadership team if you'd like to find out more.

Weekly Programme for April

Mondays

Craft Club 1.30-3.30pm - *Returns on Mon 13th*

Prayer Meeting 7-8pm

Tuesdays

Tiddlers 10-11.45am – *Returns on Tue 14th*

Church Club 3.45-4.45pm – *Returns on Tue 14th*

Wednesdays

2-3pm Prayer & Worship & Personal Prayer

3.30-4.30pm Bible Study

Advanced Notices

Garden Work Party

Saturday 11th April 9-12noon

Prayer for Israel

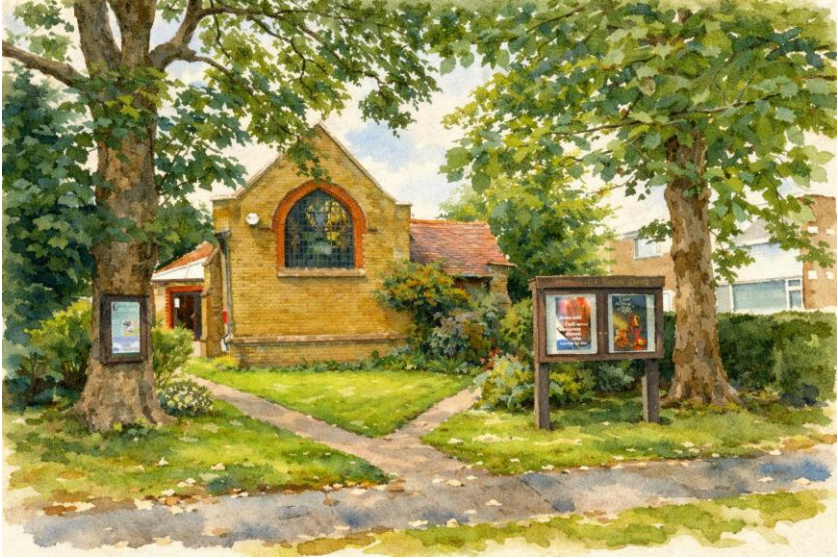
Thursday 23rd April 2-3pm

Private Booking in the Old Church

Saturday 25th April 8.30-3.30pm

Funeral for Tony Hammett

Monday 27th April 12.15pm



Sunday Service: 10.30am

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