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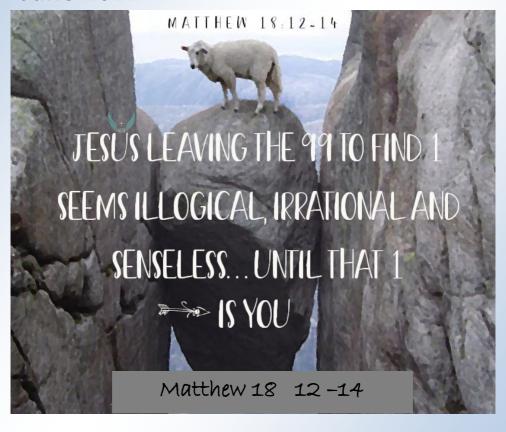
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June 2021







Ordinary people learning to follow an extraordinary God!

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Foodbank and Church open for private prayer

Monday & Thursday 10.30-12.00

WE HAVE 5 CORE VALUES:

- 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

Please let me have contributions for July magazine by 26th June latest

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The sun came out this bank holiday weekend and what I had hoped would be a relaxing time spent sitting



in the garden soaking up the warmth that had been so absent for so long, I ended up working in the garden. I planted sunflowers, sweet corn, parsnips (yes I know they're a bit late) and carrots. I cut the grass, strimmed the edges, and sorted out the solar lights. That wasn't as easy as it sounds. Despite having had the sensors out in the daylight for some weeks, the lights either didn't come on, weren't very bright or not on for very long, so I had to relocate the sensors into locations where they got more direct sunlight for longer.

In good minister style this has made me think once again about our return to the church building as the COVID restrictions hopefully come to an end. We have an opportunity to stay at a distance, remaining outside of the fellowship, getting the spiritual equivalent of some daylight, but running the risk of our light being rather dim or short lived or even permanently extinguished.

We need one another, we need to sing together (which we all hope will be possible very soon), we need to be reminded that we are not alone in our faith walk, that others have experienced what we are going through. Like I

said on Sunday the 30th May, we are a faith family, and despite how strange or difficult that family might be at times we are called to do life together. Iron sharpens iron. When we come into social contact with one another and seek to grow in the likeness of Jesus, we will mature through dealing with the difficulties that might arise between us, and in doing so we each grow, and the family grows too.

As we consider how we will respond to our new found freedoms, what our new normal will look like, will we include attending MCBC in the mix? Will we decide to change out of our pyjamas and leave the house on a Sunday morning, choose to see our brothers and sisters in person and grow together, and allowing our light to grow brighter together? Or will we stay where our exposure to spiritual light is restricted, our growth stunted and our light dim?

I do hope that we will all soon fellowship together, enjoy a laugh over a cup of coffee as well as worship the Son of God together.

Don't allow your light to grow dim, but together let us shine brightly for all to see the difference Jesus makes

God bless

Jonathan

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25





Notes from the Church meeting held on zoom on 20th May 2021

(These are the editors notes only and do not replace the minutes that will be distributed as usual)

Terry presented the accounts up to April, and advised **BUDGET** that all has been going well. Praise God that He has sustained us through Lockdown.



He advised that CAP are starting a CAP client fund which will be used to help CAP clients with the cost of going through bankruptcy (which is £90.00)

At the United BU service on 16th May an appeal was made to support the BMS Nepal Appeal, if you would like to donate towards this you can send it to Terry marked "for Nepal"



Toilet Project: Roy reported that we have now appointed architects who have looked at the existing drawings. They have identified an issue with incorporating the changing places area. After discussion is was suggested that they look at replanning that space to instead incorporate 2

disabled toilets that would include showers and be wheel chair accessible. there is also the possibility of creating additional storage.

The plan is to ask for costings based on both options which will then enable grant applications to be made If anyone is interested in joining Roy to form a small working group for this project please contact him.



We were also reminded that deacons elections will be coming up in July could people be prayerfully considering who to approach for nomination. There are 5 vacancies to be filled.

Children and young Peoples work update

Little Treasures (Ruth Shooter)



There are no plans to reopen before schools return after summer break in September.

They have their own Facebook page and will be updating that as well as emailing families nearer the time.



Junior Church (Rachel and Bev)

Junior church have been meeting on zoom and they plan to return to the church building on 27^{th} June, they will meet for the whole duration of the service to reduce the amount of

moving about in the building, risk assessments will be in place around registration, toilet access, resources etc. We are currently unable to reopen crèche so it will just be Ignition and Dynamite groups



Monday Youth Group

Catherine and Emma have lead this and they have been meeting on Zoom all through lockdown. Focus has been on pastoral care and discipleship plus of course lots of parties to celebrate Christmas, Easter, pancake day etc.

The future: will continue to meet on zoom on Monday nights until restrictions are eased and allow for a return to the building without the need for social distancing

Anyone who would like to be involved in children and young people's ministry: (Little Treasures, Junior church, Young people's group) please get in touch with the group leaders

Terry advised that with the easing of restrictions home visits could resume. There is currently no waiting list so new referrals can be accepted.





