



MEASHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

April 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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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

- 3rd Samuel Stonelake
- 4th Colin Lench
- 5th William Deighton
- 13th Cathy McGuiness
- 14th Sophie Elliott
- 15th Lesley Wheatley
- 18th Phil Smith

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	10 th	12:00 pm
<u>LIFT (<i>Ladies in Fellowship Together</i>)</u>		
Wednesday	3 rd & 17 th	10:00 am
<u>GIFT (<i>Gentlemen in Fellowship Together</i>)</u>		
Thursday	4 th & 18 th	9:00 am
For details contact Michael: 07795 288554		
<u>PRAYER BREAKFAST</u>		
Sunday	14 th	9:30 am
<u>AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY</u>		
Tuesday	23 rd	2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
<u>MEN'S BREAKFAST</u>		
Saturday	27 th	8:30 am

Don't Forget!

Murder Mystery

Friday 12th April at 7pm

£5 Entry

Dinner Provided

To raise money for 1st Measham Girls' Brigade

Dress Code: 1920s

RSVP Alice - 07426528765



Ashby Foodbank (which serves Ashby, Measham and Swadlincote) has a new Foodbank app called:

Bank the Food

This is a free app that shows you a list of items that Ashby Foodbank urgently needs.

You can download the app here:

<https://bit.ly/42Gka70>

For those of you who do not have access to the app, the urgent items (at the time of printing) are:

- Cake Bars/Sponge Puddings
- Custard
- Instant Mashed Potato
- Jam
- Tea
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Hot Meat
- Tinned Vegetables

The total of donations for December to February from Measham village (including MBC) weighed **293.3kg**.

Thank you for your continued support for this invaluable resource.

News From Ukraine

The church that Sue and I support in Ukraine, is based in a small market town of some 15,000 people and in particular with its outreach to a village of some 500 people about 6 miles away. Talne - the town and Korsunka - the village are situated in the Cherkassy Oblast (State) of Central Ukraine roughly half way between Kyiv and Odesa.

Because of its position and small population, it has not been a target in the war, the nearest rocket strike being about an hour's drive away. Apart from the occasional air-raid warning and the sight of some drones there has been little direct effect.

At first children had to attend school in shifts as the air-raid shelters were not big enough to cope but now they are all back at school full-time. There is no shortage of any of life's essentials including petrol and they had no power cuts this winter. There are also fewer refugees on the move. People are very thankful for their safety.

On a negative note, we have heard that some of the young boys from Korsunka have been killed in action.

Despite the relatively safe situation the general feeling is one of weariness and tiredness with the whole situation, and there is certainly fear mixed with deep anger. The anti-Russian emotion can be summed up by a situation when a schoolboy asked to read aloud a passage which included the word Moscow, refused to read it.

Leigh

Monthly Prayer Focus

The focus for April is our Trustees, please pray for:

- † Further guidance regarding the future of the church and in particular its leadership.
- † Wisdom in making decisions about the work of the church, including teaching, discipling and outreach.
- † Wisdom in managing the finances of the church.
- † Personal protection from the attacks of the devil.

Salient points from the recent church meeting:

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire about Bible Study and prayer meeting/Sunday evening services. Following the analysis of responses, the following changes will be made to encourage wider attendance and participation:

- Thursday evening start time will be brought forward to 7pm.
- More structure will be given to prayer time.
- A monthly Tuesday afternoon Bible study will be trialled.
- From September, there will be an informal monthly afternoon 4pm Sunday Service in place of the evening service.

Safeguarding of our children and young people is our priority as a fellowship. Brigades leaders have requested that the church building is reserved on Monday evenings solely for their activities - members of the fellowship are asked not to come into the building between 6pm and 8pm.



What a fantastic turn out for the Testify concert on the 20th March. The choir were thrilled to see friends and new faces and they enjoyed singing to a full house.

Whilst Testify don't profess to be a classically trained choir, we hope we brought some joy and entertainment through our enthusiasm in singing songs for the Lord. We had lots of nice comments afterwards and people really enjoyed the new original songs we featured in our performance.

Testify meet in the church hall on a Wednesday at 7pm and we hope to be back in training on the 17th April. We hope Annie is able to return along with Jacqui, who fell poorly just before the concert. We would also welcome anyone who would like to join us. Just turn up.

