



ST. ANDREWS BAPTIST CHURCH

June 2026 Newsletter

What is the church? and where do I fit in?



The Church is far more than a building or a Sunday service. It is people called together with a purpose.

From the very beginning, the Church was created to carry the hope of Jesus into the world. When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, ordinary people were transformed with courage, faith, and purpose.

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...”

Acts 1:8

That purpose has never changed. The Church is not simply something we attend. It is something we become part of. Each person has a role to play — through prayer, encouragement, service, generosity, worship, hospitality, or simply walking faithfully with God, day by day.

Some roles are seen. Many are not. Yet God uses all of them.

Recently at Shepperton Baptist Church, we heard a message that deeply encouraged and challenged us. Shared by a faithful servant of God in his later years, it was simply a message he had heard whilst at church in Portugal and felt led by God to pass on to us at SABC.

Perhaps that is often how God works — through ordinary people willing to listen and obey.

The challenge is not whether God is willing to work, but whether we are willing to listen, trust Him, and respond.



Jesus is the head of the Church, and the Holy Spirit is the power God gives His people to live out His purpose.

The Church was never meant to be built around one person standing at the front. It is built through people praying, serving, encouraging, welcoming, giving, listening, and sharing the love of Christ wherever they are.

As we were reminded, even a small church can become a lighthouse.

God has placed every generation within the Church for a reason. Those with years of faith and experience still have wisdom, prayer, encouragement, and hope to pass on. Younger generations are searching deeply for meaning, truth, and purpose. The Church still carries the answer they are looking for.

If you would like to listen to this encouraging message for yourself, the recording is available on our website.

Listen online: [The Kingdom of God by Cliff Tanner 17.5.26](#)

We warmly encourage you to take some time to listen and reflect on how God may still be calling ordinary people to serve Him today.

***“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”
1 Corinthians 12:27***



Faith Across the Generations



Following this encouraging message, we are thankful that another inspiring testimony of God's work will soon be shared within our church family.

Emile did not grow up in a Christian home but came to faith in Jesus Christ at the age of 17. Since then, the Lord has clearly been at work in his life, giving him boldness and desire to speak openly about his faith and the difference Christ has made to him.

Recently, Emile shared his testimony at our Men's Breakfast, where many were deeply encouraged by his sincerity, humility, and evident love for the Lord. Following this, he was invited to share again during a Sunday service so that others might also hear how God is continuing to change lives today.

At a time when many young people are searching for meaning and purpose, it is refreshing and encouraging to hear a young Christian speak so clearly and confidently about the hope he has found in Christ.

We warmly invite you to join us on Sunday 21st June to hear Emile's story and to give thanks together for God's ongoing work in people's lives.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."
Hebrews 13:8

A message of encouragement from our church family

At a recent Christian conference on courage, my friends wanted to walk the cliff tops from Overstrand to Cromer. I was not keen, as I am still wary of my balance when walking. Not wanting to feel disheartened or be left on my own, I prayed that the Lord would strengthen me and help me not to be afraid. 🙏

With wonderful encouragement from my dear sisters, I set off. Oh yes, it was quite scary walking along the narrow path 😬, but the fantastic views of the sea and sands outweighed my frailty.

With God's encouragement, I walked on, stopping frequently to catch my breath. My lovely companion, Margrit, and I at last arrived and met up with Sandra and Penny.

Thank you, dear Lord, for the courage to press on when I was so weary. As an aside, I had walked 8,500 steps!

Encouraged by the Lord and good friends, you can conquer all fear. Amen 🙏

Love, Marilyn

Photo taken by Margrit

Behind the Gorse bushes a sheer drop down to the sea!



Coming Up at SABC

Save The Date ♥



Community & Outreach



Saturday 11th July – Cream Tea at SABC

A relaxed afternoon to enjoy conversation, cake, and community.

A lovely opportunity to invite neighbours and friends.



Saturday 18th July – Men's Breakfast

A hearty breakfast, warm fellowship, and encouragement together.

A great chance to bring a friend.



Fellowship



Sunday 2nd August – Church BBQ

A relaxed summer gathering for all ages to enjoy food, friendship, and a time together as a church family.



Church Life



Sunday 13th September – Harvest Festival

A special Sunday of thanksgiving as we celebrate God's goodness and provision together.



Life at SABC

Join us through the week

Mondays

Craft Club - 1.30-3.30pm

No Craft Club on Monday 15th June due to the Thanksgiving Service

Prayer Meeting - 7.00-8.00pm

Tuesdays *(Term Time Only)*

Tiddlers - 10.00-11.45am

Church Club - 3.45-4.45pm

Wednesdays

Prayer, Worship & Reflection - 2.00-3.00pm

Bible Study - 3.30-4.30pm

June at SABC

Care Home Sunday Services

Sunday 7th June

Charlton Grange - 3pm & Mitchison Court - 4.30pm

Thanksgiving Service for Dorothea Marx

Monday 15th June - 12pm

Seek Him: A Morning of Prayer

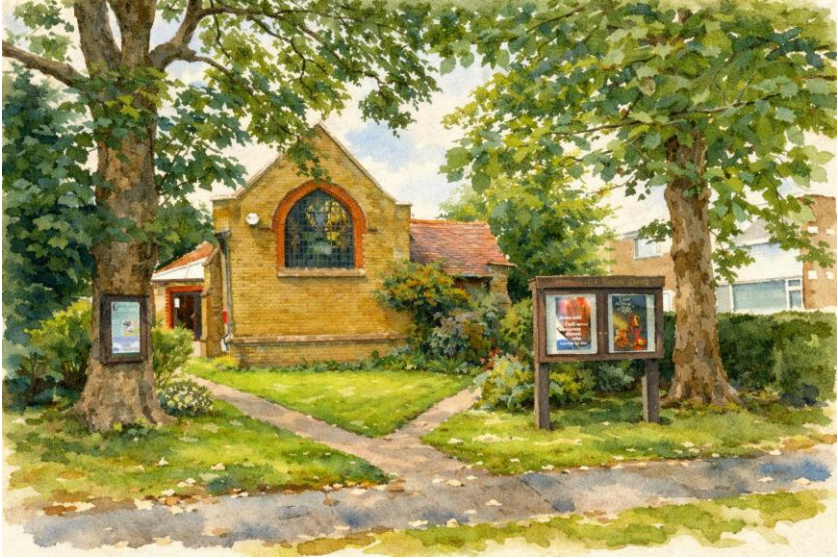
Saturday 20th June - 9.30am-1.00pm

Sunday Guest Speaker: Emile Grandin Beaudouin

Sunday 21st June - 10.30am

Prayer for Israel

Thursday 25th June - 2.00-3.00pm



Sunday Service: 10.30am

Everyone Welcome

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