

# Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church

## September 2024 Newsletter

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Morning Service 10.30 am.</b> (Communion on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday each Month)		<b>Evening Services.</b> To be Announced
<b>Monday</b>		<b>Ladies Fellowship.</b> 2pm-4pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month.	<b>Bible Study</b> – Every two weeks, Speak to Liz for Zoom link.
<b>Tuesday</b>			<b>Deacons Meeting</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in the month or as Arranged.
<b>Wednesday</b>		<b>Craft &amp; Chat</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the Month. 2pm -4pm	<b>Church Meetings</b> to be announced.
<b>Thursday</b>			
<b>Friday</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Prayer Breakfast</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday in the Month Breakfast 9.00-9.30am Prayer 9.30-10.00 am.		<b><u>PLEASE NOTE: SEPTEMBER PRAYER BREAKFAST IS ON 7<sup>TH</sup></u></b>

Sunday Flowers	Donated by
1st September	Angela Lawrence.
8th September	
15 <sup>th</sup> September	In loving memory of a dear Mum, Dad, Grandma and Grandad, from Pauline, John, David and Families.
22nd September	
29 <sup>th</sup> September	
<b>Flower Secretary</b>	<b>Please contact Pauline or Susan to donate flowers 655615</b>

<b>OTHER EVENTS</b>	
<b>Visiting Minister's 1<sup>st</sup> Simon, 8<sup>th</sup> Liz, 15<sup>h</sup> Steve, 22<sup>th</sup> John Jaiyesimi. 29<sup>th</sup> Canon K Partington</b>	
Minister	
Secretary	John Stephenson 655615 07908340697
Treasurer & Assistant	Frances Brown & Chris Garner
Caretaker	Pauline Stephenson 655615
Craft & Chat	Frances Brown 306307
Prayer Breakfast	Frances Brown 306307
Ladies Fellowship	Frances Brown 306307
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*Hello Everyone*

*August seems to have flown past incredibly quickly, and some folk really had severe withdrawal symptoms when the Olympic Games were over. Although it was not without its controversial moments. Has there ever been an Olympics to compare with London 2012?*

*One interesting fact: in the original Olympic games in Greece (which were held in honour of Zeus), the prize was only for the person who won. Herod the Great had a burning desire to have some importance in the Roman world. He too promoted an international games event every four years, held in Israel. To entice more athletes to come, Herod awarded additional prizes for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – hence we have Gold, Silver and Bronze.*

*On a different note, altogether – a recent experience in the garden taught me a good lesson on judging a tree by it's fruit (or not, in this case). Just on the bend above our drive there is a beautiful wild Yorkshire Rose. It has been there over 20 years. About 12 years ago a rose self-seeded just by our window. I was so pleased. The only rose in the neighbourhood was this white one, so I tended it, and looked forward to it getting established and having lots of white roses. It certainly grew, but it was vicious – lots of thorns and no flowers. After a few years of hoping and nurturing, finally that hope was lost and I realised it wasn't going to happen. It grew like mad and attacked anyone who went near it – usually me. How I wished I had never let it take root! Out came the secateurs for some terminal pruning! I couldn't get the root out. I cut it back to soil level – but within a couple of weeks it was back. This has gone on for a good few years. The day dawned last week to redesign this little patch, to flatten the soil, put plastic down, pebbles on top and planters on top of that. Serious excavation is taking place – that root is coming out!*

*About six years ago we noticed another shrub appeared unplanted. I knew I recognised the leaves. It grew into a beautiful purple buddleia which attracted lots of butterflies.*

*The truth here is that we can't always judge by first impressions. I didn't get over-excited about the buddleia – but this is the one that has lovely flowers and brings the delightful butterflies into the garden. We need to see the fruit of the tree/plant/whatever before we allow things to take root in our lives. If I want a special plant, I need to buy one with a picture of it on the label! I know this is just a silly story about a plant, but I hope you understand the point. There are so many things that we can take easily into our lives, and not till later do we sometimes realise the consequences are not what we expected, and not always positive.*

*Jesus said "... every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit" (Matt 7:17) And King Solomon warns on a similar theme "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it" (Prov 4:23)*

*Every blessing to all, Liz*