



MEASHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

May 2023



But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

1 Samuel 12:24

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

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

BIRTHDAYS

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

8th Oscar Deighton

17th Nicki Strutz

23rd Tasha Strutz

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

A **TESTIFY CONCERT** will be held on
Friday 9th June starting at **7pm**

Please make a note in your diaries and tell family and friends. A number of the songs will reflect the Easter Story whilst others will show how good our God is to all of us. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

THIS MONTH

LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 10th 12:00 pm

LIFT (*Ladies in Fellowship Together*)

Wednesday 3rd & 17th 10:00 am

GIFT (*Gentlemen in Fellowship Together*)

Thursday 4th & 18th 9:00 am

For details contact Michael: 07795 288554

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 27th 8:30 am



Supper and Quiz Night
Friday 12th May at 7pm



Measham Baptist Church Hall

£5 –all proceeds to Kiwoko Hospital Uganda

Join us for a delicious homecooked meal, enjoy a team quiz, learn about Kiwoko Hospital and have the opportunity to buy Ugandan crafts

Contact Sarah 07934 423027 to book



Grace's blog on the Kiwoko Hospital Facebook page in April:



Our family joined the other lovely families here at Kiwoko Hospital back in November 2022. We're here until August and it's hard to believe we are over half way through our trip!

We are from Birmingham in the UK and Stephen is surgical registrar who is taking a year out of training in the NHS to work at the hospital and I (Grace) am kept very busy with our two young boys; Samuel and Elijah.

I'm so grateful that since I became a Christian I can testify to **God's clear leading and direction in my life**. Even if it's not as I planned or imagined. In the last 4 years I've married, moved 3 times, stepped away from my career, been in 3 churches, had two children and moved to Africa...

God is faithful.

This **Easter weekend we contemplated John 21** with some of our missionary colleagues here.

We thought about how much **love and grace Jesus shows** to Peter after his denial. His complete restoration, confession of love after seeing Christ's ultimate display of love on the cross and Peter's acceptance of the **call to follow Him, even unto death**. It was going to be hard to follow him, but worth it.

Something I've thought about a lot since we've got here is that it's not bad to do hard things, it might even be good to do them. **We can do hard things for and with the Lord.**

This week alone I can look back, and **see God's goodness** in leading me here, it's not been a week of ease, but better than that:

- Tuesday I witnessed the birthday of a young girl with cerebral palsy who has just come home to a **wonderful adopted family.**
- Wednesday Stephen had the opportunity to **witness to 2 patients** openly and fully.
- Thursday a medical mission from the hospital took place and **7 people professed faith in Christ.**
- Thursday evening I had two young girls in my home and **shared the gospel** with them.
- Friday as a family we joined a group singing hymns and sharing the gospel and **praying for patients** on each ward.

We could go on with the vast doors of opportunity open for the gospel here...

His plans for me are better than the plans I had for myself.
Praise God.

'For I know the plans I have for you, declared the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.'
Jeremiah 29:11

Grace

THANK YOU



A huge heartfelt thank you to all the church ladies for making my 60th birthday so blessed and memorable. It was so overwhelming to see so many of you together at The Lakeside Bistro. Yes, I did cry, but it was with absolute joy! The food was amazing and the sunshine was glorious.

To Ronna for inviting me out for a quiet breakfast to 'have a catch up' before her family holiday! To Tash for her time and effort in contacting all my sisters in Christ, booking the venue and the balloons before her family holiday! To the Lord for guiding me to be part of our church family and for providing daily blessings even in the hardest of times.

I am truly thankful for each and every one of you. Now who is next with a 'special' birthday? 🙄

All my love, Cathy xxx





United Beach Missions is a missionary organisation which aims to share the gospel on beaches in this country, abroad and in some towns. Every year, hundreds of young and old alike sign up to join teams to spread the gospel.

During a beach mission, gospel-based activities are run for children, whilst some team members talk to parents about the gospel. There is always a literature table and many things are taken every day.

Beach mission is a great encouragement, as you meet other Christians from around the country; you get to talk to people, share your faith and see people come to Christ!

