

## Arrows



We are all surrounded by arrows, not the ones that an archer may use with a bow, but arrows that show us which way to go. When we are walking, we will often look for signposts that point us in the direction we need to go. If we are driving, we will look for signposts to show us which road we need to take. If we are at a railway station, bus station, seaport or airport, we will look for arrows and signs to show us which way we need to go. These days many people use online maps or an app to show them which way they need to go, these have an arrow pointing in the direction required to reach the destination safely. Sometimes we decide that the direction they are being sent is the wrong way, this can often lead us to the wrong place. This is very frustrating for us, especially if we have a certain time to arrive.

As Christians, we believe that God is our arrow, as he shows us the way to live our lives for his glory. Throughout the Old Testament, many prophets spoke to the people around them, pointing out errors in the way they were living or behaving. They spoke about the way that God needed them to live for his glory. They spoke that one day, God would send his one and only Son to earth to show people the way. Gods' Son is Jesus, who came to earth around 2000 years ago, taught people and showed people how God (His Father) needed them to live their lives. Many people at the time failed to understand Jesus' teaching and asked him questions. Even his disciples, the 12 men he chose to learn directly from him, didn't understand what they were being told.

In John's Gospel in the New Testament, Jesus tells his disciples that one day he will leave them physically, but they are not to worry as they know where they are going. Thomas one of the disciples says, 'we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life'.

All the directions (or arrows) for how to live our Christian lives are in the bible. If you would like to know more, we would welcome the opportunity to talk with you at Stanground Baptist Church. We are on the corner of Church Street and Chapel Street. Please see our website for details of services and other activities [www.stangroundbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.stangroundbaptistchurch.org.uk)