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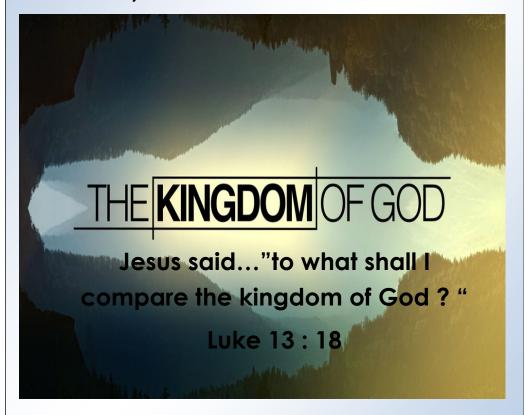
# **COURT**

**BAPTIST CHURCH** 

# **CIRCULAR**

February 2022







Ordinary people learning to follow an extraordinary God!

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#### 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 note the deadline for March magazine is 25th February

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# Thought for the month



Shrek famously declares that Ogres are like onions in that they have many layers, but apparently so do Dance floors.

This week the news reported that Blackpool Tower has had a major refurbishment with over 100 layers of lacquer being removed from its sprung wooden Dance floor.

This hasn't just made it look good, but dancers say that it feels different and is now much easier to dance and move on. It's been returned to what it was always intended to be like.

As we continue to look at how to be deeper more intentional followers of Jesus, we are looking at how to get back to what we were always intended to be like, and the journey there will often require us to be stripped back.

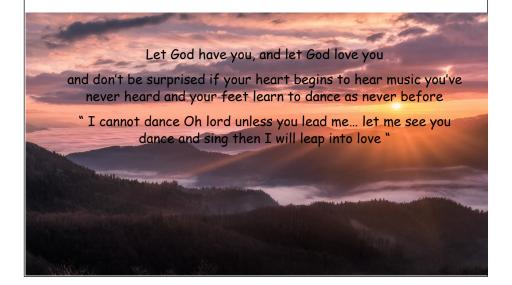
Sometimes God will carefully peel away one layer at a time, gently bringing us to a place where we understand what the Holy Spirit wants to do next. At other times when we allow, God takes out the sander and removes the decades of build up in our lives. It's not always sin either.

#### Cont'd

Sometimes its unhelpful habits or attitudes. Sometimes its beliefs that we have held for so long we might not even know where we first heard them, but we know that they were important for us to subscribe to at some point in the past and so we still do.

If we are serious about growing in the likeness of Christ, we have to be serious about being open to God's refurbishment.

There is a theological explanation of the Trinity called the "Perichoretic Dance" where the 3 persons of the trinity are engaged in a dance where neither party can be fully identified because of the whirling jubilant celebration of creation contained in that dance. God looks at each one of us and desires to celebrate us with whirling jubilance. So why not make it easier for God by allowing the stripping back and refurbishing of your dance floor?





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

The Borough Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 1NL

**News from The Vine** - this month we have books for Lent on sale. It's often helpful to have a book to encourage your focus on this time of year - whether it's something to read each week or each day, alone or with a group. We'll also have our new range of Take Note books arrive this month, which will include new lent titles.

We'll post our new Lent titles on social media as soon as they arrive, as well as displaying them in store. If you want a particular title for a church group, please order early to avoid disappointment.

As the month goes on, we will also have children's Easter books on display and will be selling Easter card packs in aid of both Compassion and The Leprosy Mission.

Fair Trade Fortnight starts on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February - we missed being able to celebrate this last year so are looking forward to taking part in person this year.

The theme is climate justice and we will have literature for you to take away about how fair-trade links with this.

We'll also have a special offer on our lovely fair-trade hessian bags, to encourage you to ditch the plastic! Do drop in during the fortnight to find out more.

**God Bless** 

Jessica Harrison

Manager

#### **Prayer Walking Rota**

As you will be aware, over recent weeks, prayer walkers have not been going out during the Sunday morning service, to pray for our local area. This is

mainly because those volunteers on the rota have been needed to help in other areas of ministry on Sunday mornings.