Jonathan and the leadership have discussed possible changes to Sunday services and are sending out an outline by email and letter to everyone for them to consider.



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.

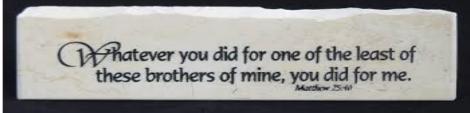
Qualities needed would include a passion to help those in need, organised, good computer skills and use of internet , good verbal and written communication skills and an ability to inspire a team of volunteers.

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

Closing date: 27th June 2021



For many years a small group of us at MCBC have offered occasional support to a 40 year old man with Asperger's Syndrome who is very lonely and isolated. He has asked me if I can find someone who could come alongside him as a friend. This may involve occasional trips out and visits and some moral support. He is a very gentle, pleasant person and is always grateful when support and friendship are shown to him.

As he is an adult at risk an appropriate DBS certificate would be required.

If you would like to know more please contact me.

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"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 5th July 'Lifting financial pressure'

Mon 2nd August '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



To mark World Environment Day on June 5, we are inviting you to join us for a national day of prayer.

Prayer in the Park is a prayer event uniting people and churches across the UK as we celebrate the beauty of God's world, repent for the damage we've done, and seek God's heart for a sustainable future.

Just days after the event, world leaders will meet for the G7 summit in Cornwall to discuss how to build back better from the coronavirus pandemic and create a greener and fairer future for all. And in November, world leaders will gather for the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) to discuss how to tackle the climate crisis.

Decisions made at these gatherings will affect us all, now and for generations to come – especially those living in the poorest communities across the world, who are already being disproportionately affected by climate change. We want to bring this to God in prayer. Will you join us?

You can take part in Prayer in the Park by going out into nature to pray in a local green space, beach, or park on Saturday, June 5. Do whatever works for you – whether that's sitting in your garden or going on an adventurous hike, praying alone or with others (making sure to follow coronavirus restrictions).

We've created a prayer resource (including audio clips) to help guide you through prayer points as you walk or have a time of reflection in God's wonderful creation. Just Google **Tear fund day of prayer** to download resources or go to our Facebook page



Prayer points for the month of June

- Pray that we may all be open to allowing the Holy Spirit to work more
 in our lives, and that as we experience His Power at work in us, we
 will be effective witnesses for Jesus.
- Pray for wisdom as we look to restarting some of our work with children in church at the end of June. Particularly pray for Rachel and the leaders and helpers.
- Pray about the election of deacons which will happen at our AGM in September. We need to be praying now about who to ask to be nominated and for those who are considering nomination.
- Pray for those making decisions about lifting national and local covid restrictions
- Give thanks for the huge numbers of people vaccinated and the proven protection the vaccines give.







The Hidden Crisis

It is no exaggeration to say that we have reached a critical moment, as the impact of COVID-19 escalates what is already an intensifying emotional health crisis among children. As schools re-open the focus will be on children catching up on lost learning. An essential mission, but just as critical is an equal focus on supporting children in their emotional wellbeing.

Even before COVID-19, children's emotional wellbeing had been in decline for a decade. If nothing is done, this intensifying emotional health crisis – exacerbated by the pandemic – will lead to a rise in exclusions, increasing pressure on social services and more children falling through the education system, with potentially catastrophic life-long consequences.

Emotional wellbeing has been at the centre of TLG's work for over 20 years and this briefing paper looks into the link between emotional wellbeing and school exclusions.

This week, we launched our new briefing paper, 'The Hidden Crisis: the impact of COVID-19 on children's emotional health, the link to exclusions and how a trauma-responsive approach can help reduce the long-term effects.'

At the core of our paper's recommendations to Government is for a trauma -responsive and early intervention approach everywhere in education: in the classroom, in any school disciplinary proceedings and across all other education services. This includes a call for trauma-responsive training to be incorporated into teacher training. Click below to read the report.....

Read 'The Hidden Crisis'

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Job Club Manager and Job Club Coaches

Do you have a heart for those who are unemployed to find employment and a sense of worth again? Do you have a readiness to learn how to give people the tools, skills and confidence to step back into employment through a combination of practical and emotional support?

A CAP Job Club consists of 3 C'S – running a Course - 8 sessions which takes members through the job hunting process, Community – providing a relaxed place where members can meet others in similar situations, and Coaching – 1:1 support and help to members.

MCBC is looking to appoint a voluntary job club manager and voluntary job club coaches in order to run a CAP Job Club alongside our present Food Bank in January 2022

The role of the manager would involve setting up and co-ordinating the club, liaising with other agencies who have contact with those unemployed and being the main point of contact with CAP Head Office. Directly training, supporting and encouraging job seekers, and helping them find appropriate employment. It is anticipated this would be for, on average, 6 to 8 hrs/week.

The role of a job club coach would be to assist and support the club manager in the set up and running of the club and also directly train, support and encourage job seekers, and help them find appropriate employment. It is anticipated this would be for an average of 2 to 3 hrs/week, to be decided with the job club manager.

