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BAPTIST CHURCH  
**CIRCULAR**

May 2022



Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.

- Mark 1:35 NLT -

Spending time with Dad



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

<p><b>Manor Court Baptist Church</b>  <b>Manor Court Road</b>  <b>Nuneaton CV11 5HU</b>  <b>024 7638 2577</b>  <b>office@mcbbc.org.uk</b>  <b>www.mcbbcunneaton.org.uk</b></p>	<p>As part of our Red letter year studying the actual words of Jesus we have already looked at what He said about the Kingdom of</p> 
<p><b>Pastor:</b>  Rev Jonathan Bugg  His day off is Friday  Contact:  Pastor@mcbbc.org.uk</p>	<p>God and then explored what He accomplished on the cross.</p> <p>This month sees the start of a new 5-week series called “spending time with dad “</p>
<p><b>Church office open</b>  9.30-12.00  <b>CAP Manager</b>  Mondays 10.00-12.00  <b>Foodbank</b>  Monday &amp; Thursday</p>	<p>And we will be unpacking what having a relationship with Father God looks like.</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>Last week we started by looking at finding a time and place, and saw how Jesus made this a reality and habit in his life. We looked at His relationship with his father and asked what changes do we perhaps need to make to our lives to find a time and place to meet with God.</p> <p>In week two we are going to be looking at how to talk with dad, which is always a good place to start, as communication is said to be the glue of any relationship.</p>
<p>Please note the deadline for June magazine is 25th May</p> <p>Yvonne.mead@mcbbc.org.uk</p>	<p>Did you know that lack of communication was cited as one of the top 10 reasons for breakdown in relationships in the UK so “Its good to talk “ How many remember that used to be a BT advert?</p> <p>This year it has become the catchphrase of numerous metal health charities who are trying</p>

to raise awareness of the positive benefits to our mental health of talking about our problems to someone who is interested enough to invest their time to listen.

But as Christians we know that already don't we? David in psalm 116 says "I love the LORD because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy. Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath!"

The King James version says *because He has inclined His ear towards me*, isn't that a wonderful picture of our Father leaning down, intent and concentrating on what we have to say!! Now that's "active listening"!

In week three we will be looking at Listening to dad, how do we do that? Well just as we read God has His ear inclined to us so we must be ready to listen to Him, and we will be exploring exactly what that means for us.

Week Four is entitled Receiving from God so do come along to find out just what that means.

Finally in week 5 we finish the series by unpacking what Jesus meant when he told us to *be like our dad*.

in Matthew 5 : 48 we read "Therefore, just as your heavenly Father is complete in showing love to everyone, so also you must be complete. "

Finally Churches around the country are moving towards some semblance of normality , and for us it has been great to be back together in person, worshipping, praising and praying together as one big family of believers. If you are still deciding about when to return be assured we would love to see you, and catch up after the service for a coffee and a chat.

Let us

*Pray*  
for you

Please call / text us on  
the prayer line

Tel : 0778 6785



### **Treasurer's Report – Budget for 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023**

God worked a miracle with the finances last year, allowing us to have £177 more money come into the general fund than went out during the year. This is amazing because when we set the budget, we predicted that we would have to use up £2,000 from our reserves but God had other ideas!

This means that we start the year in a very stable position financially with strong reserves but during the course of budget setting – looking at the trend in giving and likely increases in costs especially with regards to energy and salary increases means that the budget is very tight for the coming year.

Therefore, at the Church Meeting held on Thursday 17th March 2022, a faith budget was agreed with the following increases in giving:

1) That on average all of the 35 regular givers should be encouraged to increase their giving by 5%. If you are a regular giver and are able to increase your giving by this amount then please amend your Standing Order accordingly. However, don't worry if you are not able to increase your giving at this time.

I appreciate that a lot of salaries have not increased in line with inflation and other incomes like pensions have only gone up by 3% and not 5%. Overall, we are in faith that some people will be able to increase their giving by 10% or more, which will allow for those who are not able to increase your giving at all, or only able to increase your giving by a lower percentage at this time.

2) That during the year on average we would gain 3 new regular donors of £100 per month to replace some of the givers who have died or moved away during the last year.

