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March 2022



*Ordinary people learning to follow
an extraordinary God!*


<p>Manor Court Baptist Church Manor Court Road Nuneaton CV11 5HU 024 7638 2577 office@mcbc.org.uk www.mbcnuneaton.org.uk</p>	<p>I have sat down to write an article for the MCBC magazine so many times.</p> <p>Sometimes with the knowledge of the difficulty</p> 
<p>Pastor: Rev Jonathan Bugg His day off is Friday Contact: Pastor@mcbc.org.uk</p>	<p>people were going through because of Covid, personal illness or loss of loved ones.</p>
<p>Church office open 9.30-12.00</p> <p>Foodbank Monday & Thursday 10.30-12.00</p>	<p>Sometimes following difficult news within my own family. But as I sit to write this, the country of Ukraine and the violent invasion by the undemocratic and frankly corrupt Russian regime looms large in our headlines. Already people are divided over whether we should set tougher sanctions, send troops, and if we should accept Ukrainian refugees as they flee the carnage of war in their own country.</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>It does seem that as the last of those who can remember the sheer horror of the second world war die, the foolishness and greed of humanity chooses to ignore the lessons learned from history. And in all this we can be forgiven for feeling and thinking that we are insignificantly small unwanted parts in the large and complex machine of world politics, but that is not true. Despite how daunting the efforts and bizarre thought processes of even the most deranged despot may be, we know a God who is greater than anything manmade. In Matthew 19:26 Jesus tells his disciples:</p>
<p>Please note the deadline for April magazine is 26th March</p> <p>Yvonne.mead@mcbc.org.uk</p>	<p>“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”</p>

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I am a control freak. I try to let go of the need to control things, and over time the urge is diminished, but like any recovering addict I have to recognise what my true nature is. So it is that despite the fact that it is often spoken as a somewhat trite cliché, the statement: "I may not know what tomorrow holds, but I know who holds tomorrow" has become a great way of realigning my approach to the uncertainty of things beyond my control.

You are not insignificant. You are not too small or unwanted. You are deeply loved by the creator of the universe, who doesn't want to do anything without involving us. God's kingdom is not a human democracy but a theocracy where its citizens are listened to, their prayers heard, and when it right to do so, they are acted upon. But when only a few pray, and most of the citizens abstain, God waits until it is important enough to us.

God is longing to hear your voice, wants to know your desires, and is waiting to act. Are we longing to spend time with God? Are we wanting to share the desires of our heart with God? Are we willing to bring our needs and fears before God, to pray and invest our time and emotions in that prayer and trust in the one who holds who holds tomorrow to act?

 <p>the Spirit</p> <p>also helps our <i>weakness</i>; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words</p> <p>ROMANS 8:26</p>	<p>Prayer is a partnership. I do not merely bring my requests to God, but God and I pray together</p>
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News from the CAP front : The good or maybe the bad news is that I am starting to receive referrals for new clients. In fact by the time you read this I will have had my first appointment with two of them. Although I have done a run through with my Area Manager I still feel a bit out of my depth but trusting to God and His leading. Fortunately when we are weak God is strong so I am stepping forward with boldness and courage. I am sure I will be fine once I get a few appointments under my belt!

I have been in touch with current clients to encourage them and we have rescheduled the:

Fish, Chips & Tricks Evangelistic CAP event

for Thursday 28 April at 18.30 at Bedworth Baptist Church.

It is open to anyone, not just CAP clients, the guidance is, you can come if you are a Christian but you need to bring a non-Christian friend. If you are interested please let me know sherylwhite@capuk.org or 07563 312211

Please pray:

- for those new clients who have been referred that they will engage wholeheartedly with the process and that they will have open hearts and minds to hear the gospel.
- For the Fish, Chips & Tricks event and whether you should bring someone and for those who will come that they will be open to the gospel
- Please pray for our current clients for engagement and perseverance, that our relationships with them will grow closer.

Thanks Sheryl



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This is an exciting time of year for us with many things going on— some of which we have been unable to do for two years!

As March begins we will be half way through Fairtrade fortnight . This year the focus is on Climate justice and how Fairtrade plays a part in this. As per last year there is a lot of content online including seminars (checkout the Fairtrade Foundation website) but in store we have booklets on the subject for you to read and a discount on our lovely Fairtrade jute bags , to encourage the end of single use plastic bags !

On 1st March we will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday once again with our one-off Pancake Day menu of savoury and sweet options.

