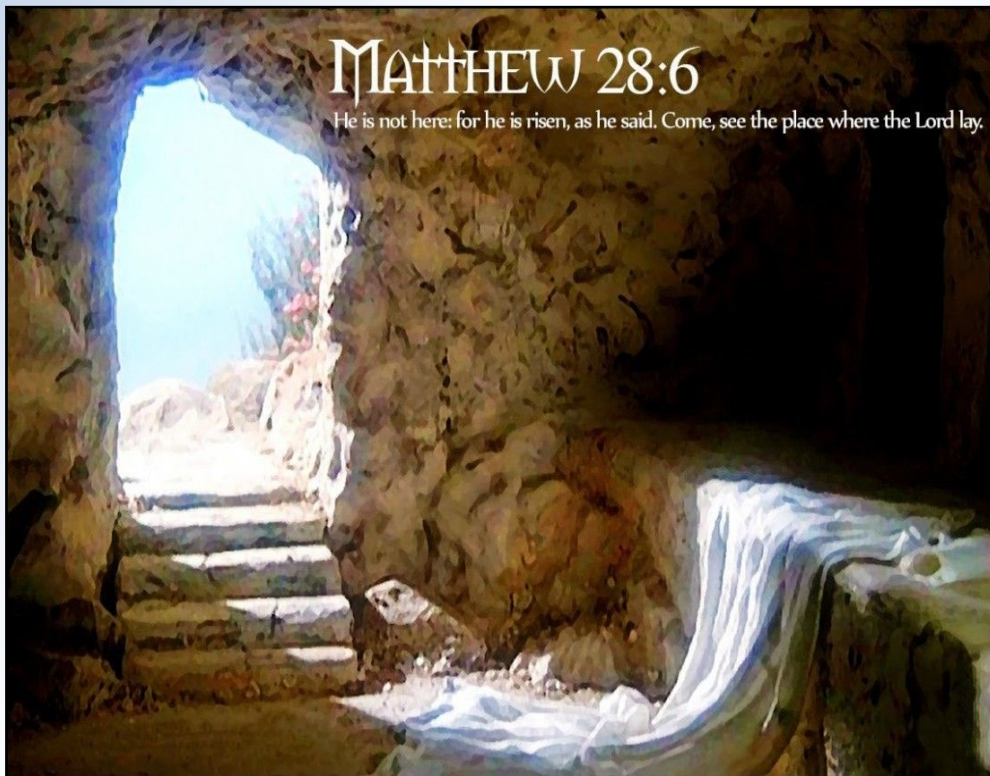


MANOR  
**COURT**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
**CIRCULAR**

April 2022



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

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<p><b>Pastor:</b>  Rev Jonathan Bugg  His day off is Friday  Contact:  Pastor@mcbbc.org.uk</p>	<p>congregation since the pandemic lockdowns of 2020. As we look at the congregation now we see not only live in person services, but two worship bands, Junior church back in action, prayer walking about to restart, refreshments</p>
<p><b>Church office open</b>  <b>9.30-12.00</b></p> <p><b>Foodbank</b>  Monday &amp; Thursday  10.30-12.00</p>	<p>after the service and recently we celebrated communion by being served the bread and wine minus the plate. It is a most wonderful thing to see the return to what was considered normal, and it is in no small way down to many of you who have taken the plunge and not only returned but volunteered to help.</p>
<p><b>WE HAVE 5 CORE VALUES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WORSHIPPING</b> Jesus at the centre</li> <li>• <b>DISCIPLING</b> Every member growing</li> <li>• <b>MINISTERING</b> Everyone using their gifts</li> <li>• <b>BUILDING COMMUNITY</b> Open, honest relationships</li> <li>• <b>REACHING OUT</b> Reaching out into the community</li> </ul>	<p>Thank you so much. This really is faith family in action, doing what we have been talking about with a desire to see people flourish. How great is that!</p>
<p>Please note the deadline for May magazine is 26th April</p> <p>Yvonne.mead@mcbbc.org.uk</p>	<p>Of course, we also have to be honest and admit that we (like most churches around the world) are missing at least a third of our regular congregation, and if that includes you, I really do mean “we are missing you”. As a community church, we feel the pain of loss when those we have journeyed with for so long choose to leave us.</p> <p>For some this has been the start of an exciting adventure of starting a new life in a new place,</p>

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but for some others it has been more the absence of deciding to return. We do miss you and would love to welcome you back into our midst, to worship together, and catch up over a coffee after.

