

MANOR
COURT
BAPTIST CHURCH
CIRCULAR

July 2021



“For this is how
God **loved** the
world...”

John 3:16



*Ordinary people learning to follow
an extraordinary God!*

<p>Manor Court Baptist Church Manor Court Road Nuneaton CV11 5HU 024 7638 2577 office@mcbbc.org.uk www.mcbbcununeaton.org.uk</p>	<div data-bbox="850 97 1097 327"></div> <p>It's July already. Halfway through the year and if you are anything like me you are wondering how you</p>
<p>Pastor: Rev Jonathan Bugg His day off is Friday Contact: Pastor@mcbbc.org.uk</p>	<p>might be able to have a break from all the craziness of the last 15 months. For some those wonderings will lead to the possibility of a journey. Probably not a flight although some might be able to go abroad, but maybe a car, train or bus journey to somewhere quite possibly beautiful where you find yourself in awe of the created world around you.</p>
<p>Foodbank and Church open for private prayer Monday & Thursday 10.30-12.00</p>	<p>The thing about these journeys is that you will hopefully know where you are going, and if you are driving, you will hopefully know the way. You cannot plan for things that could hold you up like traffic jams or that might cause you to divert like roadworks, but you will have a good idea of each leg of the journey before you set off. Even before you could ask your phone to navigate for you, we had the AA map of Great Britain to help us plan out our route. That's what we kind of expect life to be like in the 21st century western world. We want to know where this relationship will lead, what progression this job offers, we set plans for where we want to be in 5, 10 or 20 years time. We plan when we will have children, and even move houses in order to control the schools those kids will go to.</p>
<p>WE HAVE 5 CORE VALUES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WORSHIPPING Jesus at the centre• DISCIPLING Every member growing• MINISTERING Everyone using their gifts• BUILDING COMMUNITY Open, honest relationships• REACHING OUT Reaching out into the community	
<p>Please let me have contributions for August magazine by 26th July latest</p> <p>Yvonne.mead@mcbbc.org.uk</p>	

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The problem for us is that when we were called to follow Jesus, we embarked on a journey but we didn't actually know the destination. Although we believe it will ultimately be heaven we do not have the luxury of knowing how like Jesus we will be in 10 years time, or how strong our faith will be after the life events in the next 5 years, and we definitely don't know the route our lives will be taking. Accepting that call, giving our lives to Jesus, saying we would follow him was taking the first step on that journey, but for many they have yet to take a second step because its scary, unknown. We can't see the route before us, we are unsure of the problems that lie ahead and so we have stopped and waited, hoping that Jesus will have a "Home Alone" moment, realise he's forgotten the kids and come back for us. But Jesus said "Follow me" and that suggests he will be on the move and we are to keep our eyes on him so we can ... well ... follow.

I read recently that discipleship is a "purposeful pursuit of relationship with God" and this really sorts the sheep from the goats, the keen from the church goer, the Jesus Follower from the pew filler. The Jesus follower determines that whatever happens, whatever unexpected turn or bump we encounter in the road they will seek Jesus. The mark of a dedicated disciple in Jesus' day was they were covered in the dust kicked up by the Rabbi's feet. Are we following so closely we are dusty or is our dust from sitting still too long?

This summer I hope that your physical journeys go smoothly and in the direction you intend, but more importantly I pray that your spiritual journey goes purposefully and faithfully. That you may be covered in the dust from Jesus' feet, grow in the likeness of Christ and follow on the path set by God

Jonathan



An extract from Alan and Helen Douglas' missions update

Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you for your support and prayers. We have updated our blog with recent news from our family and Nepal. (Google search BMS Doulas family) but here are a few highlights.....

Helen recovered well from her surgery and after medical clearance at the start of May we flew to South Africa.



After several weeks of fostering, we are thrilled to announce that Qiniso (which means Truthful in Zulu) Judah joined our family. He is such an amazing, lively, fun filled little boy with the most beautiful eyes, gorgeous smile and infectious giggle! We praise God for his settling so well into our family. He loves his big brother and sisters and tells anyone who will listen

that "me is now a Dug-u-lus"! God has been in every detail of the journey, with so many amazing answered prayers and provision along the way, we thank Him for His goodness and faithfulness. We have several administrative tasks to complete before we can apply for a British passport for him, so will need to stay in S.Africa for another month or so.

On Friday the children complete their school year - which has been entirely online! Caleb's AS exams were cancelled at the very last minute as Nepal entered lockdown. Unlike UK schools, they did not have further assessments set in the summer and so will receive their grades based mainly on the mock exams from before Easter. Caleb has already stated the A'Level course and is looking forward to a break over the summer.

