

# SWANBANK NEWSLETTER

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

## WELCOME!

A warm welcome to all those visiting us today.  
We hope that you enjoy worshipping with us and will come again.

Large print copies of this notice sheet are available on the Welcome desk.

## GET CONNECTED

We would like all newcomers and visitors to feel welcome amongst us. We have welcome packs which tell you more about us and would love to meet you at the Welcome Desk after the service, so we can get to know you!

We have a hearing loop which is situated (as you look at the stage) down the left hand side of the church.

Information on our weekly activities can be found on the Welcome Desk at the back of the church and on the Foyer Desk or chat to one of our Welcomers.

### Today:

9.00am – Fred Boateng  
10.30am – Lauren Brabbs  
6.15pm – Lauren Brabbs

### Next Sunday:

9.00am – Janeth Johnson  
10.30am – Kathryn Stephens  
6.15pm – Kathryn Stephens

## This Week

**Lent Bible Study:** Held weekly throughout the season of Lent, on Wednesdays in the Coffee Lounge from 7.00am – 8.00am. Breakfast will be available afterwards.

**Songs of Sunset:** A Concert in aid of Stoke on Trent Food Bank featuring the Biddulph Male Voice Choir and SwanBank Gospel Choir. On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6.00pm at SwanBank. Tickets cost £10 (which includes a hot meal) A very limited number are left and can be purchased through Alison in the office.

**'Women Unite' Event:** Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> from 10.00am – 4.00pm. 'He knows your name'. You are invited to a great day of fellowship, powerful testimony and ministry. Bring a packed lunch – drinks provided. To book email [paynebarbara7@gmail.com](mailto:paynebarbara7@gmail.com) or phone 07757 747581. At Alsager Community Church, 5 Lawton Rd, ST7 2AA. See poster in foyer for more information.

## Coming up

**Easter Outreach:** This year, we are doing our usual Creme Egg Giveaway. We'll meet at in the Reception Area at SwanBank at 6.30pm, and walk out into Burslem as a group to offer invitations to our Easter Sunday service and to bless our community with Creme Eggs. As usual, we are asking for donations of Creme Eggs - please bring them with you on a Sunday or drop them into the office during the week.

As well as this, we will be decorating a number of stones and leaving them around Burslem. We'll be offering an Easter Egg to anyone who finds a stone around the local area and brings it with them to church on Easter Sunday. We are hoping this will be another way of encouraging people from the local community to engage in our Easter services. We are asking people to donate £1 towards the Easter Eggs.

**Easter Services:** We would love for you to engage with as many of these as possible - these are all important opportunities to reflect on the story, and celebrate what God has done for us in Jesus.

Maundy Thursday - 7.30pm Communion Service @ SwanBank

Good Friday - 11am @ SwanBank, 8.00pm Communion Service @ Sneyd Hill

Easter Sunday - 6am Communion Service @ Sneyd Hill. 9am, 10am, 11.15am & 6.15pm @ SwanBank.

## Other

**Mango Ministries:** Bruce and Sharon Oliver have been sent out as ordained ministers to reach into the World with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Having been pastors in the UK for over 17 years they now are active in East and West Africa, Asia and Europe. A feature of the ministry has been breakthroughs into 'difficult' regions with signs, wonders and miracles opening the door into closed communities and witnessing Holy Spirit encounters that transform individual lives. Bruce and Sharon are committed to equipping others to fulfil the great commission and regularly take mission teams out with them into Africa.

They are putting out an appeal for unwanted smart mobile phones and laptops to give to young pastors and workers that they are training up and discipling in remote places. New ones cost around £80 where they work in Africa and Asia. If you have any unlocked phones that you no longer use, please can you consider donating them and drop them into Alison at the office. Thank you.

**Gardener/Facilities Assistant vacancy** - If God has given you an ability and love for gardening; the desire to nurture all things flora; then UCB may have an opportunity for you. They are looking for a skilled and experienced gardener with enthusiasm and willingness, who will work well as part of a small team and be prepared to take on additional responsibility as the need of the team dictates. **Closing date** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at noon. Further details, a job description and application form can be found on our website – [www.ucb.co.uk/jobs](http://www.ucb.co.uk/jobs)

**FoodBank Donation - Swan Bank Methodist Church:** On behalf of our Foodbank, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation in February 2020. At the moment our warehouse is particularly short of the following items: UHT Milk, Pasta Sauce, Tinned Tuna, Tea Bags [40's & 160's], Tinned Desserts, Chocolate. If you could help with any of those items for next month we would be very grateful.

## Prayer & Pastoral

**Prayer Enews:** If you have any prayer requests for the weekly enews, please ring Chris Guntripp on 07968 229684. Please note that consent will be needed from any named individuals. These prayers will also be shared at the weekly **Monday 9am prayer meeting**; to which all are most welcome.

**Emergency Prayer Chain:** We also operate a prayer chain for emergency prayer requests. Please contact Chris Guntripp on 07968 229684 or Rob Tunnicliff on 817741 for more information.

**Weekly notice sheet (Email version):** If you would like to receive this notice sheet each week by email, please contact Alison on [alison@swanbank.org.uk](mailto:alison@swanbank.org.uk) with your full name, email address and phone number.

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