But having celebrated the return to normal, the question must be asked, where to now? During the pandemic when nothing was possible, many church leaders around the country encouraged embracing the time of lockdown and church closure as the opportunity to bring about change. Many church members around the country however feared change and what might be lost when they already felt they had lost so much. Now we are back, reunited (if not reinvigorated yet), so I believe very much that this is the time to be asking what God wants us to do and where God wants us to go. I still firmly believe that God wants us to become more committed, more vulnerable and more open-hearted followers of Jesus, and that as we focus on our spiritual journeys, seeking to grow in the likeness of Christ, our relationships with the community around us will be closer, the practice of our faith more real and less “religious”, and our evangelism will be natural.

I have been training for two terms now in how to be a “Spiritual Companion” (once called “Spiritual Director”) to those who truly want to see where God is at work in their lives so that their relationship with Jesus might deepen and their lives be more Christ like. The more I study this, (and see my own “companion” who I have been seeing for some years now) the more I am amazed that so few people seek Spiritual accompaniment, and I would encourage you all to consider setting aside an hour once every 6 weeks or so to start to explore what God is doing in your life.

As we celebrate Easter this month, let it not only be a celebration of Christ rising from the dead, but let it be the start of His church also coming alive into new life in all its fullness.

*Jonathan*



**CHURCH  
MATTERS**

### **Notes from the Church Meeting 17th March 2022**

**( please see minutes for full details )**

**Finances** :Terry reported it has been a complex year due to the impact of Covid but the figures to the end of the year look very positive. The new budget for 2022/23 reflects savings necessary to take into account inflation and the upcoming energy price increases etc. He advised he and the leadership are very aware of the faithful generosity and kindness of those who give to the church finances.

**CIO update** : the proposal to create a link to the old charity to enable anything given in the old charities name to be accessed was voted on and agreed unanimously.



**Ukraine update** : It was agreed that as a church MCBC would register interest as a Refugee friendly church for any refugees that may come to our area without family and friends in the UK. Terry will be co-ordinator and Jonathan and James will be welcomer's there will be further information at a later date

regarding contributions for welcome packs.

### **Ukraine Drop In centre at MCBC: (Українська крапля в центрі )**

Godfrey Hands suggested that we could also open church 5 days a week ( possibly afternoons) to enable any local Ukrainian refugees and their children to have a place to come together and meet with fellow countrymen and women over tea and cake and also have access to a computer. Anyone who would like to be involved please see Rosemary & Godfrey Hands. (Terry advised that there is a translation app that can be downloaded onto your phone to help with conversations.)

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**CAP update:** Pam advised that the CAP debt centre is doing well.

Terry advised the CAP job club has been well attended and Scott Watson is helping with IT skills. The next course is due to start 28th April

### **Prayer Walking**

We would still like more people to volunteer for the prayer walking rota. Thank you to those who have already given us their names. We are hoping to start prayer walking on a Sunday morning during April and will contact directly those who have already volunteered to join a rota.



### **Restart of Evening Services:**

Roger advised that the first service on 13th March was well attended and feedback was very positive. 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. Please see Roger if you can help.

