

Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church

February Newsletter 2024

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday	Morning Service 10.30 am (Communion on 2nd Sunday)		Evening Services To be Announced
Monday		Ladies Fellowship. 2pm - 4pm 1 st Monday of the month	Bible Studies — Every two weeks. Speak to Liz for Zoom link
Tuesday			Deacons Meeting 2 nd Tuesday in the month
Wednesday		Craft & Chat 2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays of the month. 2pm - 4pm	Church Meetings to be announced.
Thursday			
Friday			
Saturday	Prayer Breakfast 2 nd Saturday in the month Breakfast 9.00-9.30am Prayer 9.30-10.00am..		

Sunday Flowers	Donated by
4th February	In Loving memory of my dear husband Brian, from Angela.
11 th February	In loving memory of a dear mum, Elaine & David.
18 th February	In Loving memory of my dear husband Wesley, from Eileen.
25 th February	In loving memory of dad, Nicky
Flower Secretary	Please contact Pauline or Susan to donate flowers 655615

OTHER EVENTS	
Visiting Preachers:- 4th Steve Daniel; 11th Liz Hardy; 18th No service; 25th Simon Shaw	
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
Prayer Chain—Contact	Frances Brown 306307 Frances Brown E-Mail frankiebrown51@hotmail.co.uk

Dear Friends,

An interesting fact I discovered about two special days in February, Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day, is how rarely they fall on the same day. The last time was 2018 and before that it was 1945! For those who give up chocolate for Lent, but also get chocolates for Valentine's Day, it is good news that it does not happen very often. At least there is no restriction on flowers during Lent so they can be a good substitute Valentine's Day present.

Personally, I prefer to do something positive for Lent, rather than giving something up. This year my intention is to try and do at least one helpful or encouraging activity every day. It might not be anything very big, but even something small can mean a lot to somebody. That's my aim anyway, I will do my best!

Both Lent and Valentine's Day are when we think about love. One is about romantic love, the other about sacrificial love. We focus for one day on the romance of Valentine's Day, but the forty days of Lent take us forward to the special time of Easter, when we remember the loving sacrifice that Lord Jesus made for us. In early centuries, Lent was observed with a very strict fast. Only one meal a day was eaten, usually in the evening. Also, meat, fish, eggs and milk products were forbidden. Thankfully, even if fasting takes place, the restrictions are not so extensive these days. The main purpose of Lent is to focus on the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, fasting and praying then being tempted by the devil when he was physically weak.

Jesus was able to counter all the temptation by quoting from scripture. This should be an inspiration for us to study the Bible, so that we are able to stand on God's Word when we go through testing times. If this is something that is not part of your life and you would very much like to learn and understand more about the Bible, please talk to one of the Deacons and they will be very glad to help find the best way forward for you. Learning and exploring God's Word can be a really transforming experience, there is so much more to find out than what we hear on Sunday morning in church.

Every blessing,
Frances