Chris

Open Air Mission Initiative

Open Air Mission is carrying out an assessment visit to Ashby in May to decide whether to add Ashby to its list of authorised street preaching sites. Should they decide to do so they would be seeking volunteers to assist once a month.

For more information please contact:

leighbilson519@gmail.com

NEW!

We are starting a new **Bible Study on a Tuesday afternoon**, as several people have said that they find coming out for the evening one is difficult.

It will be on **the fourth Tuesday in the month starting at 2pm and finishing by 3.30pm.**

We will be looking at the book of Ephesians and the series is entitled 'Wholeness for a broken world' - surely very appropriate for the world we live in.

The first one will be **Tuesday 23rd April.**

It is open to everyone, so please give it a try if you are able. No one will be pressurised to talk, pray or read aloud - just come and learn more about our amazing God.

Ronna

Song suggestions

. Man of sorrows
Hillsong worship

<https://youtu.be/6E5Ux9PXjso?si=93XsQUX5U3VU-0TX>

We listened to this in church on Good Friday.

. Hallelujah anyway
Rend Collective

https://youtu.be/acM0WeAycBI?si=TWp2MLWJil1_NzIA

This song I heard for the first time at a Rend Collective concert we recently went to and has quickly become one of my favourites.

Iona

Dear Fellowship...

If like me you sometimes give in to the seductive powers of social media you will know that people post all manner of things particularly about their family and often about what they believe. Not uncommon is the post referring to a dead friend or relative who is now ‘One of the stars’, or ‘Singing with Angels’, or something similar. It rather reveals that which is deep within us all – a desire for knowledge and reassurance about what happens when we die. Death is at the centre of the Easter story. The death of Jesus Christ and his resurrection, and the conquest of death itself as the writer to the Corinthians says – “Where O death is your victory? Where O death is your sting?”

The Bible clearly teaches us that death is the result of rebellion against God, and after death we will all go to one of two places. The Bible calls these Heaven and Hell and it has definitions that are increasingly different to those given in our society today. Heaven, where God is, and Hell where God is not. Heaven for those who accept the free offer of a place there, and Hell for those who do not want to spend eternity with God. Not really anything to do with how ‘good’ we are or what we think we have earned.

The Scottish preacher Alistair Begg, in one of his many sermons, tells of one of the men – a thief – who was crucified next to Jesus at Easter. A man who at the gates of Heaven had to confess he was not baptised, had not been a churchgoer, had no understanding of the Bible or

theology and had possibly never prayed, as well as being a pretty awful person. Yet a man who was granted entry to eternity with his Saviour on the strength of the promise he clung to “The man on the middle cross said I could come in.”

I am baptised and have attended church for many years. I read my Bible and have some understanding of it, and I pray. I have been complemented over the years and told I am a good sort, or a decent bloke or whatever. But as I know to my shame, and as God knows even better, I have done nothing at all to deserve a place in the perfection of Heaven. Like the thief on the cross, my ONLY chance and my ONLY hope is that I hold tight to the actions and promises of Jesus Christ and will also have to say at the gates of paradise “The man on the middle cross said I could come in”.

That which is on offer through what Jesus accomplished at the first Easter, is of far greater worth than ANYTHING else. You will never get a better offer in all the world. This Easter if you have not already taken it, there is NOTHING better you could possibly do!

David

SUNDAY ROTA

Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service	Communion and Flowers	Refreshments
7th	Steve Dennis	TBC	Ann PM	Lesley & Adrian
14th	Richard Lee	Ian Mellor	/	Strutz Family
21st	Malcolm Brown	TBC	Ann AM	Rob & Phil
28th	Family Service	Stuart Glover	/	Sarah & David

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

Renewal's Light

In the gentle thaw of winter,
Grace unfolds in every splinter.
Life reborn from death's long sleep,
Promises our souls to keep.

Flowers bloom, a sacred choir,
Singing praises, lifting higher.
Risen sun on Easter morn,
Hope reborn, in spring adorned.

Cross stands firm amidst the bloom,
Overcoming death and gloom.
Light breaks through the darkest night,
Guiding us with love's pure light.

In each leaf, and bud, and stream,
God's own handiwork is seen.
Spring's renewal, clear and bright,
Fills our hearts with His light.

Emily Verse