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day and we will have a selection of books for both children and adults at just £1.00 ! These will be available from the 3rd while stocks last.

The 2nd March is the beginning of Lent and we have a really good selection of Easter books, (some of which are at discounted prices) Easter cards and Mothering Sunday cards. Our packs of Easter cards are sold in aid of Compassion and the Leprosy Mission and we also have individual cards and book marks. We also have Palm crosses in stock for churches that require them.

We hope that you will visit us during this special time and enjoy some of these special offers and events.

God Bless

Jessica Harrison Manager

Beryl Warburton kindly sent a card to Jonathan and the MCBC church family which is transcribed below



To the dear friends at Manor Court Baptist Church.

I would like to use this note with much appreciation, gratitude to thank you for the lovely bouquet of flowers from the church which Rosemary kindly delivered to me Sunday 6th February 2022.

The comical side of this, I woke up with an itchy nose, so I thought the Lord is giving me a surprise. Naturally I wasn't really expecting one!

The significance of it our Lord does have. His plans and purposes in all things.

I was feeling a bit down as my neighbour, who is most kind, told me she had lost her grandmother the day before which was Saturday. So I feel the Lord's purpose with the gift of your flowers was very special.

Wow the illustration from it was in Psalm 23 and add an extra note to each verse "And I shall never walk alone" Praise our Lord for His awesomeness and His wonders of creation with the presentation of the flowers.

The red rose speaks of love, our Heavenly Father's love and His Precious Son Jesus. The white flowers speak of purity and righteousness.

The deep yellow (gold colour) in the centre of daisy-like flowers speaks of preciousness, the preciousness of us knowing God and His Son Jesus dying for us on the cross of Calvary, John 3 verse 16.

May everyone who reads my thank you note whether members, friends, relatives or visitors feel included because in everything it's not the present that counts it's what the Lord is also saying to each of you, even if you are lonely, anxious or troubled may you feel uplifted and blessed because we are all precious in God's sight and God willing you will gain something spiritual yourself from my thoughts from a bunch of flowers.

With renewed thanks and God's blessing.

In my dear Lord Love Beryl.

Please continue to thank God for Beryl and her continued faith and witness for her Lord and Saviour, Remember her in your prayers.



Home groups are a vital part of Church life, gathering together on Sundays is essential but it is also important to meet together in small groups. They offer a sense of family and support a place to share life, pray together and discuss the Sunday message and its application to our daily lives.

Please see below the latest list of Homegroup leaders and when their group meets, if you would like more information on how to contact leaders and where they meet please contact Lynn Salter.

Ruth Shooter	Monday afternoon
Beth Showler	Monday evening Zoom/ Wednesday pm Church
Janet & Andy Down:	Monday evening
Elizabeth Wilson	Monday evening
Roger & Pam Gadsby	Tuesday evening
Rick & Maggie Showler	Tuesday evening
Barbara Parker	Wednesday afternoon at church



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**Prayer Walking on Sunday mornings at
MCBC : will you be part of the Team?**

We have been sending out 2 people to prayer walk in the area of Abbey Green during our morning services for several years.

During the Covid pandemic when we did not have a face to face service prayer walking continued and on some Sundays we were able to send out two teams of two people.

Since we have been able to start back to worship face to face, we have been struggling to have enough volunteers to fill all the jobs needed to enable us to run our morning services. As a result we have not had enough people to go out prayer walking and this ministry has not happened for the past few months.

We held a meeting last Sunday after the service to discuss this ministry and to see if we had enough people to restart.

Rosemary, Isaac, Pam, Ash and Charlotte who attended, all felt that prayer walking is important and were happy to volunteer to be part of a new rota.

We feel that 5 is too few a number to be able to restart. 8 people could be considered as the minimum needed, which would mean each team of 2 prayer walking once a month. If we had 16 volunteers it would be every 2 months.

Please pray and think about whether God would want you to be involved in this work. If you are interested, please let Roger know.

We will have prayer walking as an agenda item at our next church meeting on the 17 March.

Roger (Church Secretary)



Prayer points for the month of March are :

- The Bugg Family – Daniel is now 2/3 of the way through his chemo treatment. Please continue to pray that he will be protected from further damage to his body and that he will be suffer minimal side-effects.
- Tuesday Fellowship - thanks for the leaders and all who attend. Pray that others will become involved and appreciate this opportunity to meet with others and share in worship. Pray too that the Food for Thought meeting on 15th March will go well and be well attended and that there will be enough helpers to prepare and provide the meal.
- Pray for those in the fellowship who are struggling mentally, physically or spiritually to know the Lord's peace and comfort and to receive the help and support they need.
- Pray for Ukraine – that peace may come to that country.
- Pray for the situations of conflict around the world - for protection for all those innocently caught up in them and for God to bring peace and justice through the prayers of His people.