It is our intention to try to restart prayer walking once we have enough volunteers to fill the slots on the rota. We began prayer walking in the streets around the church several years ago and know that God has been at work through the prayers of those faithfully fulfilling this ministry. We want those in our local community to know the power and protection of God's Holy Spirit and be drawn to Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

The church recognises the need for prayers and the need for every church member to be active in our prayer life. "...that they should always pray and not give up" – Luke 18:1 [NIV]. Your very commendable efforts in the past are much appreciated. Specifically, the roles you played as a team members of Prayer Walkers are very much valued and appreciated. The lockdown can be blamed for the disruption and we are aware that some still kept on prayer-walking their local streets within the covid rules. The church is also aware of the shortage of volunteers to engage in a number of areas of interests that have come to light in the life of the church.

It would be good to hear about peoples' experiences of prayer walking, how things could be altered/improved and whether those of you who have previously been on the rota want to continue. It is our intention to try to restart prayer walking again and we are pleading and urging as many as are able to join with us in pairs or otherwise to engage with Abbey Green with renewed strategy. Please could you email Roger and Pam at rgadsby@doctors.org.uk with your views. We will also try to arrange a meeting of previous and new prayer walkers after the morning service, on 20th Feb. Isaac, Roger and Pam



#### Notes from the Church Meeting 20th January 2022

( please see minutes for full details )

Thank you to all new volunteers who have signed up to various rotas, it would be wonderful to have more. If we could get to 8 volunteers per rota you would only have to help out 6 times a year!



#### **Finances**

Terry brought us the latest finance update. It has been a complex year due to the impact of Covid. The general offering has reduced, the next budget is due in 2 months and we will have to review spending.

He also updated us on the CIO and advised that all assets are now transferred, but we will need to create a link to the old charity to enable anything given in the old charities name to be accessed. This proposal will be voted on at the 17th March meeting

#### **Building Project**

Roy reported that the architects have submitted the proposal for the development of the toilets to the building regs office, the next step will then be the tender document to enable us to seeks tenders to complete the work. This will then enable us to know the cost of completing the work.

There are a number of other jobs in progress: the roof, heating, dishwasher repairs, etc. plus there is now a comprehensive list of routine maintenance jobs to work through over time.

#### **CAP Update**

Pam read a report from Sherryl the new Debt Centre manager ( see page 9)

The Job Club Team have been meeting weekly to prepare for the upcoming course in February (see page 8)

Leaflets have now arrived and Terry has dropped them into the Job centre, plus he has had an online meeting with the DWP to establish a good working relationship which will hopefully translate into referrals for our courses.

**Sunday services consultation**: Thank you to everyone for their feedback on these. the Spiritual Strategy group met in early January to look at the feedback and discuss a way forward.

**Morning services:** They are looking at ways to involve and engage the junior church in the service and are planning to tie in with the Junior Church leaders for ongoing discussions. Many thanks to Beth, Rachel and Bev for continuing to carry out this ministry in difficult and challenging circumstances.

**Evening services**: Due to Covid many churches have stopped their evening services, but the feedback from the consultation made it clear that a daytime alternative was not the preferred option and so there are plans to resume an evening service.

This will initially be once a month, and have a traditional format to include communion and hymns. No date has been set as we will need to find volunteers to facilitate the music, sound system etc.

**Prayer Meetings**: currently midweek twice a month, it should be easier to meet face to face with the new reduction in restrictions, but zoom will also be available for anyone who cannot attend in person.

Please make every effort to be part of these, if prayer was prioritised by Jesus he must have felt it was vital and necessary, and how much more for us.

# Prayer is the powerhouse of the church



# 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 Olinipekun and Liz Watson.

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.



Hi everyone,

I have been officially in the CAP chair for nearly three weeks now and I am gradually finding my feet. I have been networking in order to introduce myself and develop leads. I have presented to Nuneaton DWP and met with the job club co-ordinators at Wembrook Community Centre.

I am at MCBC every Monday between 10-12 when the Foodbank is on and plan shortly to have a weekly drop in for clients and former clients; in fact anyone who wants to talk about their finances and budgeting or is interested in attending any of the CAP money courses. Once I have assessed the need I can point them towards CAP or signpost them to other support as appropriate.

I am establishing relationships with current clients and befrienders who have been so positive and welcoming. Please pray that those in Nuneaton & Bedworth who need help will get in touch with CAP and that "E" will engage with the process more so we can help them.

