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BAPTIST CHURCH
CIRCULAR



January 2022

A light-radiant cloud enveloped them,
and sounding from deep in the cloud a
voice: "This is my Son, marked by my
love, focus of my delight. Listen to
him."

Matthew 17: 5 the message



***Ordinary people learning to follow
an extraordinary God!***

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<p>Pastor: Rev Jonathan Bugg His day off is Friday Contact: Pastor@mcbbc.org.uk</p>	<p>or walk away in disbelief would quite probably have not wanted to get up the next morning.</p>
<p>Church office open 9.30-12.00</p> <p>Foodbank Monday & Thursday 10.30-12.00</p>	<p>If you had told me last New Year's Eve what 2021 would hold for our family, I may well not have wanted to get out of bed either.</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>The media will be full tonight of programmes looking back over the last year, probably moaning about covid but hopefully finding the good that happened last year too. Social media is already full of moans and groans about the last two years and what has been lost, but hopefully that too will include some celebration of the good things that happened last year.</p>
<p>Please note the deadline for February magazine is 28th January</p> <p>Yvonne.mead@mcbbc.org.uk</p>	<p>On the 2nd January MCBC will be having (or will have had – depending on when you are reading this) a celebration service where we practice looking back over the last year at what God has done. We also serve bacon butties so there's something to be thankful for right there.</p> <p>That celebration service will also contain an act of covenant as well. This is where we effectively renew our commitment to Jesus and to the work and mission he has called us to, ready for the coming year.</p>

There may well be things none of us wanted to happen last year, and I am sure if we knew what next year holds it might cause anxiety for some, but that's the joy of not just every New Year, but every new day – we might not know what today or tomorrow holds, but we do know, can have relationship with and trust the one who holds today and tomorrow.

So may we as a family wish you a very happy New Year, not just because of what it might hold for you, but because of who has your future in his hands. *Jonathan*

God Know...

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied:

'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Spoken by George VI in his 1939 Christmas broadcast

From a poem written by Minnie Haskins 1908





A family newsletter from Colin & Wendy December 2021

Dear friends and family ,

I know we don't usually do this but it has been an unusual year for us.

Some of you may know we have been looking to make move to Sheffield to be nearer to our daughters some time now . This year it happened !

Colin had a change in his job role which has allowed us to make the move. We put the house on the market and it sold very quickly. Meanwhile we had to find a new home in Sheffield, so lots of weekends up and down the M1. Long story short, we found a house 8 minutes drive from both girls with easy access to M1 for Colin's commute. It was not what we were looking for, but truly believe it is the right house for us at this time, and one that God had His hand on for us. So on 28th June we moved to Sheffield!

Other far more exciting news is that 9 days after the move we became grandparents. Frederick Sidney Lee (Freddie) was born by caesarean section on 7th July to Jen & Will. It has been such a blessing to be so close to our family. Jen & Will are such amazing parents to Freddie.

Rebecca continues to work as an Emergency Care Assistant with South Yorkshire Ambulance service, again we are so grateful that during this whole pandemic she has been kept safe and well. She is enjoying being the best auntie ever.

Although for us this has been a year of obvious blessing , we have been so aware of some of our close friends who are having an extremely tough year. Our thoughts and prayers remain with them.

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We do hope that each one of managed to find some Hope, Peace and Joy at this very special time of year as we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus .

For God did not send His son into the world to be its judge, but to be its Saviour John 3: 17

Merry Christmas and many blessings for 2022!

Love Colin and Wendy (our email and mobile numbers remain the same)

**YES
FREE
STUFF**



Does anyone need a tumble drier?

Martin Biggs has an Aquarius Hotpoint tumble drier ...only used once

It will need checking over by someone who knows about driers as it has sat unused for quite a few years.

If you are interested please have a word with Martin or Taghreed on Sunday or get in touch (contact info in the family directory)



A Christian bookshop and coffee shop
situated in the heart of Hinckley

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News from The Vine

- First of all may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year - let us hope that 2022 sees a move out of this pandemic, and that any restrictions that come in over the next few weeks won't affect our ability to open.



Any changes to our scheduled opening times will be posted to our website, Instagram and Facebook pages.

In the Vine in January, we will have a sale of selected items including some Christmas stock and selected books.

We will continue to serve warming lunches and now have a variety of homemade soups on the menu. Regular customers may have noticed that we have had difficulties with our coffee machine lately but we will be getting a shiny new machine and are looking forward to coffee making without any glitches!