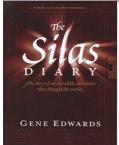
Both these roles must be done in a way that positively reflects the Christian faith and the core values of the charity. As both these roles can involve working with adults at risk a Disclosure and Barring Service check will be required.

Following a church interview the successful manager candidate will be recommended to CAP for follow-up interview and appointment. Full training will be given online during November 2021.

Closing date for applications will be 27th June 2021.

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

Book Review



The Silas Diary :Book one of the "First Century Diaries"

By Gene Edwards

What was it really like to live in the new testament era?

This imaginative narrative runs parallel with the book of acts, giving a first person account of Paul's first journey. We see it through the eyes of Silas, a friend and travelling companion of the apostle.

You'll find yourself shipwrecked in the cold Mediterranean sea, fighting for life with Paul and John Mark as they grab for something to hold onto in the icy blast of a Etesian storm. You will discover what its like to ford a river in a hailstorm and more, you are invited to join Silas, Paul and their companions on a journey fraught with danger and adventure, a journey that changed the history of the world.

Learn with the first century Christians what freedom in Christ really means.

And if you want to read on further then in Book 2 Titus takes up the tale of Paul's second journey and the founding of the churches in Philippi , Thessalonica, Corinth and Ephesus. While in Book 3 Timothy givers a first hand account of Paul's third journey and his meeting with Peter.

In Book 4 Pricilla picks up the adventure and writes of Paul's trial before the Roman and Jewish officials and his years in jail, and finally in Book 5 Gaius tells of the fall of Jerusalem, the martyrdom of Christians in the colosseum and the death of Paul.

A truly breathtaking account that parallels the book of Acts and gives the reader a front row seat to Paul's mission to the Gentiles.

We are also given an insight into the problems of the early churches and Paul's heart of love for them as he writes to each in turn.

THE VINE

News from The Vine -

it has been great over these last few weeks to welcome customers back into our shop and see people enjoying catching up regardless of the weather! From the 1st June we will be extending our

opening hours to 10.30am - 2.30pm and will also extend our menu to include some of those items we removed when we returned after lockdown 1.0!

From 21st - 25th June we will be celebrating **Independent Bookshop Week** and will be giving a voucher for a free drink to all customers purchasing a book that week. We would also love to hear from you about your favourite Christian book, please share on our social media or send us a short review.

We are looking forward to re-opening on Saturdays but in order to do this we need some new staff from the beginning of August.

We are looking to hire:

A 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.

A paid Saturday help (suitable for 16+)

To assist in the coffee shop each Saturday 9am – 2pm

A book-keeper

For one day (or two half days) a week.

The closing date for all these positions is the 25th June. Please contact us for the job description and person specification and any other details by emailing thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk. We are still in need of Trustees to help guide the Vine so do please contact us if this is something you are interested in.



Flowers in Church

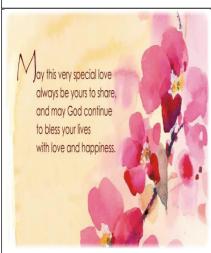
Each week after the service, the church flowers are gifted to people in or known to our church family who are ill or need a little cheer . Sometimes the flowers are given to people to mark special anniversaries, birthdays or achievements.

This is an important ministry reminding people that they are not forgotten and that we, their church family, are thinking and praying for them. Pam is currently looking after the flowers rota but would love to hear from anyone interested in being a part of this ministry. Also a reminder that there are empty places on the rota for anyone who would like to provide the flowers on a Sunday and this would be a lovely way to remember a special person by providing the flowers on a memorable date.



Our prayer walkers have been walking and praying around the Abbey Green area on a Sunday for several years now. We have a faithful team of walkers who are on a rota, who faithfully set out in pairs to pray during the morning service. If you feel this is a ministry you would like to be a part of

and would like to join the team, or just find out more please contact Roger or Pam Gadsby who would be pleased to explain more detail.



You may remember we announced in June last year the engagement of Dave Hodges and Elaine Coates......

We are pleased to announce that they will be getting married next month....

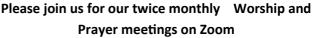
17th July at MCBC

We are hoping to stream the service on YouTube so if you are available for music, sound, propresenter, live stream etc please let Jonathan know.

DON'T FORGET TO







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

Dates are 3rd & 17th June

Sunday services are Live streamed from MCBC

And are available live or catch up on Facebook and YouTube

Service starts at 10.45am

Followed by Zoom fellowship

Sunday's 11.00am Praying for God's kingdom to come in our local community Prayer walkers will meet outside the church ready for a socially distanced prayer walk during the service.



Prayer in the Park

5th lune



Church members meetings

Thursday's at 7.45pm

July date has moved on one week From 15th to the 22nd July

Remaining dates:

AGM 16th September: Church meeting 18th November





SAINTS NUNEATON IS OFFERING

Food Hampers

FOR FAMILIES ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Food hampers contain frozen meat products from 'Your Farmer Meals' and fresh vegetables Available to collect between 12-3pm on the 2nd-5th June