Knowing there is always HOPE

**Blessings** 

Sheryl

**Sheryl White** 

Debt Centre Manager - Nuneaton & Bedworth

Christians Against Poverty Tel 07563 312211

# February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30th January  10.30 Morning Service  5.30 Ecumenical service At MCBC	31 January 10-12.00 CAP office 10.00 Holy Dusters 10.30 Food bank 8.00 AA 7.30 YDG	9.30 Littles treasures 2.00 Tuesday Fellowship 6.30 Nun Choral Society	2 2-3.30 Barbera's Home group	3 10.00 Sew & Grow 10.30 Food bank 7.45pm Prayer Meeting	9.30 Littles treasures	5
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#### **Flower Rota**

Flowers provided in February by:

6th- Sonja Wilson

13th - Roger and Pam Gadsby

20th - Sara Nixon and Co

27th - Trevor Bailey

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 February dates:

1st Barry Hartfield

8th Pauline Dowling

25th Rev S McBeth

#### 15th March 12.30 Food For Thought with speaker Bart Gee

Enjoy a home cooked meal and fellowship see Maggie Showler to book your place (£4.00)



# **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.





### A belated but heartfelt thank you...

#### **2nd January Covenant Service**

To Taghreed and Martin Biggs and the rest of the team who set up church for the Covenant service and cooked and served the most amazing bacon butties.

And also to Teresa and Dan for stepping up on Propresenter and sound (although it was fun watching Jonathan run from front to back of the church) on Christmas morning Bless you.

Seriously though it does illustrate how thin on the ground many of our teams are for facilitating the service on Sundays, and we hope to resume evening service once a month in the future.

The more people we get on the rotas the less times you will have



to help out. So if you have a welcoming smile, can make tea and coffee , would like to work on the technical side ( pro presenter sound desk, streaming) have a heart for prayer walking our local community , or would really love to help out in Children's church please have a chat with one of the deacons or activity leaders , there is a place for you.



#### **February Prayer meetings**

#### Thursday 3rd and 17th February 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 ( please see email for log on details )

"Prayer is the powerhouse or heartbeat of the church "



#### Fairtrade Fortnight 21st February to 6th March

The Theme for this years event is Climate Change

#### Fairtrade products available from The Vine Hinckley & Saints Nuneaton

The world's wealthiest people caused the climate crisis – 50 percent of global emissions are the responsibility of the highest-earning 10 percent. But it's the communities that the Fairtrade movement exists to support who are facing the worst realities of climate change right now.

Increasingly unpredictable and extreme weather is forcing farmers and workers, often already on scandalously low incomes due to deeply unfair global trade, into serious hardship.

Buying Fairtrade is easy. There are over 6,000 Fairtrade products from coffee and tea to flowers and gold, so when you shop, look for the FAIRTRADE Mark.

#### **Look out for these Jute Bags**

#### Fairly Traded from Kolkata, India.

The world uses more than 500 billion plastic bags each year – that's 150 for each person on the planet! They're completely unnecessary and it's clear what we should do – use long-life bags instead, as we always used to.

These jute bags are an excellent eco-friendly option. Jute is a great fibre, fast growing, biodegradable and recyclable. It needs far less land and water to grow than cotton and can also be grown without pesticides.





#### Prayer points February are:

- Prayer for the Bugg Family as Daniel continues the chemo treatment pray for protection particularly for Daniel's heart and hearing from the side-effects of the powerful drugs he is receiving.
- Pray for strength and God's peace for Jonathan, Catherine and Ethan and also the wider family.
- Pray about the church finances Thank God for the money given and for wisdom in how we spend the money we have
- For Terry as he draws up a church budget for this year
- For us all as we consider increasing our giving to the church
- Pray for those who are regularly in attendance and not members to consider joining as church members – with the privilege and responsibility that brings.
- Pray for our CAP Ministries particularly for new clients to sign up for debt advice and support through the Debt Centre
- For clients to sign up to attending Job Club starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.





#### Portable Appliance testing (PAT)

As an organisation we have a duty of care to make sure that every electrical appliance we use is up to standard and safe for use.

Teresa Buck our caretaker has attended a PAT testing course and has been working her way around the building testing our electrical appliances, from kettles to sound desks, projectors to extensions etc. and everything she has tested will have a green label certifying it has passed. If you should find any equipment that doesn't have a sticker please let Teresa know, similarly if you bring anything electrical into church this will have to be tested before it can be used.