For those of you who may receive book tokens for Christmas please remember that we now accept National Book Tokens so have a browse of our shelves for a treat for you! You can also use them on bookshop.org [The Vine Hinckley Bookshop UK](https://bookshop.org/shop/the-vine-hinckley) where the purchase of any book through this link (or selecting The Vine as your chosen shop) will benefit us.

Please remember we are also happy to order in any book that we do not have on our shelves. We will re-open after the New Year on Tuesday 4th January and look forward to seeing our customers again then.

**Step towards
employment**
A free club for job seekers.

Friendly, practical support to
help you step confidently
into employment.



8 Week Interactive Steps to Employment Course

Starts Thursday 3rd February 10.30am at MCBC

We are very pleased to be able to announce the Launch of a new ministry in MCBC. Terry Salter after serving the CAP debt centre for 10 years retired in December and is now launching the new CAP Job Club.

Terry will be heading up the project with support from Isaac and Joy Olinipekun.

Unemployment plays a huge part in UK poverty, with upwards of one million people out of work. As rejection letters pile up, many people are left feeling hopeless.

The CAP Job club will offer help and support to the unemployed in our community, through the eight-week interactive Steps to Employment Course, covering topics such as identifying strengths, CV writing, and interview techniques course, community, and one-to-one coaching sessions.

The course has been designed to be an easy and effective way to practically equip club members, in a supportive environment that boosts confidence and morale. It will help jobseekers gain the tools, skills and confidence to step back into employment, and the combined practical and emotional support is why the Department of Work and Pensions highly recommends this service.

For more information on how to be part of the team, or how to apply for the course please contact Terry Salter.

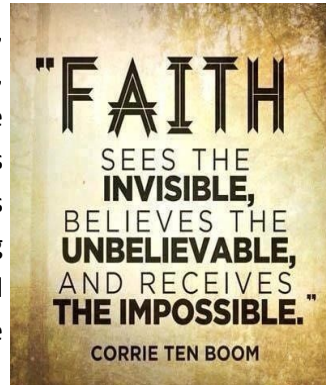
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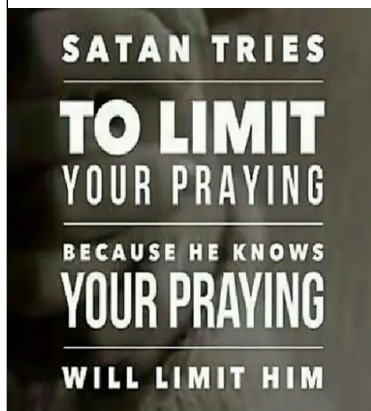


Why come together to pray?

Because a praying Church is a Powerful Church, and a Powerful Church is a productive Church, and a Productive Church is a Progressive Church. Prayer is to the Church what oxygen is to the body. To pray is to live and not to pray is to die. In Biblical and historical times, praying Churches have exerted tremendous power and impact on the world. Prevailing prayers shape world history.



The church is God's agency on earth that demonstrates His love, wisdom and power. The church employs prayer to make effective the word, the name, and the Spirit in fulfilling her God-given goal. God listens to the church. God works within and through the church. He dwells in the Church. Jesus said, "And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatever doors you lock on earth shall be locked in heaven; and whatever doors you open on earth shall be open in heaven!" (Matthew 16:19)



When we the church unite in prayer, the power is awesome and the effect is unimaginable. Conversely, the Church stands powerless, bewildered, ineffective and threatened by the religious and political world around her without the Instrument of prayer. With prayer, the church becomes a formidable force that the adversary cannot subdue.

So let us pray !



Prayer points for January are :

- Thanks for the New Year. Pray that as we, as a church family, move into 2022, we will be filled with God's light and presence.
- Pray that we will shine for Him in all we do and say and will draw people to Jesus.
- Pray for Daniel Bugg as he resumes chemo. Pray for minimum side-effects and for strength and patience for him and for the whole family.
- Pray too for wisdom for all those involved in making decisions about every aspect of his care and treatment.
- We give thanks and pray for God's blessing on Jonathan and Catherine as this month they both celebrate their birthdays and their 21st Wedding Anniversary .
- Pray for our young people in church in Sparkes, Ignition and Dynamite and our Monday night youth group, and their leaders. Give thanks for them, pray for their protection and for their growing faith and trust in Jesus.

Let us

Pray
for you

Please call / text us on the
prayer line

Tel : 0778 6785

Flower Rota

Flowers provided in January by:

2nd - Roger and Pam Gadsby

9th - David and Mary Bond

16th - Ann Biggs

23rd - Martin and Taghreed Biggs

30th - John and Carole Sparkes



Thank you very much to all those that have contributed to the flowers in church during the year. Please see Pam Gadsby if you would like to take a date this coming year.