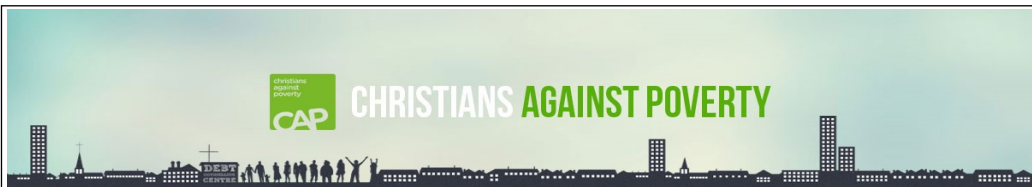
### **Church meetings :**

It was suggested that to avoid any confusion all church meetings ( Members & prayer etc) should all have the same start time of 7.30pm. This was agreed by all present.

### **Communion:**

With the relaxing of Covid restrictions it was suggested and agreed that the bread and wine would revert to being served to individuals during the service. ( plates of bread and wine would still be available for anyone not comfortable with returning to this method )





**News from the CAP front:** Things seem to be settling to a steady tempo. I am seeing new clients and in April I will be taking my first client through their CAP budget. I am so proud of our existing clients who are paying regularly each month into their CAP plans and taking another step each month to going debt free.

I helped a client submit an online form for help with their water bill arrears and praise God the money has been awarded and that debt cleared.

Please pray for the CAP event on 28 April . 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](mailto:sherylwhite@capuk.org) or 07563 312211

**Fish, Chips & Tricks Evangelistic CAP event  
for Thursday 28 April at 18.30 at Bedworth Baptist Church.**

Please pray that many CAP clients from this area will attend and that their hearts will be open to the message of the gospel.

Please pray for the client who is so close to becoming debt free but who is fearful to take that final step. I have offered support. Please pray that if that is the right thing she will accept the offer.

Please pray for the client who missed his first appointment and that there has been no response to trying to get in touch with him to find out how he is and reschedule.

Blessings

Sheryl



**The Vine Christian Bookshop**  
**The Borough**  
**Hinckley Leicestershire LE10 1NL**

News from The Vine - as the weather improves, we are feeling very spring-like at The Vine with Easter books, cards and eggs on the shelves. If you haven't picked up your Easter cards yet there are still plenty available. We also have the Real Easter Egg in stock - please do let us know in good time if you need a quantity of them. They are available in milk chocolate, dark and (new for this year) white chocolate! We're serving hot cross buns in the coffee shop during Lent, which you can have toasted, oven-warmed or cold, served with or without jam. We'll also be preparing to welcome customers to sit at our outside seating as the weather improves - it's already looking lovely out there with daffodils and primroses having come up recently.

A new arrival in stock is the long-awaited novel by Francine Rivers called "The Lady's Mine". Like her first novel, "Redeeming Love", it is set in the American Goldrush and is about a suffragette and an ex-soldier who meet and join forces to save a town - I'll review it fully, on our website blog, when I've finished reading it! If you are a fan of Rivers' work you are bound to enjoy it. It is on a special introductory price of £9.99 while stocks last.

We are short of volunteers at the moment, particularly for Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and are looking for people who would be happy to help in the coffee shop doing food prep and serving customers. We ask for a reference (preferably from a church minister) and have a simple form that needs completion. If you are interested, please call in for a chat, phone us on 01455 612345 or email [thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk).

Since the invasion of Ukraine by Russia we have added a donation button to our website, which will take you to the DEC appeal page. We will also be donating anything put into our counter piggybank to the DEC campaign for the foreseeable. We have recently created a prayer board in the shop - this is for you to add your prayers - not just for Ukraine but for anything on your heart, and to prayer over the prayers of others. God Bless Jessica Harrison Manager



# A prayer for Ukraine



God of all,

with alarm and concern we bring before you  
the military intervention in Ukraine.

In a world you made for peace and flourishing,  
we lament the use of armed force.

We mourn every casualty in this conflict,  
every precious life extinguished by war.  
We pray comfort for those who grieve  
and those who are fearful.

Hear our longing that leaders and nations  
will honour the worth of all people  
by having the courage  
to resolve conflict through dialogue.

