



ST. ANDREWS
BAPTIST CHURCH

August 2026 Newsletter

What does it mean to trust God?



Trust the Lord

A reflection by David Bonny

I am sure many of us can remember these wise words found in Proverbs 3:5–6:

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.”

On Sunday 19th July, I preached about enduring. Sometimes, when we look at our circumstances and do not understand the trials and tribulations we are going through, we may reach the point of wanting to give up—to throw in the towel. It is essential at those moments to look up and remember that the Lord is sovereign and has got it all in hand.

We need to remind ourselves of Romans 8:28: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” In other words, trust him and endure.



Approaching Lee Abbey, North Devon.

The plain truth is that we may never understand why we have gone through trials, but we need to remind ourselves firmly that God is faithful to all his promises. This is our call: to walk by faith and not by sight. I suggested that, alongside spiritual input, we need to take care of ourselves physically. This includes rest, relaxation and trying to remove ourselves from the problems and stresses of everyday life.

My wife and I had not been away for around two years, and my battery was about to run out. The hot spell was taking its toll, so we booked four nights away in an apartment on the south coast for the following week. At the last minute, due to doubts, we cancelled and had nowhere to go. I had almost given up hope that we would go away at all, but the Lord had other and far better plans!

He led my wife to the [Lee Abbey](#) website, a Christian retreat in North Devon, where we had possibly been four times before. Miraculously, they had two places on a course that interested us both, so I instantly booked us in.

It is hard to describe how peaceful, relaxing and refreshing it was to be away at Lee Abbey. The weather was cooler and certainly more comfortable. As you can see from the photos, the scenery was fantastic and spoke of an awesome Creator. You may have noticed that I am a great fan of food, and it was wholesome and plentiful!



Each day after breakfast, there was a time of worship, then we all went to our different groups. Our course was about what kind of communicators we were. Before we set off to Devon, we had to answer loads of questions, and the results showed us where we had strengths and weaknesses. I laughed when I saw my results, as they were so accurate. It really helped me to understand those around me and highlighted where perhaps I need to brush up!

The afternoons were free for us to relax, explore and even get a bit of exercise. In the evenings, there was always some entertainment as a group. We met so many brothers and sisters from different denominations and places. I often had a deep sense of having met people before, even though I had not. It was almost like the Holy Spirit within us was communicating.

I am certain that God, by his sovereign will, took us to the place he wanted us to be! When we headed home, my battery was well and truly topped up. I would encourage you to think about going away to such a place if it is possible; there are many dotted around the UK.



Whatever you do, remember to trust the Lord and endure! Hallelujah.



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CHURCH *Barbecue*

SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST

AFTER THE SERVICE



Everyone welcome!
Let's enjoy food, fellowship
and good company together.



TOGETHER IN FAITH • TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP

Coming Up at SABC

Save The Date ♡



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Thursday 24th September – Time TBC

Your voice, our future. Join us for our Annual General Meeting where members have the opportunity to shape the life and vision of SABC together.

Come along, have your say, and be part of what God is doing in and through our church. ♡

More details to follow.



Church Life



Sunday 11th October – Harvest Festival

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



Guest Speaker



Sunday 15th November – David Harper

We look forward to welcoming David Harper – TV presenter, antiques expert, and author – as he shares his inspiring testimony of faith and life.

A morning not to be missed! ♡



Life at SABC

Join us through the week

Mondays

Craft Club – 1.30-3.30pm

Prayer Meeting – 7.00-8.00pm

Tuesdays

Tiddlers and Church Club

Taking a Summer Break

Back in September

Wednesdays

Prayer, Worship & Reflection – 2.00-3.00pm

Bible Study – 3.30-4.30pm – *Back in September*

August at SABC

Guest Speaker from Chosen People Ministries

Sunday 2nd August – 10.30am

Fellowship BBQ

Sunday 2nd August

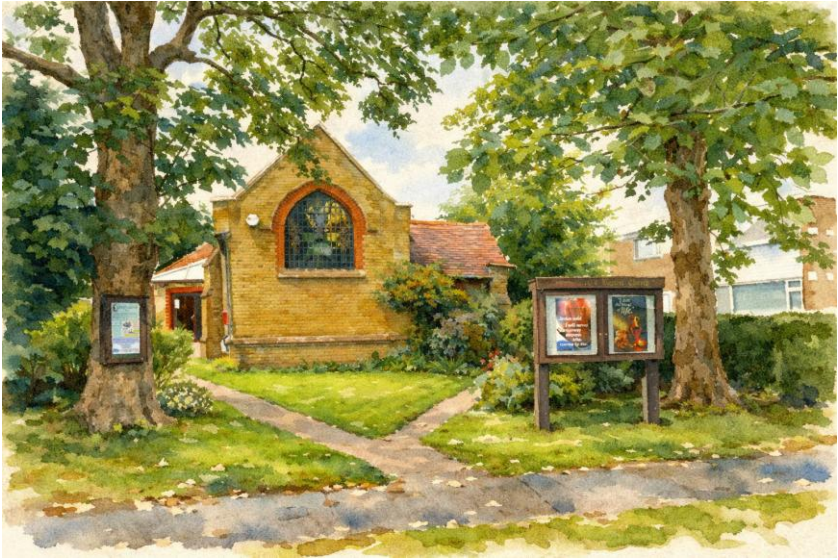
Straight after the service

Guest Speaker: David Hazeldene

Sunday 23rd August – 10.30am

Prayer for Israel

Thursday 27th August – 2.00-3.00pm



Sunday Service: 10.30am

Everyone Welcome

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