



MEASHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

August 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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<https://www.facebook.com/meashambaptist/>

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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 7:00 – 8:30 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 Audrey Cresswell
- 3rd Rob Gibbons
- 11th Janice Boam
- 12th Sue Bilson
- 14th Janice King
- 17th Steph Boam
- 21st Adrian Wheatley
- 21st Adam Boam
- 23rd Liam Orviss
- 29th Tim Strutz
- 30th Chris Miles
- 30th Isobel Boam

We *love* to sing Happy Birthday! So, if we haven't got your special day on our list (whether you are part of the BMS Birthday Scheme or not) please let Leigh-ann know.

This Month

LUNCH CLUB

No Lunch Club this month

LIFT (*Ladies in Fellowship Together*)

Wednesday 7th and 21st 10:00 am

GIFT (*Gentlemen in Fellowship Together*)

Thursday 8th and 22nd 9:00 am

For details contact Michael: 07795 288554

PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sunday 11th 9:30 am

AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday 27th 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 31st 8:30 am

MUSIC & SUPPER EVENING

in aid of Ashby Foodbank

Saturday 21st September at 7 pm

Music from Saltation

Measham Baptist Church

£10 per ticket (includes meal)

Tickets must be booked in advance from Sarah or Alice



There is a free app that shows you a list of items that the Foodbank urgently needs. <https://bit.ly/42Gka70>

For those of you who do not have access to the app, the urgent items are:

- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Custard
- ◆ Cake Bars
- ◆ Tinned Vegetables
- ◆ Sponge Puddings
- ◆ Tinned Hot Meat
- ◆ Pot Noodles
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Instant Mashed Potato
- ◆ Tinned Spaghetti

Thank you for your continued support

HELP – PLEASE READ

Volunteers are still desperately needed to join the IT Team to display songs, Bible verses etc during the services.

You do not have to be a computer expert; everything is set up ready to go, it's just displaying the right thing at the right time.

You would sit with someone else until you are confident enough to go it alone.

There is a flexible rota. Even if you could only do one service every two months it would still be a tremendous help.

Please consider this prayerfully.

If you would like to help, please approach anyone on the IT desk or email Leigh-ann and she'll pass on your interest.

Thank you

Keswick

Well, what can I say? Our visit to the Keswick Convention was so uplifting. Not only did I enjoy the wonderful company of Steph, Ronna and Alice (aka 'The Oracle') I also learned such a lot from the seminars.

Passages I'd read in the Bible over the last half century were suddenly saying something entirely new to me and once I'd heard the fantastic preachers' take on their interpretation of such passages it all made much more sense, especially the four talks on 'Heaven'.

Not only was the teaching amazing but the atmosphere of so many Christians gathered together worshipping and praying was moving, joyous and renewing.

My health condition meant that it was a struggle for me to be there for six days, walking to the venue, sitting and concentrating for that long, but I did it (well most of it!) and even though I'm now exhausted it was well worth it.

Debra

Thank You

A very big thank you to Lesley, who spends a lot of time making the pots of flowers around our church so beautiful, she also spends a lot of time weeding and tidying. I'm sure we all appreciate her hard work.

Pauline

News From Ukraine

Here is the latest news from our contacts in the central oblast of Cherkasy, Ukraine.

Leigh & Sue

News from Misha (head of Hope Now) in the city of Cherkasy

We are under attacks every day and every night. Sometimes drones and missiles just fly over our heads but aiming other regions. Sometimes we even don't know what is going on in neighbouring regions or far from us and finding out about attacks from the news. Electricity prices have been raised as from June the first for home use. It's been doubled. For businesses it has multiplied different number of times depending on what kind of business that is. We don't know what price it will be for us but we'll know when we get our bill for June. The reason is massive destruction of generating power plants and a lot of imported electricity. The government is increasing the taxes because there is no money for the army. Prices for petrol and gas will be raised too. So the prices for other things will raise as well. Lots of businesses are closed because there are not enough workers. They have either moved out of the country or mobilised to the army and some of them have died or are disabled.

