



MEASHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

December 2022



*And let us consider how we may spur one another on
towards love and good deeds
Hebrews Chapter 10 v 24*

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Family Service last Sunday of every month

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

<u>Mondays</u> 6:15 – 7:45 pm	1 st Measham Girls' and Boys' Brigade
<u>Tuesdays</u> 9:30 – 11:30 am 10:00 am	Smarties - craft and play for babies & tots Walk & Talk (Hicks Lodge - LE65 2UP)
<u>Wednesdays</u> 7:00 pm	Testify – Singing Group
<u>Thursdays</u> 7:30 – 9:00 pm	Bible Study and Prayer Meeting
<u>Fridays</u> 9:00 – 10:30 am	Friday Breakfast Food Bank

BIRTHDAYS

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to
you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26*

9th Harrison Dring

9th Natasha Deighton

10th Imogen Deighton

THIS MONTH

<u>LUNCH CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY</u>		
Wednesday 14 th		12:00 noon
<u>LIFT (<i>Ladies in Fellowship Together</i>)</u>		
Wednesday 7 th & 21 st		10:00 am
<u>GIFT (<i>Gentlemen in Fellowship Together</i>)</u>		
Thursday 8 th & 22 nd		9:00 am
For details contact Michael: 07795 288554		
<u>Men's Breakfast</u>		
Saturday 17 th		8:30 am
PLEASE NOTE THIS <i>HAS</i> MOVED FROM ITS USUAL SATURDAY, DUE TO THE FESTIVE SEASON		



Donations of any of the following would be much appreciated:

- TINNED CARROTS OR SWEETCORN
 - TINNED HOT MEAT SUCH AS CHICKEN IN WHITE SAUCE OR BEEF STEW.
 - LONGLIFE SPONGE PUDDINGS
 - INSTANT COFFEE
 - DEODORANT PREFERABLY NEUTRAL
 - SHAMPOO
 - SHOWER GEL
 - WASHING UP LIQUID
 - ****FOR CHRISTMAS****
 - TINNED HAM
 - TINNED SALMON
 - CHOCOLATES
 - BOXES OF BISCUITS
 - CHRISTMAS PUDDING
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Baptist Missionary Society Birthday Scheme

BMS are revamping the scheme to try to attract more people and help people to be more aware of the wider work of BMS. If you support the work of BMS and would like to receive free copies of their magazine, Engage, please let me have your address so I can send it off for you.

The only other real change is the gift envelopes. The new ones make it much clearer about the different ways you can make your donations to BMS. If you decide to pay online, remember our church number is 669 and then donations will be credited to our church. If you do this it asks you to let your co-ordinator know. It is very encouraging to see how generously some of you are supporting BMS in the great work they do. If you have your envelope sitting in a drawer, please try to return it to me so we can continue to support BMS. If you are able to gift aid your gift and haven't filled in an appropriate BMS form please see me and I'll sort it out.

If you wish to join the scheme please let me know, and also if you no longer wish to be a member please let me know as I update my register ready for the New Year.

Thank you all for your continued support over the years.

God bless x Pauline

CHURCH MEETINGS

Thursday 8th December

7pm – 8pm Open to all the fellowship to discuss the forthcoming
Through the Wardrobe event

8pm – 9pm Church Members Meeting



Thank you to all of our MBC family for their prayers for Grace and Stephen, Samuel and Elijah as they embark on their mission to Uganda. They had a safe journey setting off from Birmingham airport at 6.30am on Monday and arriving at Kiwoko hospital on Tuesday afternoon. They are settling into their bungalow in the hospital grounds and Stephen hopes to join the medical work next week. Please continue to pray that God will continue to bless them as a family, that Stephen will be able to use his surgical skills to benefit the patients there and also that they will be an encouragement and a blessing to the missionaries who are serving there on a longer term basis. We pray that their service will be pleasing to God and will bring glory and honour to His name!

Sarah



"Measham Warm Places" is a new initiative which aims to provide warm and welcoming places for people to go during the cold winter months for company and a warm drink and/or meal. They are advertising our current events as part of this work and also a new event, headed up by Ronna, "Cuppa and

a chat" which will be held in our lounge between 1pm and 3pm every Thursday afternoon. Please speak to Ronna if you are able to help. In addition, the MWP group will be holding a monthly clothes/toy sale at the library to raise funds and provide affordable clothing. If you have any donations, please put them on the pews by the organ on the balcony.

Sarah

Dear Fellowship...

For those of us who have to get up early in the morning, if you are anything like me, you probably resent having to arise in the dark. By the end of December, I find myself yearning for longer days, for sunlight, for an end to the darkness!

The spiritual darkness than we find in our country is – tragically – on the increase. This is especially so in schools where more and more children struggle with a whole raft of issues and battles, and an absence of truth. The children of our fellowship need our prayers, our conversation, our interest in their lives and our support more than ever.

One of the wonders of Christmas is that we see and celebrate the light, the True Light, the Light of the World! The prophet Isaiah talks of ‘The people walking in darkness’, that is people who cannot see ANYTHING! But then gloriously, Isaiah talks of the great light and in the following five verses goes on to speak in detail of the coming Messiah and what He will be like.

This Christmas let us remember the darkness from which we were saved, but still traps many. Let us celebrate the light in all its splendour, warmth, joy and wonder. And as well as applauding their efforts in the Nativity and other Christmas events, let us sit down and talk to our young people and children. Find out how they are really doing as they battle the darkness and spur them on as we celebrate Jesus Christ, The Light of the World.

David

SUNDAY ROTA

Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service	Communion and Flowers	Refreshments
4 th	Ian Hunter	Ben Sheldon	Lynda PM	Strutz Family
11 th	Richard Lee	Leigh Bilson		Rob & Phil
18 th	Nativity Service (Les)	Carols by Candlelight	Lynda AM	Ann & Keith
25 th	Christmas Day Service	No Service		



Testify Christmas Concert

Friday 16th December 7:00pm

*There will be light refreshments after the concert,
to which you are all warmly invited.*