Thank you

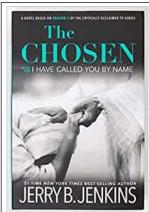


#### **Battery recycling in Church**

If you use equipment in church that uses batteries please take them into the office where they will be kept for recycling.

If you use batteries at home most supermarkets (such as Lidl) have battery recycling bins.

Why is recycling batteries so important? ... When batteries begin to rot away in landfill sites these chemicals may leak into the ground, which can cause soil and water pollution. When chemicals contaminate soil and water animals, humans and the environment can be harmed. Lets love our planet.



#### **Book review**

#### The Chosen I have called you by Name

#### By Jerry B Jenkins.

Prepare to experience Jesus as you have never known Him before.

**The Chosen** is a television drama based on the life of Jesus created, directed and co-written by American filmmaker Dallas Jenkins. It is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus. The

series' creators stated that they had hoped to distinguish the new series from previous portrayals of Jesus by crafting a multi-season, episode-based story. The series portrays Jesus "through the eyes of those who met him".

The only thing better than watching the series is reading the book. Master story teller Jerry B. Jenkins has taken this look into the lives of those Jesus chose to be his followers, his friends, and his "family"--and gone a step (or more) deeper. You will be drawn as quickly into the pages as I was into the theatrical moments of The Chosen film project. I cannot say enough about both.

The movie series brought me to tears, but Jerry's book showed me the Jesus I wanted to know. The Chosen: I Have Called You by Name draws you into the humanity of Jesus., and it immerses you into the very real world of the first century like never before

The story captures authentic insights into Jesus personality. His love, humour, wisdom, and compassion are revealed for every person he encountered. Through Jesus' interaction with the real-life characters, I also met and experienced the Saviour who calls the lost, poor, needy, and forsaken into an authentic relationship.

Very readable, format, with small bite size chapters that let you pick it up and put down without losing the thread.

To watch the series for free go to: www.thechosen.tv/app





#### Pancake day

Tuesday 1st March
Ash Wednesday 2nd March



# Lent 2nd March

#### **Tearfund Free Devotional**

Lent is fast approaching. And with it, the chance to go on a new journey with Jesus and take the time to reflect on God's goodness.

Tearfund have created a resource to help you do exactly that. With their free Lent devotional, you will receive a bite-sized reflection, prayer or poem each morning in your inbox. The theme of this year's devotional is *One*. It explores how we've been created for connection – with God, with each other, with creation, and with our true identity in Christ. To sign up search: "Tearfund Lent devotional "and click on sign up.



# **Good Friday service**

15th April

Time tbc

#### Come and celebrate with us

Sunday 17th April

10.30am



### **Church Prayer Meetings**

## 3rd & 17th February 7.45pm

Face to face & Via Zoom

( please check for an email reminder with logon details )

#### **Church services**

Please join with us each Sunday morning

Please note our new start time

10.30am

CAP Job Club (8 week seminar)

Thursday 3rd February 10.30am

## **Church Members Meeting**

Thursday 17th March 2022 7.45pm

**Mothers day** 

Sunday 27th March



# Book-keeper required for No Second Night Out group



Would anyone be prepared to take on the role of book-keeper for this small group that was originally set up by the Council to bring together charities, organisations and the Council who are involved with preventing homelessness across the borough. The group holds about 6 meetings a year of an hour on a Thursday morning and has a very small budget. The duties are minimal but necessary as we are dealing with public funds.

If you have basic book-keeping skills and would be available to attend the meetings and take on this role, please contact CaroleSparkes on 07791 159 334 or <a href="mailto:sparkescarole@yahoo.co.uk">sparkescarole@yahoo.co.uk</a>.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 24th February at 10.00 am at the Salvation Army in Nuneaton.

#### **About No Second Night Out**

In 2011 the Government published "Vision to End Rough Sleeping: No Second Night Out" nationwide, calling on councils to adopt the idea and provided The Homeless Transition Fund to help local charities get the right services in place to help tackle rough sleeping.

A review in 2014 found that 7 out of 10 rough sleepers across England were helped off the streets the day they were found and nearly 8 in 10 do not return after receiving help.

