



ST. ANDREWS
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Where does courage come from?



The Call to Courageous Christian Living

by Sandra Gibbons

In May, Penny, Marilyn, Margrit and myself attended a Christian conference at The Pleasance, Overstrand, entitled *The Call to Courageous Christian Living*.

There were five meetings each day with a variety of speakers, but the main conference theme was led by Charlie Riddleston and Steve Lloyd. Although they came from different backgrounds, both share a prophetic ministry focused on proclaiming the name of Jesus and preparing Christians for His return.

Throughout the conference, the message was clear: the courage we need for Christian living comes from God's word and His Spirit. We were encouraged by scriptures such as **Deuteronomy 31:6**, **Psalms 27:4** and **Psalms 31:24**, which remind us to be strong and trust in the Lord.

Many of the subjects covered were close to my own heart, including prophecy, Israel, end-times evangelism and the great need for Christians to **pray**. The talks proclaimed and extolled scripture, wisdom from God's word and great encouragement from the promise of Jesus – strength from Jesus as we walk and live with Him.



Some of the conference themes included:

- Courage to form societies
- Courage to press on
- Courage to go
- Courage to trust God in the last days
- Courage to read and understand the book of Revelation
- Courage to use God's gifts
- Courage to support Israel
- Courage when facing persecution
- Courage to fight – or not to fight
- Courage to be a martyr

Today Christians are called 'for such a time as this'. When we see wars and rumours of war, Jews returning to the land of Israel, increase of antisemitism worldwide, God gives us an antidote 'Do not fear, trust in Jesus'. As I reflected on the conference, I was struck by how God has been bringing similar messages to us at SABC through the preaching of Mike, Cliff and others. The challenge for all of us is this:

How will we respond to what God is saying to us? (2 Corinthians 4)



Photo taken by Margrit of the Cromer Lighthouse

The unity of the group worship with mostly old hymns with a strong gospel message, highlighted for me how God covers us from childhood, guiding us, and drawing us near. Always showing how in weakness and poverty, lack of wisdom and sinfulness, God continues to bless and guide us onto paths – sometimes difficult but always leading to a greater understanding of God's purposes.

During mealtimes and coffee breaks it was easy to relate to other attendees exchanging testimonies and sharing experiences – times of encouragement which sums up the whole experience of the conference.

I must not leave out the afternoon free times, walking along the coastal paths, visiting Cromer, enjoying the seaside. There was an opportunity to pass on a small Christian newspaper and practice outreach.

I would highly recommend attending a Christian conference if you are planning a short break. There is another conference planned in Conwy this September. Spending time with fellow believers, learning together and encouraging one another is a wonderful experience.

I thoroughly enjoyed the conference and came away both challenged and excited.



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In Loving Memory of Dorothea Marx



It was with sadness, yet great thankfulness to God, that we said farewell to Dorothea recently at a service celebrating her remarkable 97 years of life.

Born in Silesia in 1929, Dorothea experienced the upheaval of war before coming to Britain as a young woman. She trained as a nurse and midwife, raised her family with Klaus, and devoted her life to serving others.

Above all, Dorothea loved the Lord Jesus.

Prayer was woven into every part of her life, and she never lost her confidence in God's faithfulness. Whether supporting mission work, distributing Bibles, encouraging friends, or praying faithfully for family and church, her desire was always that others would know the love of Christ.

Many will remember her warm smile, her interest in people, and her frequent words of encouragement. Even in her later years, when dementia limited much of what she could say, her trust in God remained clear. One of her favourite responses when prayer requests seemed unanswered was simply: "Well, we'll pray on!"

We thank God for Dorothea's faithful witness and the example she leaves behind. A full copy of the tribute shared at her funeral is available for anyone who would like to read more of her remarkable story.

***"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."
James 5:16***

Coming Up at SABC

Save The Date ♥



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.



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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.

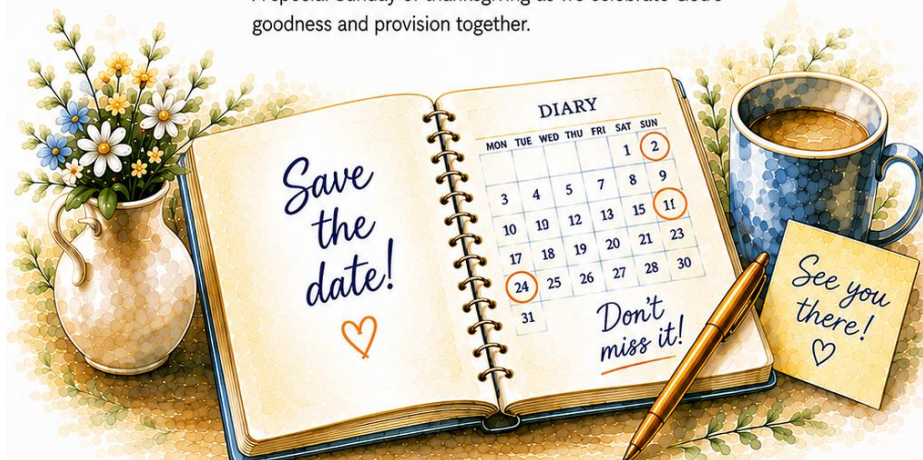


Church Life



Sunday 11th October – Harvest Festival

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



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

July at SABC

Cream Tea at SABC

Saturday 11th July – 2-5pm

Sunday Guest Speaker: Mark Allaway

Sunday 12th July – 10.30am

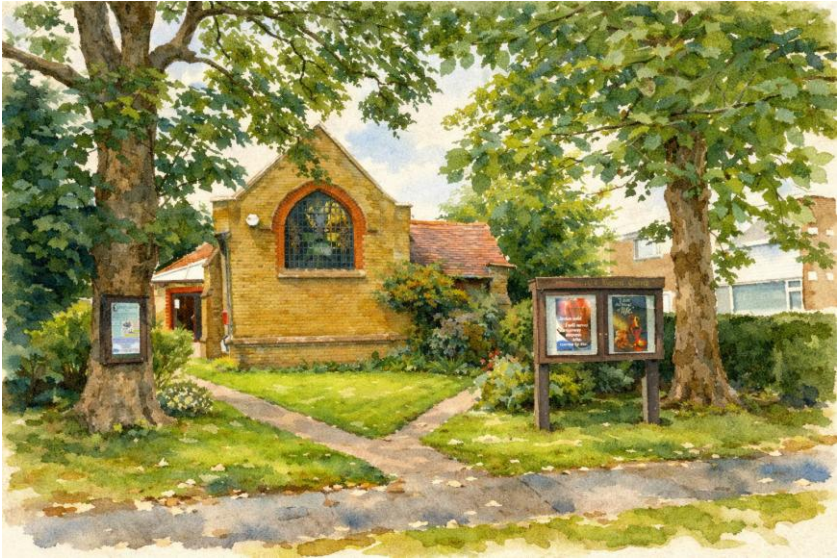
Men's Breakfast

Guest Speaker: Matt McLaren

Saturday 18th July – 9am

Prayer for Israel

Thursday 23rd July – 2.00-3.00pm



Sunday Service: 10.30am

Everyone Welcome

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