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3) That similar to previous years we will get on average 4 “one off gifts” of £1,000. So, if God prompts you to give a “one off gift” of any amount it will help towards this faith target.

Please remember that in all your giving it is important that you put your personal family first and that overall, your giving will not cause you to go into unmanageable debt.

Yours in faith for finances for the coming year.

Terry Salter - Treasurer.



### **Limitless Festival 2022 Community/ Connection/Change**

Limitless is all about equipping leaders and inspiring churches to raise up a limitless generation.

Emma Shooter leads our Youth Discipleship Group who meet on a Monday evening and she is ably assisted by Martin Biggs.

Emma would love to take a group of the youth to the Limitless Festival in August and we have been asking for volunteers to go as leaders for what will be an amazing experience of camping with our young people for 6 nights!

We are thrilled that Penny Stevens and Dan Showler have both volunteered to join Emma!

Please continue to pray that all the youth will be excited by this opportunity and sign up to attend.

They will be going to **Limitless from Saturday 6th August to Wednesday 10th** and are then camping for one extra night and returning on 11th August. The festival will be held on Stafford Showground.



Tools with a Mission

### How it all began....from a small seed...

In 1978 Jack Norwood, a deacon at Belle Vue Baptist Church in Southend was asked by the Baptist Men's Society to head up a project making incubators. This was followed by a request for solar powered incubators and Jack went out to Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo) for a year (1979-1980) to develop them. A teacher from Waterloooville, John Bennett became interested and from this partnership Tools with a Mission was borne.

As John became involved he extended his interest as he discovered that tools were badly needed and soon involved pupils from his school collecting all kinds of agricultural tools. Under his supervision the pupils cleaned, renovated and painted the tools ready to go to Zaire. They organised a "sponsored event" to get the money needed to ship them, and that was the first Tools with a Mission shipment sent to David Stuckley, a missionary working in Zaire (now DR Congo).

This idea began to formulate in John's mind, and he decided that there must be others in the same situation as David, trying to pass on skills to people who badly needed them, but with little in the way of actual tools. John suggested the idea to the Baptist Men's Movement who adopted the idea and launched Tools With A Mission in 1984.

Initially, it operated out of a double garage and shed in Bexleyheath but after just five years the work had to look for larger premises. In response to an article in the Baptist Times, Bill and Beryl Dewhurst offered the use of a barn on their farm on the outskirts of Ipswich and Thurleston Lodge Farm became the new home of TWAM and a regular work team was established. Initially, it was monthly, then weekly and soon daily.

Space was again soon at a premium and TWAM moved into Perry Barn, in Sproughton, just outside Ipswich which had 2,300 square feet of warehouse space, plus the luxuries of heating, toilets and a canteen area. TWAM was now growing at a rate that was unimaginable in the early days.

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It was decided to register as a charity in 1999 and TWAM quickly established itself as an interdenominational charity, gaining support from all the major denominations as well as many secular organisations. In spite of additional storage space being created by using two 20-foot containers and a Portakabin to accommodate the office staff, operational space quickly became a premium.

After much prayer, the TWAM board were led to take a twenty-year lease on a unit, on Hadleigh Road Industrial Estate in Ipswich. This gave just over 6700 square feet of floor space, which increased by a further 1000 square feet when a mezzanine floor was added over the workshop area.

Just two years into the lease the owner offered TWAM the opportunity to purchase the property, which we were able to do for £270,000. Appeals raised over £185,000 and since then we have been able to make all the repayments on the bank loan. The mezzanine floor has again been extended to accommodate the haberdashery and book departments. The rest as they say is history!

How you can help.....Please visit our website for a list of **tools wanted** along with a list of those not suitable for donation ( or see the list posted in the church foyer)



Bring your Tools to church ready to donate to the TWAM speaker who will be giving a talk at **Food For Thought on 21st June 12.30-3.30**

If you would like to attend the Food For Thought Event and enjoy listening to the work of TWAM and also enjoy a delicious 2 course home cooked meal, then please speak to Maggie Showler or Sonja Wilson to book your place ( the cost is £4.00)





### Prayers for the Ukraine

When faced with a crisis like the conflict in Ukraine, it can be hard to know how to pray.

But the desire to pray itself is a great place to start.