May all our human failings be transformed  
by your wonderful grace and goodness.

We ask this in the name of Christ,  
the author of peace and sustainer of creation.

Amen

24 February 2022: A prayer from the Joint Public Issues Team. The text may be shared and reproduced for non-monetised purposes.  
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**Prayer points for April :**

- Pray for the Bugg Family - that Daniel will be kept well and be able to continue his chemo regimen as planned. Pray for God's presence and strength for Jonathan, Catherine, Ethan and Daniel.
- Pray that all those suffering from covid will make a complete recovery and give thanks that, for most, the latest variant is not a serious condition.
- Pray that all those with ongoing medical needs will receive the help and treatment they need.
- Pray for an increase in the numbers of children and young people attending our groups. Also for wisdom for our leaders as we look at making future plans to enable our youngsters to come to a personal faith in Jesus and grow in their faith.
- Pray that God will work a miracle and bring about a complete end to the war in Ukraine. Pray that all those affected physically, mentally and living in fear of their lives and future safety and security might know God's peace and hope.



## April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>28 March</b> 10.00 Holy Dusters 10.30 Food bank 8.00 AA 8.00 YDG	<b>29</b> 9.30 Littles treasures 2.00 Tuesday Fellowship 6.30 Nun Choral Society	<b>30</b> 2.00 Barbara Parker HG	<b>31</b> 10.00 Sew & Grow 10.30 Food bank	<b>1 April</b> 9.30 Littles treasures	<b>2</b> Tech Training day at MCBC 11.00am
<b>3</b> 10.30 Morning Service	<b>4</b> 10.00 Holy Dusters 10.30 Food bank & CAP 8.00 AA 8.00 YDG	<b>5</b> 9.30 Littles treasures 2.00 Tuesday Fellowship 6.30 Nun Choral Society	<b>6</b> 2.00 Barbara Parker HG	<b>7</b> 10.00 Sew & Grow 10.30 Food bank 7.30 Prayer Meeting	<b>8</b> 9.30 Littles treasures 1.30 Funeral service Margaret Humphries	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Palm Sunday</b> 10.30 Morning Service 6.00pm Evening service including communion	<b>11</b> 10.00 Holy Dusters 10.30 Food bank & CAP 8.00 AA 8.00 YDG	<b>12</b> 2.00 Tuesday Fellowship 6.30 Nun Choral Society	<b>13</b> 2.00 Barbara Parker HG	<b>14 Maundy Thursday</b> 10.00 Sew & Grow 10.30 Food bank 7.30 Maundy Service	<b>15 Good Friday</b> 10.00 Sew & Grow 10.30 Food bank 8.00 Tenebrae Service	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Easter Sunday</b> 10.30 Morning Service including Communion	<b>18</b> Easter Monday 8.00 AA	<b>19</b> 6.30 Nun Choral Society	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10.00 Sew & Grow 10.30 Food bank	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
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### **Flower Rota**

Flowers provided this month by:



3rd Roy & Ruth Shooter

10th Rena Fisher

17th Sara Nixon and Co

24th Roger & Pam Gadsby

Please tie in with Pam Gadsby if you would like to provide flowers on a Sunday

### **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 April dates :

5th Sam Downing

12th Easter Communion Rev David Martin



break for the Easter holidays and restart 3rd May

"I attended food for thought for the first time on 15th March and enjoyed a lovely time of fellowship plus a delicious home cooked meal compliments to the chef! The speaker Bart Gee was truly inspirational. Bart was born with a rare physical disability which means he has weak muscles and stiff joints. Despite doctors gloomy predictions he has seen every obstacle as an opportunity to overcome. Bart is a worship leader and inspirational speaker in schools and church groups in the UK and internationally."

