

MANOR
COURT
BAPTIST CHURCH



June / July 2024



The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches. Matthew 13: 31-32

Growing and equipping a worshipping community transformed & enabled by God to heal and build up the local community through prayer, service and witness

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Church office open
9.30-12.00

CAP Manager
Wednesday & Thursday am

Foodbank
Monday & Thursday

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 the
August magazine is July 26th
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Secretary's musings

So ... We have a General Election to look forward to! Don't know about you but I am already fed up of the media coverage and it's only just begun.

Doesn't matter which party leader is speaking they seem to spend an inordinate amount of time trying to score points off someone else, "putting spin on ", making their party look good compared with any other.

They will make promises to win support, some of which may be fulfilled but more often than not they will break those promises usually blaming someone else for that failure.

We have a God of promises – there are more than 8000 throughout the bible- that's an impressive manifesto.

Life has many challenges that can cause us to become discouraged and disillusioned but there is hope in God's word and the promises it gives – God is always with us, provides our needs, unconditionally loves us and

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has an amazing plan for our lives:

For I know the plans I have for you ..plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future - Jeremiah 29v11

God has a plan for each of us but also a plan for MCBC – as we enter the next phase of our search for a pastor lets commit to discovering at least part of that plan – how do we do that? By listening, praying, meeting together – building relationship with each other and with God.

The politicians will fail us – God won't.



Sunday 21st July

We will be celebrating Believers Baptism as part of the morning
worship Service on 21st July

Why be baptised? Well....water baptism is an outward sign of what happens to us on the inside. When you are baptized, you are publicly declaring, "I have been forgiven, and I'm proud to be a disciple of Jesus". If this is something you have not yet done and feel the time is right then please do have a word with Liz Watson or Claire Tibbetts who have been running the Baptism preparation classes to talk through what is involved.



Brief update from the 16th May church meeting

Buildings– Roy Shooter

Work is ongoing with office space and vestibule.

Volunteers needed for numerous jobs – Roy will be arranging dates for work days.

Election of Deacons / Treasurer

Bijaya Gurung and Ash Chilolo have been nominated as Deacons and have been asked to submit a brief profile.

There will be an election on Sunday 9th June between 10.00-11.00am to establish if they have the required level of support from the church members to enable them to become part of the Leadership Team. Voting will be in person on the morning (postal voting has been arranged)

The result will be announced after the morning service and if successful they will be seconded onto the Leadership Team until the AGM in September when they become MCBC Charity Trustees for the usual 3 year period.

There has been no nomination for the post of Treasurer Roy Shooter has offered to be acting treasurer until at least the AGM in September.

Pastoral Vacancy

There has been an expression of interest and the details are with the Search team.



Proud Partner
Standard Life
Part of Phoenix Group



Thank you for your support

Mandy and Claire were asked by their friend Heather to take part in the 5K race for life at Stoneleigh on 18th May

Both went into training but unfortunately Claire was unable to take part for health reasons, however Claire was there along with Abbie Clarke to cheer on Mandy as she took

part and finished the race in style !

Thank you to all who so generously sponsored the event to raise vital funds for the lifesaving work of Cancer Research UK

The amazing total of £605 has been raised.





Friendship Group

Hey everyone,

We believe everyone needs friendship, fun, opportunities to grow, the ability to contribute and to belong so we launched The Friendship Group last October and it's growing from strength to strength.



We have held many events including a tea party, movie night, crafts such as blessings jars and stone painting, board games and quiz nights. We recently held a 90's TV Gameshow night playing Family Fortunes, Blockbusters and Play your Cards Right.

I haven't laughed so hard in a long time. The competitive team spirit, the funny answers given and the questions from the 90's were very interesting, all brought together with John's awesome impressions of TV hosts!

At half time we shared a buffet and had



an amazing attendance of 24 people with lots of new faces each week.





We are currently planning

14th June – Cancelled (Sorry)

28th June – Childhood Antics. From rock, paper, scissors to Simon Says!

12th July – (Stone) Painting and Puzzles

26th July – Murder Mystery Night – Can you work out who done it?

9th August – Who am I?

