

# BULLETIN

JUNE AND JULY 2019



**EARLSWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

*Then, when we are presented choices to work in the life of someone who is standing right in front of us, we'll choose to save that life, rather than destroy it."*

God, in this new day ahead, let my choices reflect your grace and goodness. May I choose to save life, rather than destroy it, just as I have been blessed by your healing touch.

Amen.

Words of life, words of hope  
give us strength, help us cope;  
in this world where'er we roam  
God's ancient words will guide us home.

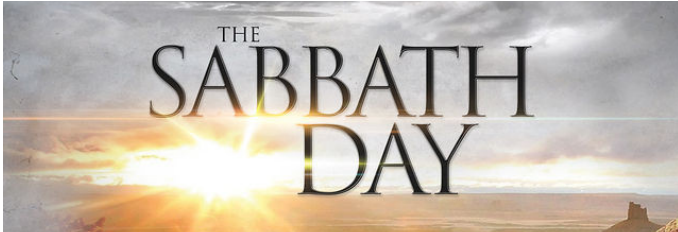
from "Ancient Words" by Lynn Deshazo (2001)

Adapted from d365.org



**Church Meeting  
followed by  
Bring and Share Lunch**

**May 19th  
After the morning service**



Sabbath \ SA – bihth \ noun

A special day of resting that we think we're bigger than, even though God is not.

from Crazy Talk: A Not-So-Stuffey Dictionary of Theological Terms (2008)

Jesus returned to the synagogue. A man with a withered hand was there. Wanting to bring charges against Jesus, they were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. He said to the man with the withered hand, "Step up where people can see you." Then he said to them, "Is it legal on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they said nothing.

Mark 3:1-4

Tony Vincent writes:

*"There is a portion of a prayer that I pray often in the morning that goes something like this: "God, make me mindful that you are already out in this new day ahead and that I need to join you in your work in our world." These words of Jesus from our scripture remind me of that today. Every day we are presented with hundreds, if not thousands, of choices. How we respond to the people right in front of us every day says a lot about our understanding of God in our world working through us.*

*Sabbath is about giving God space to work in our lives, to strengthen and prepare us to be the people God is calling us to be.*

# REPORTS FOR THE CHURCH MEETING

## **EASTER:**

The Easter period was, as usual, a busy time with our Good Friday service, the March of Witness, Easter Sunday Sunrise Service and our Easter Sunday Family Service, All of these were well attended, with the good weather especially helping the outdoor services.

## **TODDLERS:**

Toddlers is continuing to go well with a group of regulars attending.

## **SPARK:**

Spark numbers are a little down at the moment but this is not uncommon for the Summer term. We are thinking a lot about the shape of Spark in the future and one area we are investigating is a collaboration with another church for youth club that our older Spark children would attend.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

As always the number vary week to week but the sessions are well received by the children.

## **FF@3:**

We continue to get a regular number of around 25 to 30 adults and children. The April FF@3 was cancelled due to a clash with Earlswood Carnival and it looks like we will be changing the date for the June as this clashes with a community event in Memorial Park.

## **COFFEE CLUB:**

Coffee Club continues to thrive and is well supported both by our own church family and those that live locally.

## **HOUSE GROUP:**

House Group continues on a Tuesday evening with good attendance. We are currently meeting in the church to accommodate numbers.

## **FABRIC:**

Nothing to report.

## **CHILD PROTECTION:**

Nothing to report.

# INFORMATION

## **PRAYER:**

There is an open invitation for prayer at the end of each morning service. If you would like prayer, with or without the anointing of oil, then please make your way to the front row of chairs during our closing songs.

## **PARENTS:**

Could we remind you to collect your children from Sunday School straight after the service. The team need to pack away and cannot assume responsibility for children after the service.

## **HEARING AID USERS:**

We have a hearing loop; please turn your hearing aid to the setting "T".

## **FAMILY FUN @ 3**

Please come along and support this family orientated, community congregation on May 25<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> from 3.00pm - 5.00pm. If you are able to join us as a volunteer "Enabler" it would be great to see you. If you would like some flyers to hand to family or friends then please see Jonathan.

## **HOUSE GROUP:**

House Group meets each Tuesday evening at 8pm. Please speak to Jonathan or Jon for the venue.

## **COFFEE CLUB:**

Coffee Club meets every other Friday at 10.30am for the more "senior" members of our fellowship and community. There will be tea, coffee, cake, board games and other fun activities. Coffee Club will meet on May 24<sup>th</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> and July 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July.

## **PRAYER:**

Regular prayer takes place at the Tuesday House Group and there is a Women's Prayer Meeting on Wednesday mornings in term-time. If you have specific prayer requests then please contact Jonathan.

## **"LITTLE ARK" TODDLER GROUP:**

Term-time Thursdays, from 9.00 till 11.30am. Speak to Maxine for more details.

## **SPARK:**

5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Thurs.  
For children in Reception to Yr3.

## **SPARK+:**

5.30pm - 6.30pm Term time Fridays.  
For children in Yr4 - Yr6.

## **HOLIDAY CLUB 2019:**

Holiday Club dates for 2019 are 29<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

## CALENDAR – JUNE & JULY 2019

### JUNE:

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Communion Service Led by Revd Jonathan Hardwick**  
 6.30pm Deacons Meeting  
 Tue 4<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Thu 6<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddler Group  
 5.30pm Spark  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Coffee Club  
 5.30pm Spark Plus  
**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship led by Jon Bartlett**  
 Tue 11<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Thu 13<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddler Group  
 5.30pm Spark  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Spark Plus  
 Sat 15<sup>th</sup> 3.00pm Family Fun @ 3  
**Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Family Service led by Revd Jonathan Hardwick**  
 Tue 18<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Thu 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddler Group  
 5.30pm Spark  
 Fri 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Coffee Club  
 5.30pm Spark Plus  
**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd Jonathan Hardwick**  
 Tue 25<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Thu 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddler Group  
 5.30pm Spark  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Spark Plus  
**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd Jonathan Hardwick**

### JULY:

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Thu 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddler Group  
 5.30pm Spark  
 Fri 5<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Coffee Club  
 5.30pm Spark Plus  
**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Communion Service led by Revd Jonathan Hardwick**  
 Tue 9<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Thu 11<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddler Group  
 5.30pm Spark  
 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Spark Plus  
**Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship led by Jon Bartlett**  
 Tue 16<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
 Thu 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Toddler Group  
 5.30pm Spark  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Coffee Club  
 5.30pm Spark Plus  
**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am Family Service led by Revd Jonathan Hardwick**  
 Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> 8.00pm House Group  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Morning Worship led by Revd Jonathan Hardwick**  
 Mon 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holiday Club  
 Tue 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Holiday Club  
 8.00pm House Group  
 Wed 31<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Holiday Club