

This Weeks activities			Daily Bible Reading
Mon 24 th			Psalm 95, 97-99
Tues 25 th		Bible Study 8.00 pm via Zoom	2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles. 21-22 Psalm 30
Wed 26 th			Psalm 108-110
Thurs 27 th			1 Chronicles 23-25
Fri 28 th		Girls & Boys Brigades JCH and FMH 6.30- 9.30 pm	Psalm 131, 138-139, 143-145
Sat 29 th			1 Chronicles 26-29 Psalm 127
Sun 30 th	10.30 am Sunday Morning Service Followed by Church Meeting		Psalm 111-118

A prayer for the week ahead

We praise you, God of all time, for speaking to us through the tongues of Pentecost, for stirring our longings with the inclusiveness of Pentecost. for uniting our communities with the inclusivity of Pentecost. Fill our lives, we pray with the enormity of Pentecost, until they overflow with compassion and commitment to care for and celebrate all creation of the glory of your name. Amen.



Sutton Week

Sutton Baptist Church

If you would like to find out more about the Church, please contact our Minister Pam or visit our website.

NOTICE SHEET Pentecost Sunday 23rd May 2021

10.30 am Morning Communion Service in-person and Zoom
The Book of ACTS
Scripture readings: Acts 1:1-11 and Acts 2:1-13

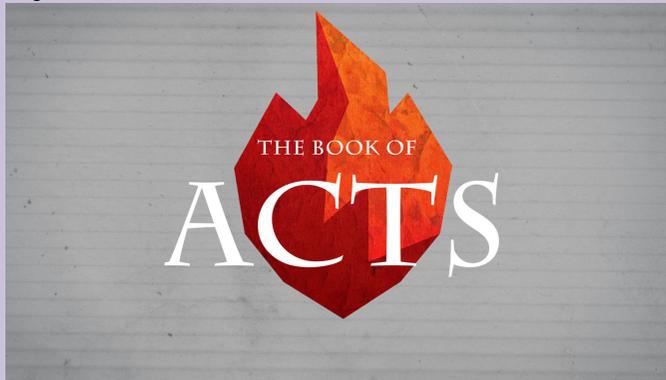
PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER



This week please pray for the following Church family:

Mon	Doris Thurling
Tues	Anna Whitfield
Wed	Carole Adams
Thurs	Ivy Ampofoa
Fri	Ohemaa Ampofoa

Introducing ACTS



This Sunday we are starting a new series, the study into the book of Acts. It is always helpful to have some background knowledge or remind yourself about this book. Theologians believe Acts to have been written by Luke one of the direct chosen Disciples of Jesus, and a close friend to Paul. Luke was a doctor, and for those of you who have read through Paul's letters you might have noticed that Luke accompanies Paul on all of his travels across sea. Luke's style of writing and attention to detail is precise and factual. He takes time to listen on the occasions he wasn't present to record accurately the version of events he is recording.

We know that the gospels focus on the story of Jesus up to his ascension, and the epistles and the book of Revelations are written to fully fledged churches. Acts if you like, is the glue and is the only book in the New Testament that describes the earliest events in the Christian Church, without Acts it would be difficult to tell where these churches came from.

Luke skilfully connects what Jesus had begun to do by explaining Jesus' history and how it's taken on board; and we then see the growth of Christianity. The Birth of the Christian Church in the book of Acts is very much a book to give us life lessons on Church unity and its inclusivity.

In the past Luke was criticised for papering over the many cracks and divisions within the early Church communities, because he doesn't focus heavily on divisions within the Church like Paul. But what is clear is that Luke gathers history and builds everything on his learnings of Jesus. One last thing to note about the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts is that they are continued writings to a man named Theophilus and Luke's gospel is considered for many the part one and Acts the part two.

Pam

Baptism - Have you been baptised?



Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptised by John, he was baptised by full immersion. Baptism is an integral part in the life of a Christian.

If you would like to explore Baptism and its importance within your Christian journey, please speak to Pam, who would love to chat.

The Flowers you give - give someone comfort.



If you would like to donate flowers for our Sunday service in memory of or in celebration of, please give Janet a ring.

Today's flowers have been donated by Andrew and Morag.

Week of Prayer for faith communities in China 23-30 May



Join us in praying protection over churches in China and freedom of religion or belief for every citizen. CSW have produced lots of resources with prayer points to get you started, which you can download for free.

We believe in a God of mercy and miracles, who loves to answer our prayers - so we're trusting that big things will happen when we join together for a week of prayer over the nation of China!

[Download your China Week of Prayer resources here.](#)