23rd August – An evening of live music with Dan Hodges

For the 'Who am I' event **we need your help!** We are hoping to put together an evening sharing our life stories, what better way to get to know each other and deepen connections. Life is full of all its challenging adventures and funny antidotes that you might like to share with us?

Also, I'm hoping to play a game of guess who... If you could provide me with a baby picture 0-5 years of yourself? Please send anything you would like to share, pictures or stories to the office marked for "the Friendship Group" the more responses the better!

I would like to thank everybody for their kind donations that make these events possible. I would also like to thank John, Claire, Mandy, Yvonne, my parents and everyone else for all their support in turning this vision into reality.

If you are interested in getting involved becoming a FSG volunteer please contact Sara Nixon via the office. I look forward to our future events and hope to see you there!

Lots of love Sara



The Vine Christian Bookshop

The Borough

Hinckley

Leicestershire

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News from The Vine –

In June there is a special week that celebrates bookshops – Independent Bookshop Week! This runs from Saturday 15th – 22nd June. We'll have our bunting up all week and will be giving away a "mystery book" with every book purchase of £10 or more (while stocks last). Do come and see us during this week, especially if you haven't visited for a while. It is great being both an independent and specialist bookshop– we are here to serve the local and Christian community but can only keep going if we are used by that community!

This month we also expect the latest "Kids Corner" selection of discounted children's books. This will be the summer selection and will include Bibles, story books and activity books for all ages – great to keep little ones occupied during the holidays! Keep an eye on our social media for updates on its arrival.

On Saturdays during "Hinckley Fortnight" (13th, 20th and 27th July) we'll change our opening hours slightly to 10am – 3pm. We hope this will help customers who struggle to get to us before the usual 2pm closing.

From July we will be advertising for a new Saturday Assistant to start with us from mid-September. This is a position ideally suited to someone aged 16+. If you or someone you know would be interested, please be in touch for more details.

God Bless Jessica Harrison Manager

**Plant your Spring garden
For the garden of daily living**

Plant 3 rows of Peas

- 1 peace of mind
- 2 peace of heart
- 3 peace of soul

Plant 4 rows of Squash

- 1 squash gossip
- 2 squash indifference
- 3 squash grumbling
- 4 squash selfishness

Plant 4 rows of Lettuce

- 1 lettuce be faithful
- 2 lettuce be kind
- 3 lettuce be patient
- 4 lettuce really love one another

No garden is complete

- without Turnips
- 1 turnip for meetings
 - 2 turnip for service
 - 3 turnip to help each other