Iona, Katrina and I are on beach mission from 23rd July - 29th July in Llandudno. I am on another beach mission from 5th August - 12th August in Benllech.

Please pray for us and the people we meet.

Alice

From the Union Beach Missions Annual Report

The year in numb3rs

It has been encouraging to see our mission opportunities increase as we rebuild after no physical missions in the 2020 Covid year! It was good to be able to do even more missions than 2021

which included being back at our Irish centres with normal family activities. We look forward to building on these figures again for 2023.

Total number of missions

84 

35 English and Welsh Beach Missions

12 Irish Beach Missions

11 Christian Answer Missions

5 MV Missions

2 Avancer Mission

3 International Student Outreach Missions

Total number of different locations

31 

Worker weeks

958

Total number of team members

699 

266 for the 1st time
340 male/359 female

Age range:

15 to 16 = 73

17 to 19 = 132

20 to 30 = 198

31 to 60 = 194

61+ = 102

Evangelistic websites we run

2



Postal Bible Club applications

315 

Prayer letters sent out each month (weekly during the summer) **about 3800**

Oldest team member **86**

Number of countries where UBM went **7**

Most team members from one church

15



Number of churches who sent people on UBM

328 

Our social media stats

Followers on Twitter

c590

Followers on Instagram

c1400

Members of FaceBook Group

c2200

Followers of FaceBook Page

c1700



Dear Fellowship...

I read recently that 72% of schools are teaching that people may have a gender identity that may be different from their biological sex! I was horrified that this was actually being taught! 30 years ago, you would be asked what sex you were. Now we have to be asked what gender we are! 30 years ago, the two meant the same thing! Some activists are suggesting 73 different genders!

We have even got to the point where schools have single sex toilets.

1 in 4 teachers tell children that some people may be born in the wrong body!

Whatever happened to safeguarding?!

Unfortunately, government is slow to give guidance in order to appease a vocal minority instead of a silent majority.

We, as Christians, need to speak out. “All that is necessary for evil to triumph is that good men do nothing”

There is much we accept or put up with in society that is Biblically wrong and we need, as 1 Cor 16:13 says to, “Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be of courage, be strong.”

This verse was preached on by a faithful pastor of our church during his first sermon back in 1984 and it was his last devotional presented at a deacon’s meeting when he left in 1997. He, at the age of 91, prays daily for our church.

We need to be salt and light in this ever-darkening world.

We also need to pray for our society. Today's verse, as I write this, from the Christian Institute Prayer Week is; "Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jer 29:7

Les



The International Miners' Mission

We support the work of IMM out in Bolivia and I received a report from Stuart Burns (IMM USA) about their recent visit there.

Below is a link to a short video of a Lallaguita church that was founded by 3 families as a result of IMM investment in a nearby church. There are now 28 members plus their families!

Please let me know if you would like to see the full report of the visit to Bolivia.

Les

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/xyKpb8PzRj4>



Coronation Service
Sunday May 7th

This will be a family service and will be followed by a fellowship lunch. Main course provided, but please let Lynda know if you can provide a pudding.

Also, please let Lynda know if you will not be able to attend, so we can cater for the right number of people; we will assume you are coming unless you let us know otherwise by Weds 3rd May

SUNDAY ROTA

Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service	Communion and Flowers	Refreshments
7th	Coronation Service	Ben Daly	Ronna PM	Annie & Cathy
14th	Andrew Coleclough	Richard Lee		Leigh-ann & Colin
21st	Malcolm Brown	Paul Mason	Ronna AM	Hester & Alan
28th	Family Service	Ian Hunter		Sarah & David



Donations of any of the following would be much appreciated (please place items in the basket in church, thank you)

- TINNED FRUIT
- CUSTARD - TINNED OR PACKET
- INSTANT MASH
- LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- INSTANT NOODLES/ CUPPA SOUP/ MUGSHOTS
- LONG LIFE MILK- EITHER FULL FAT OR SEMI
- COFFEE
- TEA
- TOILET ROLLS
- DEODORANT PREFERABLY NEUTRAL