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Angus has been working remotely from S.Africa - which is 1 hour closer to the Nepali time zone and so makes things easier for meetings. It is tricky juggling 3 online schoolers, plus his online working as ever - but now with a lively toddler in the midst! He is starting to undertake more of the responsibilities for his new INF role.

Currently the Nepali border is closed due to the high levels of covid. But we are praying that this situation improves allowing us to return once we have Qiniso's passport.

Please pray for;

INF and HDCS mission hospitals - for resources, strength and protection as they serve. That they might shine as beacons of hope in the midst of fear and sadness

INF and other Christian organisations and churches as they reach out to those struggling with the impact of lockdown, particularly amongst the poorest.

INF's general agreement to be signed – enabling visa's to be issued (including Angus')

For the Nepali Church to grow in depth, hope and maturity as they walk through this dark valley and be able to share that with others.

For Angus as he undertakes more of his new role at INF remotely.

For us as a family as we adjust to life with our new addition. That Qiniso would feel safe, loved and secure with us, despite the huge transition done and another ahead when we return to Nepal.

For Nepal as they face this huge covid surge, for the government to resolve political dispute and work with unity and wisdom.

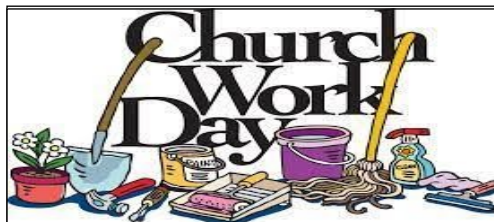
For God's hand in our paperwork processing for the adoption, and passport application.

For guidance regarding when and how we return to Nepal.

Thank you for your partnership with us. Your prayers and support are essential and much valued.

God bless

From Angus, Helen, Caleb, Charis, Esther and Qiniso



We had our maintenance day on 26th June, we had a fantastic turnout of 24 volunteers including 3 amazing children. The weather was kind to us and despite a pretty wet forecast on Friday, Saturday was dry and clear.

Amazing progress was made outside, the garden is looking so much better and weeds were tackled all over the premises.

Inside painting, sanding and staining was done with cleaning and tidying on the balcony completed ready for the big wedding.

Catering was managed by Sue and Joan and copious of drink and cake was consumed by all while catching up with each other.

I would like to thank everyone who came and helped whether, for an hour or four, your all amazing and your help is appreciated so much.

Teresa (p.s can you check you haven't taken any tools that are not yours.. A folding saw and secateurs ?)

End of Lockdown restrictions in sight.....?

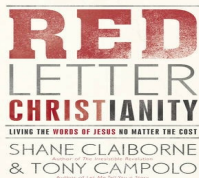
As situations change on an almost daily basis we can only make tentative plans...



Hopefully we will be able to hold our Prayer meeting on Thursday 29th July face to face as well as on Zoom

Similarly it is hoped the Church meeting on 22nd July will also be face to face and also on Zoom.

No news as yet on changes to Church service restrictions.



Book Review

Red Letter Christianity : Living the words of Jesus no matter the cost.

By Shane Claiborne & Tony Campolo

If you tuned into the Baptist Assembly United Worship service on 16th May you will have heard Shane Claiborne who was invited to be their keynote speaker.

Shane worked with Mother Teresa in Calcutta and heads up “Red Letter Christians” a movement of people who are committed to living as if Jesus meant the things He said, what a radical idea. (radical sounds non Christian but the definition of radical is “going to the fundamental root of an issue “)

To read this book is to become the third person as they just sit and chat about issues in this world and share their often differing views. They talk about relevant and crucial issues that face followers of Jesus today and ask how seriously do we take His words ? And do we need to understand what that means for our lives not just on a Sunday but the other 6 days of the week, when on Monday the weekend seems miles away and the mountains in-between seem unsurmountable. How do we live an authentic life (Mon-Sat) when the pressures to conform to this world we live in surround us?

In this book Shane teams up with Tony to explore the issues and questions we all face, how do we live the words of Jesus no matter what the cost?

One thing is for sure striving and working at it will just end in failure it is only when we enter into a daily relationship with Jesus, and understand just what He meant when he said “ come to me learn from me the unforced rhythms of grace “ (Matthew 11: 28) that things become clearer, and we realise the only ability Jesus requires of us is “availability “

You may not agree with all or any the views expressed in this book, but engaging with the issues will make you question what you believe and help you clarify why you hold the views you do.



Just a quick update....come and visit the site ...

Work started earlier this year on the construction of the Eternal Wall of Answered Prayer, It will be a huge Christian landmark and will sit in the heart of the UK, work is due to be completed by the end of 2022.