Tuesday Fellowship

The Tuesday fellowship extend a warm welcome to join them on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.00pm for an hour of praise and fellowship plus fascinating speakers January dates :

11th Sam Percival

18th Roger Gadsby

25th Rev S McBeth



Church Meeting dates for 2022

Meetings take place bi-monthly on the 3rd Thursday the dates for 2022 are as follows :

17th March : 19th May : 21st July : 17th November



The AGM will be on the 15th September followed by an Ordinary church Meeting.



CHURCH MATTERS



Thank you all for your wonderful generosity

Our freewill offering on Christmas morning and money given instead of Christmas Cards to the church family, is this year being donated to Tear Fund's appeal for countries affected by climate change e.g. Bangladesh as agreed at the November church meeting. It has totalled the wonderful sum of £365-50p

The giving through the Agape account towards buying a lightweight wheelchair for Daniel Bugg has so far amounted to the amazing sum of £1739. We have so far given a cheque £1000 to Jonathan & Catherine for the deposit. They should also get a voucher from the authorities towards the cost, but as you can see there is a further £739 available when the final cost becomes clear.

Thank you again for all your wonderful generosity

Roger Gadsby

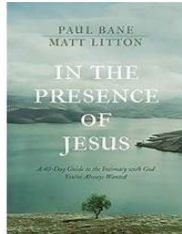


January Prayer meetings

Thursday 6th and 27th January 7.45pm

These will be face to face at MCBC but it is also hoped that people will also be able to join in via Zoom (technology permitting)

"Prayer is the powerhouse or heartbeat of the church "



In The presence of Jesus

A 40 day guide to the intimacy with God you
have always wanted

By Paul Bane and Matt Litton

Paul Bane is the founder of Mindful Christianity, an online community helping people rediscover the lost contemplative and meditative tradition of practicing the presence of Jesus in our daily lives.

We are not talking about discovering a new technique a new practice but rediscovering the art of abiding (its definition is “to be and remain united with Jesus, one with Him in heart, mind, and will, and to remain steadfast, unwavering in that relationship.”)

On the night that Jesus was arrested he gave His last important message to His followers , I am the vine, you are the branches *abide* in me....without me you can do nothing (John 15)

This book offers guidance on how to find peace and inner contentment in the stress, noise and activity of modern life, how to learn to quiet your mind and focus attention on the grace and love that is only available in God’s presence.

Learning to practice the awareness of God, to enter the presence of the Great “I Am “ to sit in stillness with Jesus each day , is the only real way to find peace in the world. It is truly where God transforms us.

We do not need to learn or study anything more about God, we don’t need more head knowledge, what we need is a deeper connection. The distance from the head to the heart is only 18 inches but it can also be the longest journey we ever undertake.

So if you are feeling burned out, weary and feeling that God seems far away, if you feel thirsty yearning for a real touch of God in your life, then this book is for you.

Don’t have enough time ?....It is a 40 day journey but each days reading and practice are designed to take just 10 –15 minutes, what is that ?the time it takes to drink a tea or coffee ? Lets commit to set aside time to refresh ourselves this January.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Church Prayer Meetings

6th & 27th January

7.45pm

Face to face & hopefully via Zoom tbc

Church services

Please join with us each Sunday morning

Please note our new start time

10.30am

Church Members Meeting

Thursday 20th January 2022

7.45pm

Saturday 22nd January

9.00am-4.00pm BYO lunch

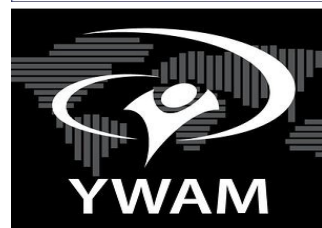
Light on the Bible Seminar :Jesus & the Gospels

Suggested Donation £15 For more info contact

Bible.seminars@ywamthekingslodge.org

CAP Job Club (8 week seminar)

Thursday 3rd February 2022 10.30am





Big Church Day Out

3rd—4th June 2022

Wiston Estate West Sussex

Join together with over 30,000 Christians from across the UK for three incredible days of worship Out :Tickets available online



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KINGDOM / LECRAE
/ ABRAMS / LZ7 / THE
BRILLIANCE / ELLE LIMEBEAR**



31st May—2nd June

Three days before BCDO we have Wildfires which is a three day camping festival on the same site. Launched in 2018 It is a joint adventure between 24-7 Prayer, Worship Central, Bible Society, Pioneer, Fusion, Big Church Day Out and Tearfund.

There'll be incredible contributors including Maverick City Music and Jonathan David and Melissa Helser, jam-packed children and youth programmes, student study spaces and our legendary hog roast party!