

## Love Changes Everything

Love Changes Everything, is a song from the musical 'Aspects of Love' by Andrew Lloyd Webber and the title of this song is very true. Love does change everything for a person, it doesn't matter if that love is for a possession, your work, a place, a person or a belief. When we love one or more of these, it makes a big difference to our lives. We will make time for that love; we may even give up something else for that love. If we love a place, we will make time to go there often, if we love a person, we will make time to be with that person as often as possible. It is fair to say that over time our love for somethings changes, and we may even fall out of love with the thing, work, place or person. This of course, changes things in our lives as well and sometimes this is very hard for us to cope with.

Some people cope well with changes in their love situation and take it as a learning experience, part of life's tapestry some will say. Others find it very hard if someone or something they love is taken away from them and may even do bad or silly things in retaliation, which in the end does not help anyone.

We have recently celebrated Christmas, the time when as Christians, we celebrate the birth of God's promised one and only Son. God showed his love for the people and world he created by sending his Son Jesus into the world as a baby, born in far from ideal circumstances. Yet this was all part of God's plan to show his love for the world. 33 years later, God completed that stage of his plan, by allowing his Son Jesus to die on the cross for us. Then three days later he raised him from the dead and took him to heaven, where Jesus is still with God.

The love that God showed to those people around at that time, stayed the same, despite the way that some treated Jesus. God's love is still the same for each one of us today. The great thing about God's love is that we do not have to do anything to earn it, it is freely available to each one of us now. All we need to do is to ask for it. Just say in your head or out loud, 'Yes please God, I would like your love in my life'. God will then fill you with his love. This love then needs help to develop, and this help is available through our church or other Christian Churches.

In the bible this verse sums up these thoughts 'God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have enternal life' (John Chapter 3 verse 16).

We at Stanground Baptist Church welcome you to join us to find out more about God's love. Please see our website [www.stangroundbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.stangroundbaptistchurch.org.uk) for details of our services and contact information.