It is about how one person's answered prayer can become another person's hope. Answered prayer is a springboard for faith with each story reflecting a beautiful aspect of God's intention towards us. We know it will make hope visible to our country. Each brick will recount a personal, specific way in which God has answered a prayer for people both now and in the past, offering a vast amount of experiences all explaining how God has come through for individuals in the midst of life's storms.

The gigantic monument of hope will host a million accounts of answered prayer, making it the largest database of hope stories in the world and it will be located on a 10 acre Greenbelt site near Coleshill. The completed wall will be 51 meters high and will be visible up to 6 miles away it is expected to be seen by half a million vehicles on the nearby M6 and M42 each week.

We would like to invite you all to come and visit the land where Eternal Wall will be built! We have visits planned for:

Tuesday 22nd June Wednesday 14th July Saturday 14th August

*Booking is essential so if you want to join us on one of these dates, please email: **helen@eternalwall.org.uk** (please note the tour will consist of a 45min walk each way over uneven, muddy and slippery ground)

The Vine Christian Bookshop Hinckley
is seeking new staff to start in September



Paid Assistant

To cover one day a week alternating Friday and Saturday – 6-7 hours per week. The assistant would be responsible for the smooth running of The Vine and will work alongside volunteers and other paid staff in a supervisory role. The key tasks would be running the coffee shop, serving customers with food and drink and bookshop purchases. Good people skills are essential as is an ability to prepare simple food. Food hygiene training can be given if required. Training will be given on all procedures and the Vine's stock. Pay will be the minimum wage.

Book keeper

To work one day (or two half days) in the office recording and banking the shop takings, sending out invoice statements, paying invoices, liaising with the accountant and any other financial tasks as required. Knowledge of Sage is an advantage. Pay will be the minimum wage.

There is a genuine occupational requirement that these positions are filled by practising Christians.

To apply please send a CV and covering letter explaining how you are suited to the role to thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk by 6th August 2021.

Please also email if you would like the job description and person specification.



CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY (CAP)

DEBT CENTRE MANAGER

Due to retirement there is a vacancy for a part-time job as debt centre manager starting January 2022. The job is run as a partnership between CAP and Manor Court Baptist Church and would be for 16 hours per week, normally 2 full days per week.

The salary would be £8,873 p.a.

Full training would be given online by CAP during November 2021.

An office is provided at MCBC but there would be an expectation to be able to work from home and have transport in order to visit clients in their homes.

The post is subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check (Disclosure and Barring service)

There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement that the successful candidate will be a practising Christian.

Qualities needed would include a passion to help those in need, organised, good computer skills and use of internet, good verbal and written communication skills and an ability to inspire a team of volunteers.

The role gives an opportunity to engage with and support people by providing practical and holistic support for people struggling with debt, as well as offering them the chance to hear the Gospel.

As a partnership appointment, following church interview, the successful candidate will be recommended to CAP for follow-up interview and appointment.

For further information, job description and details of interview please contact Pam Gadsby. Tel 07792 801839 email pam.gadsby@gmail.com

Please note the new closing date: 25th July 2021

The Vine Christian Bookshop Hinckley

Our July newsletter....

THE
VINE

News from The Vine - It has been great to continue to welcome customers back to The Vine as people start to resume a more normal daily pattern. New in this month is the summer selection of children's books from Kids Corner, which is a range of books, all at discounted prices that we have in just for a few months. There is something for everyone from board books, "touch & feel" books, activity books to books for older children. This is the first time we've had these discounted books in since the pandemic began and it greatly increases the variety of children's books we can offer to customers.

Also new is that, from 12th July, we will be able to sell and receive National Book Tokens (these are also accepted on the bookshop.org website as well). We hope this will encourage you to treat yourself (or someone else) to a new Christian book when you get the chance!

We have extended the deadline for our vacancies for a paid assistant and book-keeper until further notice.



A quick update on our Kitchen renovations

Dave and Dave are back again fitting a brand new kitchen area right behind the bar! We've got some swanky blue tiles going up, and the new floor is now being fitted so that we can start installing some equipment very soon.



Follow us on our Facebook page for more photo and updates of our progress.

We can't wait to show you all when it's done!



DEACON
NOMINATIONS

DEACONS ELECTIONS 2021

We will be electing deacons at the church AGM on 16th Sept 2021.

Nominations have to be received not later than 3 Sundays before that date. This means that **nominations close on Sunday 29th August 2021.**

Nomination forms will be available from the church secretary from 22 July 2021.

The current elected deacons are outlined below.