So here are some suggestions about what to pray for: there are five areas we can focus our prayers on: for **people** affected by the violence; for those in **leadership positions**; for **God's power** and love to be revealed through the church; for the wider global **impact**; and for **peace**.

#### Pray for people affected by the violence

- That people still in Ukraine will be protected from the violence; that there will be provision of essential supplies, such as food and clean water. Pray for vulnerable people who cannot flee, for example those with disabilities or the elderly.
- That refugees will find safe places to stay. Pray that host communities will welcome refugees with compassion, and that there will be support for all in need.
- For healing for people who are wounded or have experienced trauma; and comfort for those who are grieving.

#### Pray for those in positions of leadership

- That leaders on both sides will be filled with compassion, wisdom, calm and a desire for peace.
- That world leaders will balance responding to the injustice of the invasion with seeking ways to build bridges, de-escalate tensions, and restore global security.



### **Pray for the church**

- That the church in the Ukraine, Russia and across the wider region will be a voice for peace; and that they will have the resources they need to help people who are vulnerable.
- That the church and other organisations around the world will have the courage and conviction to speak out against aggression and injustice.
- That God's power will be revealed through the church in this situation – bringing a message of love and hope in the midst of the darkness.

### **Pray for the global impact**

- The crisis in Ukraine is already leading to a significant rise in the price of food and fuel. It is likely that this will get worse. Economically poorer countries are disproportionately affected by shocks such as this. Pray that food and fuel prices will stabilise, and that provision will be made for countries in a vulnerable position.

### **Pray for peace**

- That there will be an immediate end to the violence – that peace will come sooner than anyone could have expected or hoped for.
- That diplomatic solutions will be found that will lead to lasting peace in the region.
- That people who have fled will be able to return home, and that what has been destroyed will be rebuilt.
- For strength for individuals and organisations in Ukraine, Russia and the region who are working for peace at local, national and regional levels.



## **Tuesday Fellowship—A Testimonial**



When last autumn MCBC began to emerge from its Covid 19 isolation Maggie Showler asked me to consider joining Tuesday Fellowship as a regular attendee

She explained that if I were to do so she felt confident that Rick would also commit to attending. I confess that I had been reluctant in the past lest I be the sole male present, and she confirmed that Rick had felt the same reservation. I agreed the commit and, sure enough so did Rick—hardly an auspicious beginning for either of us!

In the event my reservations dissolved at the very first meeting , so much so that I look forward eagerly and gladly to each Tuesday afternoon, just as I do to Wednesday home group and to the Sunday whole church corporate worship. All of them, each in its own way, providing a richly fulfilling source of spiritual growth, enlightenment and humble joyful, thankful praise in fellowship.

It is important to me to emphasize what Tuesday Fellowship is not. In no way is it a “church within the church “ nor does it aspire to be so, if it did I would not be any part of it. It is quite simply a weekly Christ centered meeting of Christian disciples who are willing and able to devote an hour or so each Tuesday afternoon to communal worship, prayer, learning and sharing fellowship in a spirit of hospitality.

In form and content Tuesday Fellowship mirrors the conventional church service : sung worship, open prayer, a gospel based message and communal sharing ( no gossip ! ) over refreshments, Each week the message is a talk ( not a sermon ) from an invited guest speaker, usually a minister or someone involved in Christian ministry. This is ecumenical in scope , as is Tuesday fellowship itself and open to all.

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Once per quarter approximately there is an earlier extended Food 4 Thought meeting at which after a meal prepared and cooked at MCBC, a guest speaker shares



with us the vision and application of a specific sphere of Christian ministry. These are typically uplifting, inspiring and educationally informative. All are welcome , at a charge of only £4 per head to cover costs.

For my part my involvement with TF has been, and remains a source of lasting joy, shared love, humble learning and spiritual growth and enlightenment.

I thank and praise God for Maggie's invitation and the Spirit's leading to accept it.

If you are interested come and see!

