

## Long Lasting

I think it is fair to say that we all want things that last a long time, whether it is a product such as a TV, car, chair etc or someone to share our love with. A couple of months ago we celebrated Christmas and you may have been lucky enough to receive a present or two as well as giving presents. Are they long lasting, or are they a use once and they are gone? You may have made a New Years resolution or two on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026, have you managed to keep to them, or have they dropped off your thinking?

February is a time many people think of love, especially around the 14<sup>th</sup> Valentines Day. This may be the day you decide to show your unending love for someone special; it may be a day that you confirm your unending love for someone special. This may be a day, when you hold on to the precious memories of someone you love, who you are no longer able to see.

In the Christian Church, we celebrate the Long Lasting and Unending love that God gives us, each day. The love that God gives us, is the same that it always has been. The same love that guided the Old Testament prophets, that gave the news to Mary and Joseph that they would have the privilege of caring for the infant Jesus, the same love that God poured out on the disciples at Pentecost to empower them to build the church, this same Long Lasting and Unending love is available to each one of us today. It has never changed and never will change.

We cannot physically see this love, but we can feel it through the power of the Holy Spirit touching us, through the words and actions of those around us, when they care for us. When they take time to be with us, when they share some food or drink when we need it. This is God using them to show His unending love.

After Jesus had been crucified and raised from the dead by God (his Father), and he knew it was time to return to heaven he gave his disciples this promise, 'And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age' (Matthew Chapter 28 v 20 part).

This is God's Long Lasting and Unending gift that he has given us. I pray that we recognise his love and use it. If you would like to find out more about God's love, please join us at Stanground Baptist Church Sunday's at 10:15am. Our church is on the corner of South Street and Chapel Street, Stanground PE2 8JG. [www.stangroundbaptistchurch.org.uk](http://www.stangroundbaptistchurch.org.uk)