Checkout his website <https://www.breakinglimits.co.uk>

Next Food for Thought 21st June with a speaker from TWAM

( Tools with a mission )

### **The MCBC Ukraine Appeal**

The total donations came to :

**£2,945.15 including Gift Aid \***

2/3 will go to BMS

And 1/3 to Disaster Emergency Committee

(\* to be confirmed )



### **Prayers for the Ukraine**

See the Baptist union website for prayer points ,guidance and updates

### **Volunteers needed to support the**

### **Nuneaton Choral Society event**

**on Saturday 28th May**

**At MCBC**

**Would you be willing to support this community Event?**

Please tie in with Sara in the office if you would be willing to operate the sound system or do the refreshments

**Free tickets to all volunteers**





**YWAM the Kings Lodge 20th April**

**11.00am -3.00pm**

**Saints Nuneaton 21st April**

**11.00am —3.00pm**



Each day will be jam packed with family friendly activities, including workshops, art and crafts, active games and inflatables – and maybe even some animals too!

We will be offering a free meal, and drinks and snacks for all children with a HAF code, as well as food activities to get involved with (plus free tea and coffee for all the well deserving parents and carers!)

We will also be providing a sensory play area for younger children and children with sensory needs in a quieter area of each venue, which will provide a chill out zone for any children who need a break from the main activities.

These events are free for families who have received HAF codes from the council. Not got a code? Never fear, we will be releasing low cost paid tickets very soon! Checkout Eventbrite for tickets



NUNEATON  
**CHORAL**  
SOCIETY

*Proudly presents*



# Oh Happy Day!

*"I don't sing because I'm happy; I'm happy because I sing  
- William James*

**When:** Saturday 28 May 2022 at 7.30 p.m. (Doors open at 7.00 p.m.)

**Where:** Manor Court Baptist Church, Manor Court Road,  
Nuneaton, CV11 5HU

**Tickets available on the door:**

Adults £5.00 (under 12's £3.00) : Family £12.00





## Dates to remember

### Church Prayer meetings

7.30pm 7th & 28th April

Face to face at church and via Zoom

### Fish, Chips & Tricks Evangelistic CAP event

Thursday 28 April at 18.30

at Bedworth Baptist Church.

### CAP Job Club

8 week seminar starts 28th April

Thursdays at 10.30am

### Next church meeting

19th May 7.30pm

### Andy Kind in Concert

4th June 7.30pm

Plus Andy will be guest preacher

Sunday 5th June 10.30pm



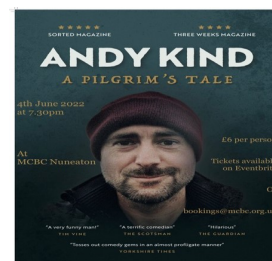
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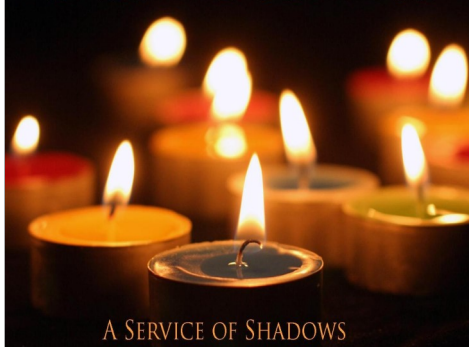




## April at MCBC.....



### TENEBRAE SERVICE



#### **Maundy Thursday**

##### **Communion service**

14th April 7.30pm

Join us as we come together and share communion and remember that last supper Jesus shared with his disciples

#### **Tenebrae Service**

15th April 8.00pm

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**

##### **Including communion**

Come and celebrate the Risen King

Sunday 17th April

10.30am

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# ANDY KIND

## A PILGRIM'S TALE

4th June 2022  
at 7.30pm

At  
MCBC Nuneaton

£6 per person

Tickets available  
on Eventbrite

Or

[bookings@mcbc.org.uk](mailto:bookings@mcbc.org.uk)

"A very funny man!"  
TIM VINE

"A terrific comedian"  
THE SCOTSMAN

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