To conclude our garden we must have Thyme

- 1 thyme for each other
- 2 thyme for the family
- 3 thyme for friends

**Water freely with patience and cultivate with
love**

**There is much fruit in your garden ,
because you reap what you sow**

June 2024

2 Sunday	3 Monday	4 Tuesday	5 Wednesday	6 Thursday	7 Friday	8 Saturday
<p>10.30 Morning service</p> 	<p>9.30-12.00 Foodbank</p> <p>1.30 Ruth's home group</p> <p>7.30 YDG 7.00 AA</p>	<p>9.30 Little Treasures</p> <p>2.00 Tuesday Fellowship</p> <p>7.00 NCS Rehearsals</p>	<p>CAP office</p> <p>2-3.30 Barbara's Home group</p> <p>7.30 Beth's home group</p>	<p>9.30 Sew & Grow</p> <p>10.30 Food bank & CAP</p> <p>7.30 Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>9.30 Little Treasures</p> <p>3.30 Encounter</p>	
<p>9</p> <p>10.30 Morning service</p> <p>6.00 Evening service with Communion</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9.30-12.00 Foodbank Growbaby</p> <p>1.30 Ruth's home group</p> <p>7.30 YDG 7.00 AA</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9.30 Little Treasures</p> <p>2.00 Tuesday Fellowship</p> <p>7.00 NCS Rehearsals</p>	<p>12</p> <p>CAP office</p> <p>9.30-11.00 Ministers Prayer Meeting</p> <p>2-3.30 Barbara's Home group</p> <p>7.30 Beth's home group</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9.30 Sew & Grow</p> <p>10.30 Food bank & CAP</p>	<p>14</p> <p>No Little Treasures</p> <p>10.30am Funeral and celebration of Life for Joy Olanipekun</p> <p>3.30 Encounter</p> <p>No Friendship Group</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>10.30 Morning service Including communion</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9.30-12.00 Foodbank</p> <p>1.30 Ruth's home group</p> <p>7.30 YDG 7.00 AA</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9.30 Little Treasures</p> <p>12.45 Food for Thought with TWAM</p> <p>7.00 NCS Rehearsals</p>	<p>19</p> <p>CAP office</p> <p>2-3.30 Barbara's Home group</p> <p>7.30 Beth's home group</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9.30 Sew & Grow</p> <p>10.30 Food bank & CAP</p> <p>7.30 Prayer meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9.30 Little Treasures</p> <p>3.30 Encounter</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Music Exams all day</p>
<p>23</p> <p>10.30 morning Service</p> <p>5th Sunday Day of Prayer</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9.30-12.00 Foodbank Growbaby</p> <p>1.30 Ruth's home group</p> <p>7.30 YDG 7.00 AA</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9.30 Little Treasures</p> <p>2.00 Tuesday Fellowship</p> <p>7.00 NCS Rehearsals</p>	<p>26</p> <p>CAP office</p> <p>2-3.30 Barbara's Home group</p> <p>7.30 Beth's home group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9.30 Sew & Grow</p> <p>10.30 Food bank & CAP</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9.30 Little Treasures</p> <p>3.30 Encounter</p> <p>6.30 Friendship Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Music Exams all day</p>
<p>30</p> <p>10.30 Morning Service</p>	<p>1 July</p> <p>9.30-12.00 Foodbank</p> <p>1.30 Ruth's home group</p> <p>7.30 YDG 7.00 AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9.30 Little Treasures</p> <p>2.00 Tuesday Fellowship</p> <p>7.00 NCS Rehearsals</p>	<p>3</p> <p>CAP office</p> <p>2-3.30 Barbara's Home group</p> <p>7.30 Beth's home group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9.30 Sew & Grow</p> <p>10.30 Food bank & CAP</p> <p>7.30 Prayer meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9.30 Little Treasures</p> <p>3.30 Encounter</p>	<p>6</p>

Flower Rota

Flowers for the month of June/July provided by:

2nd June Colin Jones (in memory of his mum)

9th Ann Biggs

16th Hilary Lee (in memory of her dad)

23rd Sonja Wilson

30th David Bond (in memory of Mary)

7th July Liz Tomkinson

14th Roy & Ruth Shooter

21st Joan & Mandy Clarke

28th Dikshya & Bijaya Gurung



Thank you to all who so generously contribute, please see Pam Gadsby if you would like to be included on the rota.

Words of encouragement

Rivers do not drink their own water,
Trees do not eat their own fruit,
the sun does not shine on itself
and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves.

Living for others is a rule of nature
We are all born to help each other
No matter how difficult it is, life is good when you are happy
But much better when others are happy because of you
Pope Francis



Prayer points for the month of June/July

- Please pray for God's hand to be in the entire process of appointing a new minister, and that that God's person will see and respond to the job profile
- Please pray for those in our church family who are dealing with challenging health issues, that they will know the presence, love and peace of God our Father.
- Please pray for Gods comfort, closeness and peace for the families of Mary Bond and Joy Olanipekun as they deal with the loss of their loved one.
- Give thanks that we live in a democracy and are free to choose who to vote into positions of leadership in our country in the upcoming General Election, and please pray for wisdom in the decision making.



Prayer Meeting dates

6th & 20th June

4th & 25th July

7.30-8.30pm

Please make every effort to come along and join together for an hour of prayer.

All are welcome

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 Speakers for June/July are :

- 4th June Yvonne Mead
- 11th Andy Kennedy
- 25th Samantha Percival
- 2nd July Charlotte Bowden
- 9th Rev Steve McBeth
- 16th Cajsa Turresson
- 23rd Rev Heather Barnes
- 30th Time for shared thoughts and tea



Food For Thought
Tuesday 18th June
12.30-3.30pm.

