

Looking into April.....

Friday & Saturday 5th & 6th April

Art and Craft Fayre at Central

Tuesday - Sunday 9th - 14th April

Spring Harvest for a number in our fellowship

And Beyond.....

Steve's Induction at Oakham - Saturday 18th May A sign up sheet will shortly be available to see how many hope to attend so that we can help sort transport

Ever felt you'd like to be involved but not sure how? Well why not..... consider whether you could 'sponsor' one of more of our young people who are going to Romania in the summer to help in a children's home. How encouraging that would be for them!

Senior Moments at Crowmoor - 6th, 7th and 8th August

Holiday Bible Club at Crowmoor - 19th - 23rd August 10 to 12.30am.....We urgently want people aged 18 and upwards to work with 40 or more children aged 5 to 11. We have lost a lot of leaders so will need more group leaders in order for the club to run. Please see Brian or Karen H for more info

Prayer Focus.....

- **Pray for all those who have recently lost loved ones, especially Paul G and Sunny D**, that they may know God's comfort and the kindness of family and friends
- **Let's continue to pray for all those with health problems, especially Tom & Ann M, Norma and Philip M, Mike B, David T, Bob B, Janet & Barry D, Nick G, Josh J, Anne M, Lynda & Thomas J, Sue T, Roger T, David W & others . Colin C has surgery on 9th March.**
- **Steve and Julie B** as they prepare to move house and begin work at Oakham.
- **Charles and the leadership team** as they serve God so faithfully here.
- **Some in our fellowship who have concerns about work, finances, relationships and decision making** - pray that as a fellowship we will share one another's burdens and encourage those who face huge challenges.
- Cover with your prayers all our **Easter events**, and **everyone** who enters either of our church buildings during Lent.

Good news... The March issue of the GOOD NEWS PAPER is of special interest to us because it contains a testimony from Roy and Cristina C. If you would like to pass on a copy or two to your non-Christian friends, please help yourself from the rack in the vestibule. A small team from the church visit local homes with the paper each month - if you would like to join them, talk to Peter R.

Who to Contact.....

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If you would like to give regularly towards the life and work of Shrewsbury Baptist Church we would encourage you to set up a standing order from your bank account and, if you are a tax payer, complete a gift aid form. You will find a form containing all the details you need on the welcome desk, or for more information please speak to one of the leadership team.

Shrewsbury Baptist Church is on
Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/ShrewsburyBaptistChurch>

A message from Steve & Julie.... 'A big, big thank you to everyone for your cards, generous gifts, words of encouragement and kindness – we really are overwhelmed. Thanks again for allowing us to share the adventure with you and for your love, friendship and prayers along the way. We'll stay in touch, Oakham is not that far away, and be assured of our prayers for you all. Steve and Julie.'

A warm welcome to Shrewsbury Baptist Church March 2013



**One church with two
buildings reaching out to
the community**



Our prayers and deep sympathy are very much with dear Sunny as she adjusts to life without her beloved Blake. Blake was such a caring, considerate and kindly husband, and a wonderful friend to many. We assure Sunny of our love, thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.

One off events this month

- ⌘ As we prepare for Easter you are warmly invited to a lunchtime series of **Stories for Lent, 'The Calvary Road'** with Beryl B, each Wednesday in March at 12:30 pm at Central. Please remember to bring your lunch and enjoy an inspirational story!
- ⌘ **Passionate about connecting with the community around Crowmoor?** Then come along to a meeting at Crowmoor on Saturday 9th March, 9:30 - 11:30 am to develop ideas for working in this area.
- ⌘ **Good Friday Communion Service** at Central at 10:00 am, followed by distribution of Easter bunnies with a Christian message in town.

Tim Judson Folk Evening
Friday 15th March

@ Central at 8:00 pm

Tim is a well known folk singer, and has sung at the Shrewsbury Folk Festival. A super evening to share with friends and neighbours. Tickets cost £5 and are available from Jude.

Don't miss it!

