



MEASHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

March 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

www.meashambaptistchurch.com

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Tel: 07719 657441 or 07837 791189

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 Rima Williams
- 6th Luke Robinson
- 6th Jack Robinson
- 9th Florentyna Dring
- 10th Lynda Robinson
- 19th Maddie Pickering
- 22nd Sarah Daft
- 26th Vic Neal
- 28th Ann Marshall
- 29th Mia Webster

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

If you are a member of the BMS scheme and donate directly, please let Pauline know so she can give you our church reference number – thank you.

This Month

<u>LUNCH CLUB</u>		
Wednesday	13 th	12:00 pm
<u>LIFT (<i>Ladies in Fellowship Together</i>)</u>		
Wednesday	6 th & 20 th	10:00 am
<u>GIFT (<i>Gentlemen in Fellowship Together</i>)</u>		
Thursday	7 th & 21 st	9:00 am
For details contact Michael: 07795 288554		
<u>PRAYER BREAKFAST</u>		
Sunday	10 th	9:30 am
<u>MEN'S BREAKFAST</u>		
Saturday	30 th	8:30 am

Church Meeting & AGM 21st March 7:30pm

Good Friday Service 29th March 10:30am (David)

Easter Sunday Service 31st March 10:30am (Les)

Usually on the Saturday before Easter Sunday (30th March) we do a leaflet/gift handout in Measham - details to follow.

Easter Concert 2024



Wednesday 20th March

Commencing 7pm

Measham Baptist Church

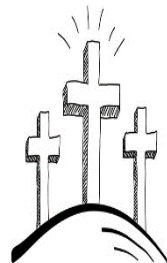
Chapel St Measham

You are invited to come and hear Testify sing a mix of original, popular, and traditional Easter songs. There will be light refreshments after the Concert to which you are all warmly invited. Anyone requiring a lift to the Concert, please ring Pauline on [07786978822](tel:07786978822).



EASTER AFTERNOON TEA

Saturday 9th March
2:30 pm



Date For Your Diary



Monthly Prayer Focus

The focus for March is our Sunday School:

- † Pray for Wisdom and Grace to be led by our Lord in this Ministry.
- † Thanks for ministry team of 6 dedicated Sunday school teachers and three supportive helpers. Please pray that these workers are sustained and blessed in this ministry.
- † Pray that both the younger (2-4 attendees) and older group ((4-5 attendees) continue to grow in their love and knowledge of the Lord Jesus as they explore for themselves what it is to become a follower of Jesus.
- † Pray for continued support of the wider church fellowship and an ongoing desire to pray for our young people.

CHURCH IS HARD

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement.

Church is hard for the leaders' families, under the microscope of an entire body.

Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world.

Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't.

Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.

Church is hard for the single mum, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families.

Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.

Church is hard for the deacon with the estranged child.

Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader.

Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man.

Church is hard for the Sunday School volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.

Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate.

Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes.

Church is hard for the sinners.

Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect.

Sunday best in behaviour and dress.

However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

But, here is the beauty of church—

Church isn't a building, mentality, or expectation.

Church is a body.

Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints.

Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love.

Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace.

Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.

Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration.

Church is a lesson in faith and trust.

Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories.

Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the hard days at church—

The days when I am at odds with a friend, when I've fought with my husband because we're late once again. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away.

I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there.

Author Unknown

Thank you Nicky, for sharing this.

Dear Fellowship...

At our church meeting this month we are to decide whether or not to pursue adopting a pastor into our leadership team. At our last meeting we asked that we spent time in personal prayer over this very important step in the future of our church.

Foremost in all of our minds, regardless of our personal views, must be that God's will must be done. The trouble is that we don't know what God's will is!

All we can do to be sure we remain in God's will, is to stick to Biblical principles and to pray.

According to the New Testament, Church leadership falls on the shoulders of elders and deacons. The word elder is translated 'presbyter' or 'pastor' or 'shepherd'. In Acts 20 17-35, Paul is clearly addressing a group of men, who are overseers of the Ephesian church.

It is also clear from the NT that every church has elders (plural). The pattern is a group of men (and they are always men in the NT) are responsible for the spiritual leadership of the church. There is no mention of a church with a single elder/pastor who is in charge of everything! This is not a Biblical pattern in the NT. Acts 6 shows the responsibility of the congregation to appoint deacons. Without them being called deacons, we have such people within our church.

Whilst we at MBC make all our decisions through the Church Meeting, the idea that congregations hire professional ministers to do the work of the church is unbiblical.

Please, please, please ask our Sovereign God to make clear to us the way forward.

Les

SUNDAY ROTA

Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service	Communion and Flowers	Refreshments
3rd	Bill Paterson	Ben Sheldon	Paula Dring PM	Jackie & Iona
10th	Tony Hodkinson	Ian Hunter	/	Leigh-ann & Colin
17th	Richard Lee	Pravin	Paula Dring AM	Hester & Alan
24th	Stephen Stonelake	David Donegarni	/	Sophie & Liam
31st	Easter Service	Ben Daly	/	Boam Family

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Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service
3rd	Will	Flo
10th	Michael	Colin
17th	Mircea	Flo
24th	Will	Colin
31st	Alice	Flo