Much love in Christ Jesus

John Costin

**The date of the next Food for Thought is 21st June**

**12.30-3.00**

**The speaker is Nigel Jones from TWAM Tools with a mission**

**TWAM**  
**Tools with a Mission**

## May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1st</b> 10.30 Morning Service	<b>2 Bank Holiday</b> 8.00 AA 7.30 YDG	<b>3</b> 9.30 Littles treasures 2.00 Tuesday Fellowship 6.30 Nun Choral Society	<b>4</b> 2-3.30 Barbera's Home group	<b>5</b> 10.00 Sew & Grow 10.30 Food bank 10.30 CAP Job Club 7.30pm Prayer Meeting	<b>6</b> 9.30 Littles treasures	<b>7</b> <b>7.00pm Quiz , Food and Music night</b>  (All proceeds will go to help local families in need )
<b>8</b> 10.30 Morning Service 6.00pm Evening service including communion	<b>9</b> 10-12.00 CAP office 10.00 Holy Dust-ers 10.30 Food bank 8.00 AA 7.30 YDG	<b>10</b> 9.30 Littles treasures 2.00 Tuesday Fellowship 6.30 Nun Choral Society	<b>11</b> 2-3.30 Barbera's Home group	<b>12</b> 10.00 Sew & Grow 10.30 Food bank 10.30 CAP Job Club 7.30 Deacons Meeting	<b>13</b> 9.30 Littles treasures	<b>14</b>
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<b>29</b> 10.30 Morning service Ecumenical service details tba	<b>30 Spring Break</b> 10-12.00 CAP office 10.00 Holy Dust-ers 10.30 Food bank 8.00 AA 7.30 YDG	<b>31</b> 2.00 Tuesday Fellowship	<b>1</b> 2-3.30 Barbera's Home group	<b>2 Bank Holiday</b>  The Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations	<b>3 Bank holiday</b>	<b>4</b> 7.30pm Andy Kind A Pilgrims Tale

### **Flower Rota**

Flowers provided in May by:

- 1st     Phyllis Wilcox
- 8th     Sonja Wilson
- 15th   Liz & Scott Watson
- 22nd   Roger & Pam Gadsby
- 29th   Colin Jones ( in memory of his mum )



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.

The May dates and details of speakers are :

- 3rd     John Costin
- 10th   Rev Mark Turner
- 17th   Rev Malcolm Clarke
- 24th   Liz Crouch
- 31st   Linda Jones



### **21st June 12.30 Food For Thought with Nigel Jones from TWAM**

Enjoy a home cooked meal and fellowship see Maggie Showler to book your place ( £4.00 ) for information on how to donate tools see page 7

“Calling all able and willing servants prepared to help with a deep clean of the kitchen!”

We have the inspector calling on 21<sup>st</sup> June and want to make sure that our lovely kitchen is as clean and shiny as it can be, so we are asking for volunteers to come and help on



**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 9.30 – 3.00 pm**

(may not take this long!) to undertake a deep clean of the kitchen.

This will involve taking out all of the contents of the cupboards and cleaning them, cleaning behind the cupboards, cleaning the cooker (not too bad as it hasn't been used ) checking foodstuffs for sell by dates and generally making the kitchen gleaming.

Please could anyone who is available please contact Teresa on Teresa Buck [teresa@mcbs.org.uk](mailto:teresa@mcbs.org.uk) or myself to confirm that you can make this date.

Thank you so much!  
Janet



**May Prayer meetings**

**Thursday 5th & 26th at 7.30pm**

It is hoped these will be Hybrid ( face to face at MCBC and also via Zoom please see email for log on details )

***“Prayer is the powerhouse or heartbeat of the church “***



#### CAP update:

Thank you for all your prayers for the CAP Fish, Chips & Tricks event on the 28th April. We have such a faithful God. All went really well and pretty smoothly in the arrangements, always a challenge when numbers fluctuate and food has to be ordered.

We had about 50 people attend of which around 50% were clients or had been brought along. We had people from CAP Redditch and Birmingham, Coventry, Rugby and Leamington Spa as well as 5 clients from Nuneaton and Bedworth.

The evening started with evangelist Rhod Williams doing some tricks which bamboozled us all, followed by a Fish & Chip supper and then Rhod shared his testimony of how he came to follow Jesus after a life of crime, addiction and a spell in prison.

At the call at the end 6 or 7 indicated they had said a prayer to receive salvation including one of our clients.

Hallelujah!