So the only good news is that we are not on this earth for long and our eternal future is bright and certain. We need to invite others to join us on the way to heaven. We need to show people the way to Jesus Christ - He will change their hearts, thinking, life and their future. Please continue to pray for us and for our people. Thank you very much for your prayers and for your help.

Every blessing

Misha

News from Marina in the town of Talne

Conscription has started. All men had 2 months to update their personal information for the military commissariat. Believers must serve in army, without using weapons. But we don't know

many cases that they go to army at the moment. It depends on authority in military commissariats.

Some of our men from church have problems moving from our town and go to other cities. The situation is quite difficult. If they don't go to army they can have imprisonment.

We know from people in occupied territories, that Russians don't allow to visit churches, they take the buildings for their needs.

People usually gather at homes secretly.

The prices for electricity are really rising. We have electricity only 12 hours a day, because many power stations are damaged. They announced that winter is going to be difficult. Sometimes we have prayer day among our churches.

But we try to live and serve in such circumstances. We have found the room and Sasha prepares it for September to start club for boys.

Summer is very hot this year, enjoying wonderful weather. Today is 32.

Marina

Encouragement to witness

In a world where faith seems to be diminishing, remember The Starfish Story:

A girl was walking along a beach upon which thousands of starfish had been washed up during a storm. When she came to each starfish, she would pick it up, and throw it back into the sea.

She had been doing this for some time when a man approached her and said, "Little girl, why are you doing this? You can't save all these starfish. You can't begin to make a difference!"

The girl bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it into the sea. Then she looked up at the man and replied,

"Well, I made a difference for that one".

Dear Fellowship...

Towards the end of my time working in the local state school, I sat watching a maths lesson full of 13-year-olds, and listened as the teacher responded to a student who knew the correct answer to the question “What is five times three?”. As the answer “Fifteen” was given the teacher replied “Well done, that’s amazing”. I couldn’t help but think it was an answer the student (whom I knew) would not have had any difficulties with. So not really amazing!

Around about the same time my niece posted on social media a picture of her new tattoo. Sure enough the comments were quick to follow “Wow, that’s amazing”. We certainly live in a country where it is believed that the more often we describe things as amazing, the more we will help and encourage people especially children.

And then I stand in church along with the rest of the fellowship at MBC, and I sing ‘I stand Amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene’ or ‘Amazing Grace’, and the word amazing is being used to describe the love of my Saviour, or the splendour and grace of God. And to be honest I wonder how a child’s ability to answer a straightforward question, or an image inked onto a person’s arm can possibly be described in the same manner as the attributes of God.

The Bible only uses the word amazing three times, once in a section of poetry and twice to describe the greatness of God. An old minister friend of mine would stop whenever he heard the everyday use of the word ‘Awesome’ and say “No, only God is Awesome”.

In Colossians 4 verse 6 we read that our words should be seasoned with salt: another way of saying the manner in which we speak and our choice of words should reflect the gospel truth that is within us. The book of Proverbs exhorts us to choose our words carefully, mindful of the impact they may have and the manner in which they reflect Jesus Christ.

I wonder when was the last time you heard something or somebody described as ‘good’, or ‘wholesome’, or ‘well thought out’, rather than amazing? We must all choose when to speak or not to, but I for one cannot describe Almighty God in the same way as the normal actions of a child, or a picture on somebody’s arm, as commendable as these things may be. God is Amazing, and God is Awesome and He will have the last word. *“I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.”* Isaiah 42 Vs 8.

David

Monthly Prayer Focus

The focus for August is the Church Leadership:

Prayer Points:

- † Wisdom and discernment in seeking to guide the church
- † Personal deepening of faith and closeness to God
- † Unity, love and harmony in family life
- † Protection from the schemes of the devil

SUNDAY ROTA

Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service	Communion and Flowers	Refreshments
4th	Ian Hunter	David Dring	Leigh-ann pm	Strutz Family
11th	Ben Daly	Tony Hodgkinson	/	Rob & Phil
18th	Richard Lee	Stuart Glover	Leigh-ann am	Sarah & David
25th	Family Service	Simon Allen	/	Jackie & Jemimah

IT ROTA

Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service
4th	Colin	Flo
11th	Mircea	Colin
18th	Michael	Flo
25th	Alice	Colin