CURRENT DEACONS TERMS OF SERVICE

JAMES	2016-2019	2019 – 2022
ROGER	2016 2019	2019 – 2022
ROY	2016 – 2019	2019 – 2022
SONJA		2018 - 2021
PAM		2018 – 2021
LYNNE		2018 – 2021
TERRY		2018 – 2021

Therefore of the current 7 elected deacons, 4 of them, Sonja, Pam, Lynne & Terry finish their current 3 years of service in September. They would all be eligible to stand again for a further 3 years if willing.

James, Roger & Roy have one further year on the diaconate before each of them has to come off having served a full 6 years.

Our constitution allows for up to 12 elected deacons so there are spaces for up to 9 deacons to be elected in September.

Please be praying about who you feel God is asking you to nominate as we need more deacons to share the work and responsibility of leadership and have 9 potential places that could be filled.



Let us pray **TOGETHER**

—JAMES 5:16 (NIV)
THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

July prayer points

- We give thanks to God for the way he has sustained junior church over the months they have been apart, and rejoice in the news that they will now be meeting back in the church building again from 4th July.
- Thanks for those choosing to attend church face to face and praying for more to have confidence to do that.
- Thanks too though for the technology that enables those who are not, for whatever reason, able attend church in person, who are now able to share virtually in worship and teaching with the rest of the church family.
- Pray that we will have restrictions lifted as hoped on 19th July and for us all in the adjustments which will be needed.
- If you would like us as a church family to pray for a concern or worry please drop a note on the dedicated prayer line listed below, and remember if it is a concern to you, then it is important to our loving Father whose ears are ever attentive to the cries of those in need.

Let us
Pray
for you



Please call / text us
on the prayer line
0778 6785 481



Missions Update

An extract from Sam and Elena's latest new letter :New Challenges

Elena and myself recently finished a Kingdom Leadership Seminar where we learnt a lot about how to be good leaders. It was a very worthwhile four weeks and we both got so much out of our time on the seminar. I (Sam) went into the seminar a little reluctantly due to having done the same seminar a few years before but through these four weeks of study God has reawakened a dream in my heart. He has taken me back to a time where my dreams were alive and started to push me to reach for those dreams again. (So watch this space as things may be coming soon). All I can say for now is that my dreams are heavily to do with Revival, Reconciliation and obviously Oneness in the body of Christ, that is the church, the Bride - this may not be much of a surprise haha!! I (Elena) have really grasped a bigger picture of leadership values and now have a deeper understanding of surrendering. It is not about having a low self-esteem but more about knowing who I am and building others up into who they are.

We were hoping to travel a lot more during our Sabbatical but unfortunately this pesky covid virus has prevented that. Now that restrictions are lifting though we have managed to head out to Mablethorpe and spend some much needed quality time with my parents and sister.

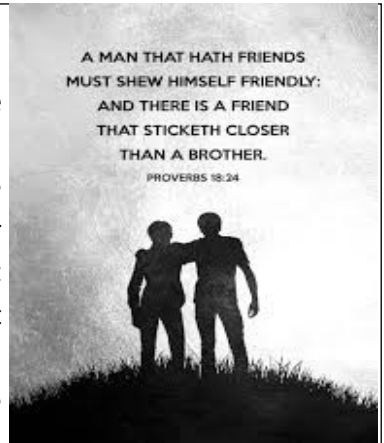
Praise and Prayer

: For Elena and myself as we continue our sabbatical, that God will continue to speak to us and guide us in our next steps. Please also be praying for us for courage, both of us are realising that the dreams God has placed on our hearts are pretty scary (with the big-ness of them) and that it is going to take a lot of faith and courage to reach for them and pull them into reality.

Sam & Elena

A Lifelong Friendship Forged at MCBC.

Back in the 1930's/1940's Sundays were a little different from what they are today. We started off with Sunday School at 10am and joined the main service at 10.45am, After about half an hour the Sunday School scholars left for home. At 2pm the Sunday School re-opened until about 3pm. At 6pm the evening service was held and some of the younger people also attended. As we got into our teens we often met after church and moved on to one of our friends homes for a natter and some supper. We took it in turns with the consent of our parents.



MCBC formed the YPF – Young Peoples Fellowship and we used to meet on a Monday evening when we were about 15 years old.

Time marched on and many of us were baptised as we approached the age of 18 as the lads realised they would be called up for 2 years National Service away from home.

Within our group was Trevor Carpenter who lived with his family in Graham Street and a young lady Barbara Benfell who lived with her family in Shanklin Drive. They fell in love and eventually married. Trevor C decided to make a career in the Royal Air Force and trained as a Navigator in air crew. They travelled all over the world but kept in touch with some of the old YPF. When Trevor retired from the RAF his last posting had been at Manby in Lincolnshire so they bought a house there and settled in.