Please pray for all those clients who came, that the seeds planted will yield fruit and that those who started the journey at the event will grow in fertile soil and be blessed as they discover what it is to be a disciple of Jesus. Amen

Sheryl White Debt Centre Manager





- **Prayer points for the month of May are:**
- Pray for the Bugg Family – Daniel is half way through his chemo but his body is struggling to cope and recover before the next treatment is due. Pray that Daniel’s organs will recover and be healed from the damage they have sustained.
- Pray for the whole family to know God’s strength and to be able to keep trusting God amidst all the uncertainties.
- Pray for Foodbank and CAP Debt counselling as they seek to support those struggling financially.
- Pray for CAP Job Club that those signed up to attend the next course would come regularly and through it will receive help, knowledge and confidence to be successful in the job market.
- Pray for our Youth Group to grow in number and for it’s members to want to attend regularly.
- Pray for the Limitless Festival in August ( details on page 5)
- Pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. Pray that those who are now refugees, having fled their homes in Ukraine may find accommodation and friends to support them.
- See more information on praying for the Ukraine on pages 8 & 9



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News from The Vine - In May we are re-launching our afternoon teas! These comprise of a selection of sandwiches, a freshly baked scone with jam and clotted cream, two sorts of homemade cake and tea or coffee - all for £8.00 per person!! Booking is essential with at least 48 hours notice. We will also have afternoon tea vouchers that can be purchased to give as a gift. We're happy to cater for after-hours bookings for larger groups - just give us a call to discuss your requirements.

In early May we expect the latest selection of "Take Note" books, CDs and DVDs - titles in the range include the new one from Pete Greig "How to Hear God", the new edition of "The Father Heart of God" by Floyd McClung and a new, illustrated edition of Corrie Ten Boom's classic "The Hiding Place". There are many other titles as well so do drop in to have a browse and pick up one of the free brochures, which details all the books etc. Everything in the Take Note range is at a discounted price, so well worth having a look at.

During the Queen's platinum jubilee, we will close on the bank holidays and over the weekend so we will be closed on June 2nd, 3rd and Saturday 4th.

The Vine is still in need of volunteers so if you know anyone who may be interested in joining our friendly team and helping us to keep on doing what we do, then please point them in our direction - we can be contacted by phone (01455 612345), email ([thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thevinehinckley@hotmail.co.uk)) or in person. Thank you God Bless

Jessica Harrison

Manager



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We will cover your expenses, make sure that you are insured and are safe and will support you. We will not ask more than you are willing to give.

If you want to be involved in a venture that makes a difference to peoples lives them please do get in touch.....

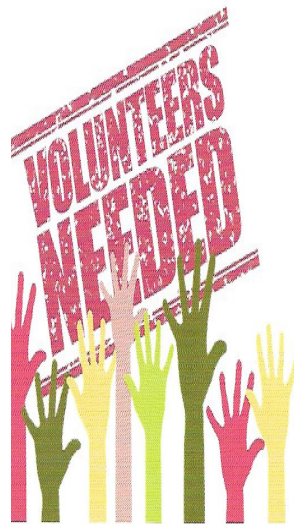
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**Thursdays at 10.30am at MCBC**

Please contact Terry Salter if you are interested in attending the course or joining the team



# Here2help

all proceeds go to support local families in need

## Quiz, food and Music Night

Saturday 7th May  
7.00 pm  
Manor Court Baptist Church

### What's happening

Test your wits - team of 4-6  
Enjoy the sounds of John Gordon  
Great food (vegetarian option  
available)  
Charity Auction

Tickets £10.00 (children or OAP's £7)  
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# 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



## This month at MCBC.....

### Church Prayer meetings

7.30pm Thursday 5th and 26th May

Face to face at church and via Zoom TBC



### CAP Job Club

8 week course

Thursdays 10.30am



### Church Members meeting

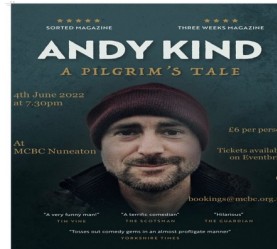
Thursday 19th May 7.30pm



### Andy Kind a Pilgrims Tale

Saturday 4th June 7.30pm

And Sunday 5th at 10.30am



### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

3-5th June







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# ANDY KIND

## A PILGRIM'S TALE

4th June 2022  
at 7.30pm

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