



A Passion for Jesus - A Love for Others

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Sunday 14th April 2024

Today's Speaker: Frank Parker

Leading Worship: Tom & Rosemary Batts

The Disciples Called - Luke 5:1-11 & 27-32

Please join us for refreshments downstairs after the service

WAVES- Important News

Last week I received a phone call and a letter from Gerry Howitt, the Chair of WAVES with the following sad news

Dear Andy

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you of some difficult news regarding WAVES Seaford. Despite the unwavering dedication and tireless efforts of our team and trustees, it is with regret that we have reached a point where our financial resources have been depleted, and we are faced with the unavoidable reality of having to close our doors on the 30th of April, 2024.

Over the past three months, significant transformations have taken place within our organization in an effort to streamline our operations and reduce costs without compromising the quality of the essential services we provide. Regrettably, despite all these measures and diligent cost-cutting initiatives, we have been unable to secure the critical funding needed to sustain our operations in accordance with the financial guidelines set by the charity commission.

The news has been shared this week with current WAVES clients and supporters. The staff team were informed last week before it came into the public domain.

WAVES was originally set up as a charity by SBC members, and I know many people from our congregation have contributed to the work of WAVES over the last 25 years. We hope to mark that in some way, to be decided with the current trustees. I would also ask you to pray for the staff, volunteers and trustees over the next month as they wind up the charity; please pray for wisdom and discernment as we consider how the work amongst families may continue. There are still many families in our community who need support and help; if this is an area where you have expertise, and have a real passion for sharing your Christian faith, by putting love into action, then please speak to one of the Leadership Team.

From a practical point of view, if you are contributing to WAVES by a regular standing order, you will need to cancel that payment yourself with your bank. You may wish to reallocate those funds to SBC as we discern how we can continue to support families in Seaford.

Andy

Church Diary

Sunday 14th April

Prayer Changes Things @4pm - Etherton Hall

Tuesday 16th April

**Oasis @ 2.15pm - Etherton Hall - Barnabas Aid
Church AGM @ 7.30pm - Auditorium**

Thursday 18th April

Held @ 9:45am - Lounge

Friday 19th April

**Sallywags @ 9.30am - Hall
Hive Youth Groups @ 5pm-9pm**

Sunday 21st April

Youth Service @ 5pm - Auditorium

Our duty Leadership Team member today is Jim Howell

Pastoral Prayer: Please pray for Frank Parker, that God would continue to give him strength and that he would know that the Lord is the stronghold of his life. (Psalm 27:1)

Family Focus: Robin Harman, Daniel, Roisin, Elizabeth & Molly Harmer, Fred & Hazel Harriott, Chris & Shirley Hearn, Jeff & Jo Herring and Family, Laurie Holland, Valerie Holmes, Helen Howard, Jim & Janet Howell.

If you want to make a direct payment/donation/standing order to the church the church account details are **sort code: 20-49-76 Acct no: 00143618**



Thank you to all those who contributed money and flowers to make our church a beautiful and joyful place as we celebrated Easter. Jenny and the flower team.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 16th April @ 7.30pm

The Agenda has been sent to members and is posted on noticeboards. Please make every effort to attend

Our Trusty cleaner Jemma is leaving us (for which we are very sad) so there is a Vacancy for a church cleaner.

Seven hours per week by arrangement. Please contact the office or the Trust Secretary if you are interested

CLEANER WANTED



For those of you who use Facebook please take a look at the Early Birds new Facebook. **Early Birds Pre-School SBC**, the more 'likes' and 'followers' it gets the higher its profile becomes.

Please keep praying for the children, their parents and carers and the staff team because the Summer Term is about to start.



Splash Art Group
Saturday 20th April
9.30 - 12 noon in the hall
All Welcome



Big thanks to Alex and team for running the Holiday Club last week. Around 40 children ages 4 to 11 attended and a good time was had by all!

Oasis & Oasis Choir on Tuesday 16th April. Choir at 1.30pm, Oasis meeting at 2.15pm in the Etherton Hall. All welcome



Organising an Event for SBC?

If you are organising an event for SBC: Spiritual, Musical, Social, Financial please;

1. Consult the relevant Leadership Member.
2. Consult Richard about dates, use of premises and insurance.
3. Give it publicity (having checked wording and pictures with 1 above) WITH ALL of Penny (Notices), News Update and Prayer Focus (Peter), Website (Naomi), Facebook and Instagram (Alex), Noticeboards and Outside Posters (Office), Fliers and Seaford Scene (Peter) as relevant! (or ask Peter White to assist).

Don't Hide your Light under a Bushel!

Pian-o-thon

Ringmer Village Hall – Saturday 13 April 2024
10 am – 3 pm Jack Hart Hall



Support Daphne Starnes as she raises funds to support & equip a school in Eswatini, via Challenge Ministries Swaziland (charity no 1162211)

Daphne will play your favourite hymns & choruses for a small donation. You can also sponsor items for the school, bring your spare change to help fund the surrounding fencing & support the stall holders on the day selling crafts, cakes and spare library books.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day including a light lunch from 12 noon to 1.30 pm.

To sponsor Daphne or for more information contact Daphne Starnes on 07776119342 or daphney@bougheyplace.org.uk
<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/RBCPianothon>



Church Flowers
Iris Overton

JOINT FUNDRAISER EVENT

FOR THE MERCREAD YOUTH CENTRE AND THE YOUTH COUNSELLING PROJECT
AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

THE UNMISTAKABLE BLUES BROTHERS



PAYING BAR PROVIDED BY MARTELLO ROTARY TAVERN

13th April | 7:30 pm
Tickets: £10 | Mercread Youth Centre, Seaford BN25 1AB

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TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED HERE:
[HTTPS://WWW.SEAFOORDTOWNCOUNCIL.GOV.UK/MAYORS-PAGE/](https://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/mayors-page/) OR BY USING THE QR CODE PROVIDED.