- ⌘ **Womens' World Day of Prayer, Friday 1st March, 10:30 am at Central, 'Praying for France'.**

Sunday Services in March....

Sunday 3rd March 2013 Three services today!

- 10:30 am **Morning Communion Service** Charles will be preaching from John 8:1-12 'A Crushing Shame'
5:00 pm **Worship Service at Central**
6:30 pm **Evening Worship at Crowmoor** with Emma B speaking: Colossians 3:1-17 'In Christ Dead to the Old, Raised to the New'

Sunday 10th March 2013 Mothering Sunday

- 10:30 am **All Age Service**, with Elise speaking: John 8:12-30 'The True Light'
6:30 pm **Evening Communion Service** James H will be speaking from Colossians 3:18-4:18 'Taking up the Cross Daily'

Sunday 17th March 2013 Church Vision and Prayer Day

- 10:30 am Charles will be leading our worship and speaking from John 10:1-13, 'The Shepherd', and there will be time for discussion, prayer and practical business, and also a church family lunch.
6:30 pm **Please note that there will NOT be an evening service.**

Sunday 24th March 2013 Palm Sunday

- 10:30 am **Morning Worship led by Charles**
6:30 pm **Evening Worship led by Roy E**

Sunday 31st March 2013 Easter Day Celebration

- 10:30 am **Christ is Risen! Morning Worship led by Charles**
6:30 pm **Easter Praise led by Charles**

We always love to meet new people so if you are a visitor please take a few moments to fill in a card on the Welcome Desk and give it to Charles or one of the leaders.

Please do stay after the morning service, and share time for a chat over tea or coffee.

At the end of the morning service there will be an opportunity to pray with the prayer team, in the office to the right of the church

Morning services are recorded on to CDs. Please speak to Alistair if you would like one.

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Sunday Morning Children's Groups - Shrewsbury Baptist NeXt Generation SBX

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Eva S, Norman G's sister, wrote these words: 'The secret of working with God is to trust him completely and leave the work to him, allowing him to use you as he will; not worrying if it appears that there is no work for you to do, for your time will come when it is right. Always being conscious that you wish to be used by him, keep your mind constantly turned toward him, resting in his presence'. Wise words indeed!

Regular mid week activities this month....

All activities take place at Crowmoor, unless otherwise stated

Activities for children

- Seedlings** Thursday mornings 10am - 11:30 am for all mums, carers, babies and toddlers
Little Fishes Tuesday mornings 10am - 11:30 am for all mums, carers, babies and toddlers at Central
Xtra Time Friday evenings at 6:30 pm and also 2 - 4:30 pm Saturday 16th March, fun for all primary aged children

Opportunities for prayer, discussion and refreshing

- Prayer & Praise Meeting** Wednesdays 6th & 20th March at 7:30 pm
Ladies Prayer Breakfast Next meet on Saturday 2nd March at 8:30 am
Oasis Ladies Bible Study Every Friday morning at 10:30 am all ladies welcome
Men's Prayer Time Every Friday at 7:00 am at Central, followed by breakfast at the Ploughboy
Small Groups Meet on various evenings, and various venues in the weeks beginning Monday 11th and 25th March. Please speak to Charles for more info
Soul Sisters Women's Discipleship Group - 7:30 pm Tuesday 12th March at Crowmoor, & on 26th for a social evening
Stories for Lent: 'The Calvary Road', with Beryl as the storyteller! Each Wednesday throughout March, 12:30 pm for an hour at Central, please bring your own lunch.

Opportunities for fun, relaxation and getting to know folk outside church

- Knitwits** Knitting at 7:30 pm Monday 4th March
First Tuesday 5th March coffee, cake & chat - everyone welcome!
INFG Curry Club 11th March at the Shalimar, 7:30pm, £9.95
CLEO 25th March, A Painting Evening
Coffee and Cake Every Tuesday between 12 and 2 pm at Central
Links Cafe Every Thursday and Friday 10 - 4 pm at Central
Music Group Mondays 4th and 18th March 7:30 pm at Crowmoor for all musicians and singers