March 2022 (activities taking place in the church building)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pancake Day 9.30 Little treasures 2.00 Tuesday Fellowship 6.30 Nun Choral Society	2 Ash Wednesday 2-3.30 Barbara's Home group 7.30 Prayer meeting	3 10.00 Sew & Grow 10.30 Food bank 10.30 CAP job club 7.30 Prayer Meeting	4 9.30 Littles treasures	5
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Flower Rota

Flowers provided this month by:



6th John & Yvonne Mead

13th Christine Milburn

20th Liz Tomkinson

27th Dan & Beth Showler

Please do get in touch with pam Gadsby if you would like to be on the rota

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 March dates :

1st Lisa Mcbeth

8th Janet Down

22nd Rev Heather Barnes



Food for Thought 15th March at 12.45

You are invited to come and join Tuesday fellowship for a 2 course home cooked meal plus an inspirational message.

This month speaker is Bart Gee who has visited in the past and is returning with a very inspiration talk entitled **“Praising God in all circumstances “**

Tickets are £4.00 please see Sonja Wilson, Rosemary Hands or contact the church office to book a place.



Just when
parents
think their
work is finished
someone calls them
Grand

Congratulations

Martin and Taghreed on the birth of their
Grandson Judah James Ward

Born at 2.28am 15th February

Weight 7.lbs

Mum Tamsin is happy but very tired

Please pray for a speedy recovery

And God's richest blessings on this new
family



From Vernel and Alina Constantinescue

We are looking for someone to look after our 2 daughters

From 3.00pm– 5.30pm Tuesday—Friday

We would love someone to come to our house and look after them please

If you are interested or would like more information

Please contact Alina on 07533 045045

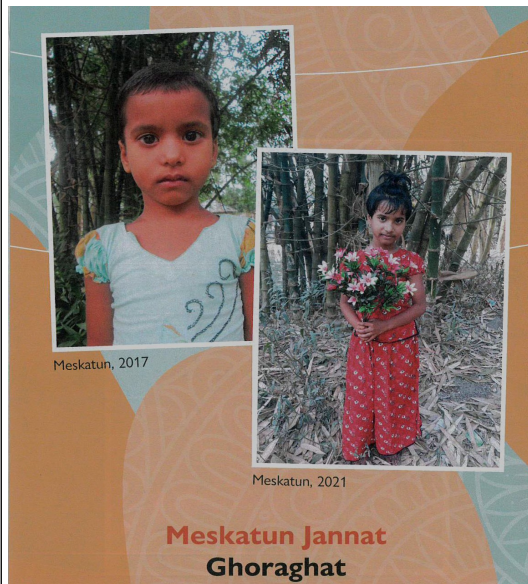


Hello everyone,

My name is Sara Nixon and I work in the church office, I also write to Meskatun the World Vision child that we at MCBC sponsor.

With all the recent changes in the world it has been a difficult time for so many, but I worry especially for Meskatun and people like her who depend on external support for life changing opportunities.

I would normally write 4 times a year but only managed to write twice last year. In addition to our financial support I would love her to feel loved valued and encouraged by being able to shower her in letters.



I thought I would start small and ask if anyone would be able to find time to write a short letter or birthday card to her (she has recently turned 10)

Here are a few facts about her to help you along....Meskatun is 10 years old and has recently had a birthday on 8th

She lives in Ghoraghat, Bangladesh with her parents. She loves playing with her doll or feeding the goat and she likes to eat eggs as they are full of protein. She loves music it makes her very happy!

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Teresa our caretaker has very kindly written her a letter and I thought it was so lovely and such a great example I had to share it. (with Teresa's permission) hoping it inspires you to put pen to paper, reading it I learned something new about Teresa . You can find this on the outreach board in the hall. Please take a look !

Thank you for taking the time to read this and if you would like to know more about Meskatun please ask away.

If you are unable to write could you please lift Meskatun and her family , her family and village in prayer .

Together I believe we can achieve great things through Gods love especially in the hard times, that's the whole point isn't it.