Sadly Trevor passed away on 11th June 2021 after a short but painful illness. His funeral took place on 30th June 2021 at Alford in Lincolnshire.

I don't expect there are many people at MCBC now who will remember them but I give thanks for the influence MCBC had upon our lives.

Love in the Lord, Trevor Bailey



Church Family News



He asked...she said yes !

and so we are pleased to announce the wedding of

Dave Hodges & Elaine Coates

17th July at MCBC



“We pray that this special love will always be yours to share, and may God continue to bless your lives with Love and happiness “

The service will be livestreamed on You Tube



Wonderful news from Greg & Myriam Orzech

Not one blessing but four!

Not only has Greg finally made the move to Port Sunlight.....

Not only has he now found a new Job....



Not only has he now passed his driving test !



But now.....Greg & Myriam are happy to announce that they are expecting to change their status from a couple to ...a family in October.

Seek His will in all you do and he will show you which path to take Proverbs 3: 6



After 24 years and 1 week, almost to the day, we are leaving Nuneaton for pastures new and hilly. We are off to Sheffield to be nearer to family - we have our first grandchild arriving on 7th July, which we are so excited about.

How lucky I
am to have
something
that makes
saying goodbye
so hard.



We both just wanted to say a huge thank you to our MCBC family for all the years of friendship, fellowship, love and care you have shown us since we arrived as a family with 2 small children all those years ago. We have seen people come and go over the years as God has moved people on and brought more to MCBC. Now it's our time to continue our journey with the Lord elsewhere.

We are looking forward to seeing what He has in store for us. As human beings, we are not keen on change, but as spiritual beings we are privileged to continue our journey with Him, who has plans to prosper us, not to harm us, to give us a hope and a future. Jeremiah 29 v 11. How could we not be excited by that promise of God?!

So, with mixed emotions of sadness and excitement, fear and joy, we say goodbye to all you beautiful people at MCBC.

With love in Christ Colin and Wendy



The God Who Is Able
EPHESIANS 3:14-21



**"Kick Start" Coffee Morning & Cake
open to all at**

Manor Court Baptist Church

11am till 12 noon

Bitesize video sessions here to help you or a friend manage your money

Mon 2nd August - "Lifting financial pressure"

Mon 6th September - "Making your money go further"

Numbers limited so please book by call or text to :

07890 592985 or E mail - terrysalter@capuk.org

This event is part of MCBC community programme and therefore is free of charge



Wonderful News



**Rachel and her
team are restarting Junior Church**

Junior church have been meeting on zoom during lockdown but they are now going to be meeting in Church from **4th July !!**

They will meet for the whole duration of the service to reduce the amount of moving about in the building, risk assessments have been completed around registration, toilet access , resources etc.

We are currently unable to reopen crèche so it will just be just 5-11years (Ignition and Dynamite groups)

Please use the booking email bookings@mcbc.org.uk to let us know how many of you are coming for the service and also the Kids groups

**DON'T
FORGET TO**



Worship
WITH US ONLINE

Please join us for our twice monthly Worship and Prayer meetings on Zoom ***

There will be an opportunity to come together in a time of worship from 7.00-7.30pm

This will then lead into a time of prayer from 7.30pm

Thursday July 8th will be on zoom **

Thursday 29th will hopefully be face to face and online

(To be confirmed)

Sunday services are still Live streamed from MCBC

And are available live or catch up on Facebook and YouTube

Service starts at 10.45am

Followed by Zoom fellowship

Please book if you would like to attend in person

bookings@mcbbc.oug.uk

Church members meetings

Thursday's at 7.45pm

July 22nd will be hopefully face to face and also Online (tbc)

Remaining dates :

AGM 16th September: Church meeting 18th November

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**SUNDAY
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SERVICE**





Student Lounge



**Saints Nuneaton,
Nuneaton,
Newdegate Street,
CV11 4ED**



To sign up go to our instagram
[thinkhighercw](https://www.instagram.com/thinkhighercw)

Dates

30th June 2021 Year 11

7th July 2021 Year 10

3:30pm - 5:30pm

Dominos Pizza provided.

See what else we have in store !



Limited Spaces !

Saints Nuneaton and ThinkHigher have partnered up to host the student lounge! Year 10 and 11 check out the dates we've got for you and sign up

- **Free Pizza and drinks** • **exclusive access to Saints café**
- **Free Nuneaton 7 day bus pass** • **Access to laptops**

Year 11 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../year-11-student-lounge...>

Year 10 <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../year-10-student-lounge...>