Today's Stewards: AM Diana Stonell **PM** Paul Sadler.

This week's Diary

Sunday: **After Hours** - Secondary school aged youth are all welcome round to the Bakers' on Sunday evenings for snacks and drinks. 7.45-9pm.
Speak to Iain or Krista for more details.

Monday: **Toddlers.** 10 am -12 noon.

Wednesday: 7.45pm, at Abbey, we welcome **Andrej Kempczyński** from Poland.

Thursday: **Kickstart** 6pm.

Friday: **Abbey kids, 11up, Reboot.**

Cleaning

Saturday: Geoff & Beth, Simon & Rebecca, Edwin & Salome, Vicki.

Saturday 18th March. **Relationships seminar** At Wantage Baptist Church. 9.15-12.30pm. Free seminar for parents and carers to help them consider how to support children in making healthy choices in the world we now live in. For more information contact Iain Baker.

Welcome to Abbey Baptist Church!

Our morning service is led by our minister, Simon Hutton, who will be preaching from God's word continuing our series on the disciple Simon-Peter.

There is a staffed crèche for children aged 0-2.
Venturers for children aged 3-10 takes place during the service.

Our evening service starts at 6pm.
Simon is concluding our preaching series on doctrine.

Tea and Coffee are served after each service.
There is a loop system installed and printed copies of the songs are available.

- Our **regular youth groups** continue this week.
  Flyers are available and details are on diary on the back of this sheet.
- **Connect Groups** meet regularly during in local homes.
  All are welcome to join a group, please see Simon for more details.
- The **mission prayer meeting** is this Wednesday, 15th March at 7.45pm, when we will welcome Andrej Kempczyński from Poland.
- There is **social event** here on Saturday 25th March at 3pm. All welcome.
  If you would like to assist with catering please speak to Simon.
- The next **Quarterly Church Meeting** for church members is to be held on Wednesday 29th March at 7.45pm. Agendas will be available soon.
- There will be a **Good Friday** service here, 10.30am on 14th April led by Jim.
- **Easter Sunday** morning (16th April) is an All-Age-Service
- Online bookings are now open for the **Holiday Club** (Tues 18th – Thurs 20th April, 930-12noon. Year R-5. For more information, please see Beth or Simon.

Fishing for the truth: Rock solid **12/3/17 AM**

Peter stood up… raised his voice and addressed the crowd… 'God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah… Repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ' (Acts 2v14,36,38)

Simon-Peter's journey: from rock bottom to rock solid (Matthew 16v18)

- Last week – restored by Jesus' resurrection: forgiveness and grace
- Discipleship between the resurrection and second coming (Acts 1v11)

Taught by Jesus' word (Acts 1v3)

- An informed mind is vital for growth and service
    - A right understanding of God's kingdom (1v6, 2v30)
    - A right understanding of Jesus' death (2v23) and resurrection (2v32)
    - A right understanding of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ (2v36)
- Peter's preaching was based on Scripture (1v15-20, 2v14-36)

Commissioned by Jesus' authority

- A willing heart is vital for growth and service
- Jesus: 'all authority has been given to me' (Matthew 28v18)
- '*Therefore…'* Make disciples from all nations – baptised, taught to obey (v19)
    - Boldness in declaring the message (Acts 2v38) – 'every one of you!'

Empowered by Jesus' Spirit

- Jesus' promise to his disciples: I will be with you always (Matthew 28v20)
    - By his Spirit within us (Acts 1v8, 2v33, 38)
- A remarkable outpouring of the Spirit and demonstration of power (2v1-17)
    - An astonishing response (2v41)
- Don't quench the Spirit (1 Thess 5v19), be filled with the Spirit (Eph 5v18)

Coffee Cup Question:
Which of these three elements do you most need to be reminded of as you seek to make disciples for Jesus?

We believe… the last things (article 9) **12/3/17 PM**

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all his angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him and he will separate the people one from another… (Matthew 25v31-32)

Introduction: Justice and Righteousness (Psalm 97v1-6)

The King returns

- *We believe that, at a time known only to God, the Lord Jesus Christ will return to this earth with power and glory to raise the dead, both believers and unbelievers, and to judge all mankind.*
    - Revelation 1v7, 22v20; Matthew 24v30, 25v31-32
      Mark 13v32; Acts 1v9-11; Acts 17v31; Hebrews 9v27-28

Justice / Judgement

- *Unbelievers will hear the dreadful sentence of the righteous judge and go away to eternal punishment. We believe that the physical creation will be destroyed*
    - Matthew 25v41,46; Romans 2v5-11; 1 Peter 1v17; 2 Peter 3v10-12

Righteousness / Renewal

- *…and replaced by a perfect and glorious new creation where believers will be presented before God's presence without fault through the merits of Christ and will enjoy the eternal bliss of the new heavens and new earth.*
    - Col 1v20; Matt 25v31-34; 2 Peter 3v13; Jude 24-25; Rev 21v1-5

Applications…

- Eager anticipation of the age of righteousness (Galatians 5v5; Philippians 3v20)
- Living now in the light of eternity (Matt 24v14; 2 Peter 3v14; Romans 14v10-12)

Coffee Cup Question: Is it easier to be 'eagerly anticipating' the age to come at times when we are suffering than times when our circumstances are rosy? How can we maintain healthy anticipation at all times?