Don't forget to bring your old tools to church to donate to the work of Tools with a Mission

If you would like to attend the Food For Thought event to hear more about 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)



2025 Dates

7th - 11th April Skegness
14th -18th April Minehead,

About Spring Harvest:

Spring Harvest is not just an event; it's a yearly gathering that has been sparking inspiration and revival for individuals and families for over 40 years. With a commitment to bringing you top-notch teaching, passionate worship, and a sense of community that feels like home, Spring Harvest is all about empowering you, your family, your friends and your church to gather, grow and go.

Spring Harvest 2025

Following the resounding success of our April events, we are thrilled to announce the return of Spring Harvest next April, once again hosted by the Minehead and Skegness Butlins Resorts.

Spring Harvest 2025 promises an unforgettable journey for all those seeking a deeper connection with God, with moments of joy and inspiration.

Whilst our event line-up is still in the works, we can share that Pastor and world-renowned author Rick Warren (author of the popular “ Purpose Driven Life “) will be joining us in person at both Skegness and Minehead next April.

So get set to immerse yourself in the uplifting atmosphere filled with inspiring teaching, heart-stirring worship, and a sense of community unique to Spring Harvest.

7th to 11th April in Skegness
14th to 18th April in Minehead,

Booking opens June 12th at 8AM online and on the phone. For all the details about Spring Harvest 2025, hop on over to <https://www.springharvest.org>.



CAP UPDATE

We had a fantastic service at Bedworth Baptist Church to relaunch Christians Against Poverty on May 19th and it was well attended.

This is because our centre in Nuneaton was full to capacity and we could not see any clients in Bedworth. More importantly we had no befrienders in Bedworth. So I shared my testimony of how I became the manager and was previously a client and all the challenges I faced. This was a powerful message and we had some tangible interest to work and partner with us. We emphasised that scripture leads us to action. (Mathew 14:13-14). We also celebrated the work of the debt centre from when it has opened:

£1,411.623 debt has been cleared

479 calls have been answered

Gone into 386 homes

109 families have gone debt free





Please can I draw your attention to the information below

Loan sharks do operate in our communities. ***Illegal money lenders are not registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) BUT CAP IS!!!!***

There are some simple signs of a loan shark. The loan has been offered

- in cash
- with no or little paperwork
- with a very high interest rates / APR
- with threats
- The lender may have taken their bank card, passport, benefits card or valuables

[Home - Stop Loan Sharks](#)

Contact the England Illegal Money Lending Team to report a loan shark. Call the 24 hour helpline 0300 555 2222 or complete a secure form on the website.

STOP LOAN SHARKS
Intervention . Support . Education

Church Family News

**In loving memory and Celebration of the Life
of:**

**Joy Olusola Olanipekun
Funeral service
Friday 14th June 10.30am**



The family warmly welcome you to join with them for the funeral and celebration here at Manor Court Baptist Church
There will be a private interment followed by

Wake and Celebration 12.15am
Ambleside Sports Club, Ambleside Way
Nuneaton Cv11 6AT
Colourful dress code is invited



**It is with sadness we heard that
Mary Bond went home to glory
on Wednesday 29th May**

David shared that she was faithful to the end, sharing her story with the many nurses and health professionals who helped to care for her.

Please pray for David, their daughters and the wider family at this time, that they would know peace and comfort in the everlasting arms of The Lord
(Please see the weekly notice sheet for more information)



Dates to remember

Church Prayer meetings

6th & 20th June
4th & 25th July
7.30-8.30pm



Growbaby

10th & 24th June
8th & July



Encounter - English training

Fridays 3.30-5.30



Friendship Group

2nd & 4th Friday each month
28th June
12th & 26th July
6.30-9.00pm



fun, games and refreshments all welcome

Please stay for our

Fellowship picnic lunch

2nd June : 7th July
after the morning service



Church meeting

Thursday 18th July
7.30pm
at MCBC



YOUTH CAR WASH

21st July

HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE YOUTH LIMITLESS TRIP BY
GETTING YOUR CAR A POLISHED, CLEAN LOOK FOR ONLY £5
PER CAR! TAKING PLACE AT MCBC AFTER THE MORNING
SERVICE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED MAKE SURE TO SIGN UP TO
BOOK YOUR TIME SLOT.

