



MEASHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

January 2024



*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we
will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

Galatians 6 v9

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

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2 v10

1st Keith Marshall

4th Paula Dring

7th Ben Strutz

10th Joshua Dodd

15th Grace Strutz

17th Sandie Cater

30th Esther Dodd

31st Stuart Boam

We love to sing Happy Birthday! So, if we haven't got your special day on our list, please let Leigh-ann know.

THIS MONTH

<u>LUNCH CLUB</u>		
Wednesday	10 th	12:00 pm
<u>LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together)</u>		
Wednesday	3 rd , 17 th & 31 st	10:00 am
<u>GIFT (Gentlemen in Fellowship Together)</u>		
Thursday	11 th & 25 th	9:00 am
For details contact Michael: 07795 288554		
<u>PRAYER BREAKFAST</u>		
Sunday	14 th	9:30 am
<u>MEN'S BREAKFAST</u>		
Saturday	27 th	8:30 am

Please Note: The first of the new monthly prayer breakfasts starts on 14th January. They will start at 9:30am, always on the 2nd Sunday of the month, with a LIGHT breakfast snack, e.g. bacon/egg cob, and then into prayer as soon as possible.



“Testify” singing group plan to start practices on
Wednesday 10th of January at 7pm.
New members welcome! Come and join us.
Happy new year everybody. Have a great 2024!

MONTHLY PRAYER FOCUS

Dear fellowship,

For each month throughout 2024, we will bring to the attention of the fellowship one of the ministries of the Church, such that we can pray for that work and for those involved. We can do this both personally and corporately at events such as the prayer meetings and the prayer breakfasts.

For January, please consider the January Cafe. Points for prayer include:

- For wisdom and energy for Lynda and Sarah who manage it.
- For strength, patience and a willingness to chat to people for all those who help out.
- For the safe and smooth running of each Saturday.
- That those who come along will see beyond the free food and develop an interest in the fellowship and the gospel.
- That God will use our efforts to extend the Kingdom in our area.

Thanks to everyone.

David

JANUARY CAFÉ

January Cafe every Saturday in January 11:30am – 1:30pm

Serving free hot meals and drinks

If you can help, please see Lynda or Sarah

Thank you

SMARTIES GETS SMARTER

I am delighted to announce that Smarties is going to be included in the customer vote for a Tesco Stronger Starts Award. It's a scheme which gives community projects, like us, grants of up to £1,500.

Tesco customers will now vote in a number of local stores, including the Measham Tesco Express, between January and March to decide how much funding we get, so please encourage all of your friends and family to support us next time they shop at a Tesco store.

If you use social media like Facebook and X do share this great news and retweet my posts to spread the word and get those blue tokens in our slot!

Kindest regards,
Paula

THANK YOU

I'd like to thank all those involved in the Nativity service. Both of the presentations were very good. The teenagers all read very well and it was amusing to try to identify church friends and see them in a different light. It might be worth a rerun so I can get close to the screen.

The juniors also did their presentation very well, and the name spelt out was an excellent idea. We are lucky to have so many able and willing teenagers in our church and such talented teachers and helpers in the Sunday school.

It was encouraging to see so many people at the carols by candlelight and again all our teenagers read beautifully. I loved Flo's flute playing; more of that please. Les' message was again clear and challenging.

We also enjoyed a good number at our Testify concert and people were very encouraging.

What a great way of witnessing to people what Christmas is really about!

Pauline

SONG RECOMMENDATIONS

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Sovereign grace music

<https://youtu.be/F2tKVqZZil4?si=draffgUMQirYW1IL>

We sing this song already in church as it's quite an old one but this version has an additional chorus.

My Advocate
The Rend Collective

<https://youtu.be/Mad4uHEkKzE?si=ATwkQNozCASjgmsV>

Iona

HELP

The IT team needs more recruits - You do not have to be an expert; it's not difficult to do; someone will be sat next to you until you are confident enough to go solo and if anything goes wrong, you always blame the equipment!

If you are willing to have a go, please speak to one of the team or contact Michael 07795 288554.

Thank you

Dear Fellowship...

Whenever our Grandson, Ro, comes to stay, he comes and gets into our bed in the mornings (often it's far too early). Recently we'd been chatting, reading stories and just being silly when completely unprompted and out of the blue he hugged me and said, "I love you Grandad". My heart melted. What a way to start the day! 4 words that had an amazing effect on me!

I've loved studying Isaiah recently and certain words have really gained my attention. In Isaiah 50 vs4 we read of Jesus being given an "instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary." God/Jesus's words are available to us in the Bible. In Isaiah 55 vs3 God says, "Give ear and come to me, that your soul may live".

We are God's treasured people. How can we be sustained when weary if we don't know the word?
How can our souls live if we don't come to him?

I encourage us all, this year, to open ourselves up to God's word in a way that we have never done before. The promise is that our souls will live!

"Come to me, hear me" involves action!

Les

SUNDAY ROTA

Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service	Communion and Flowers	Refreshments
7th	Ian Hunter	Ian Mellor	Janice PM	Leigh-ann & Colin
14th	Tony Hodkinson	Pravin	/	Hester & Alan
21st	Krzysztof	Leigh Bilson	Janice AM	Sophie & Liam
28th	Ben Daly	Tim Strutz	/	Adrian & Lesley

IT ROTA

Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service
7th	Will	Flo
14th	Michael	Colin
21st	Mircea	Flo
28th	Alice	Colin