Thank you for all your support

Many blessings and much love Sara

Guidance Notes from the World vision child sponsorship team

We know sometimes it's hard to think of what to write. you can start with something like:

Describe your family and friends: names, what they look like, interests

Share your (or your children's) interests and favourites: colours, animals, school subjects, sports, hobbies

Tell your sponsored child why you're thankful for them and that you are praying for them

Ask them about their family and friends

Ask about their hopes and dreams — what they want to be when they grow up

Ask what they're learning in school,
ask about their favourite games and sports



**MCBC Evening Communion Service
on 13th March at 6.00pm and then every
second Sunday of the month**

Following discussion at our January church meeting MCBC and as Covid restrictions are eased we agreed to restart an evening service once a month at 6pm. This will be on the second Sunday of the month and the first service will be on 13 March.

It will be a communion service following a Baptist communion liturgy and will include anointing with oil for healing and blessing for those who request this.

The worship style will be more traditional than the morning style with mainly hymns, and a shorter sermon, to enable more time to be spent on communion. We plan for the service to last around one hour.

The dates of the following services will be 10th April (Palm Sunday) 8th May, 12th June, 10th July, 14th Aug, 11th Sept, 9th Oct and 13th Nov

We will need help from a small "team" to enable these services to happen regularly. We need people to offer to be on "welcome duty", people to work the sound desk and pro-presenter and people to prepare a cup of tea/coffee after the service if people feel that would be helpful.

If you feel able to volunteer for any of these jobs could you let me know and I will co-ordinate this with Sara in the MCBC office.

We know that there are only a few churches that are now offering an evening service so we have let other local churches know and we would ask if you could "spread the word" about the service and invite others who might like to attend.

Many Thanks

Roger (Church Secretary)



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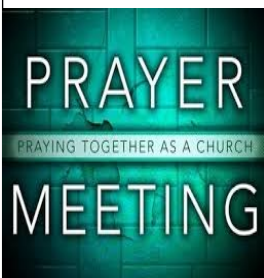
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In response to our invitation to other Nuneaton churches to join our evening services starting 13th March, NCF have extended a similar invitation to us to join with them at their evening services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

The format will be traditional with Hymns, and a short sermon.

mon: Next dates will be 6th & 20th March



MCBC Prayer Meetings

Thursday 3rd & 24th March 7.30pm

Prayer meetings this month will be face to face in church and also on zoom.

With so many prayer needs at home and in the world at present, can I encourage you to make these dates a

priority this month.

As the Russian invasion of Ukraine begins, and as world leaders assure its terrified citizens of 'the world's prayers', let us gather in the knowledge and confidence that our prayers do make a difference, our hope is in the one who can rewrite history and create peace where it seems impossible.



What's Happening

Easter at Manor Court Baptist Church



Palm Sunday Service

10th April 10.30am

*'Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of
burden "*



Tenebrae Service

15th April Time TBC

An evening of readings, prayer and songs to help us reflect on the depth of Jesus suffering, His death and His sacrifice for our sakes, so that we could receive the free gift of eternal life.



Easter Service

Come and celebrate the Risen King

Sunday 17th April

10.30am

" He is Risen"

"He is risen indeed, hallelujah "



This month at MCBC.....

Church Prayer meetings

7.30pm Thursday 3rd and 24th March tbc

Face to face at church and via Zoom



Tuesday Fellowship Food for Thought

15th March 12.45am

Speaker Bart Gee



Church Members Meeting

Thursday 17th March 19.45pm



CAP Job Club (8 week seminar)

Thursdays at 10.30am



Mothering Sunday

27th March



Community Night



With guest speaker
Mathew Toller



MARCH 7TH 2022 | 7:30-9PM

Come and join us at the Lodge for a night of Worship, and hear Guest speaker Matthew Toller (who is a Rabbi, YWAMer Author and Pastor in Seoul Korea) as he speaks about missions. Our Oasis café will be open from 7.00pm for a time of refreshment and fellowship

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WHERE?

Manor Court Baptist Church Nuneaton

TICKETS

Will be bookable on Eventbrite.....TBC

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God, our refuge and strength in trouble
Today we pray for the people of Ukraine,
And for those of Russia too.
For those who awoke to great fear,
For those fleeing their homes,
For all facing danger.
Help them to feel the comfort of your
presence,
Change angry hearts and minds,
Drive out hatred with your love,
And war with your perfect peace,
For we ask it in the name of the One who
is our Peace
Jesus our Lord.
Amen