



MEASHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

November 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

11th Zac Holden

22nd Vin Sturgess

26th Michael Williams (skipping this year)

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	8 th	12:00 pm
<u>LIFT (<i>Ladies in Fellowship Together</i>)</u>		
Wednesday	1 st & 22 nd	10:00 am
<u>GIFT (<i>Gentlemen in Fellowship Together</i>)</u>		
Thursday	2 nd 16 th & 30 th	9:00 am
For details contact Michael: 07795 288554		
<u>MEN'S BREAKFAST</u>		
Saturday	25 th	8:30 am



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

- TINNED VEG
- SOUP
- PULSES E.G TINNED CHICKPEAS, LENTILS, KIDNEY BEANS
- INSTANT MASH
- RICE POUCHES
- JAM
- SQUASH
- CHOCOLATE TREAT BARS

SONG RECOMMENDATIONS

The Lion and the Lamb (Bethel music)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9ujBoud26k>

Day of Victory (The Rend Collective)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGuNpR0HbGY>

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Create in me a clean heart (Keith Green)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=qPQTkI6yk2k>

I learned this in Africa where it was sung prayerfully and often. Written by Keith Green, a prolific US Christian songwriter; his most famous being "There is a redeemer, Jesus God's own son", based on psalm 51 the lyrics are as follows:

Create in me a clean heart, O God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence O Lord
Take not your holy spirit from me
Restore unto me, the joy of your salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.

It's a beautiful prayer and song.

Sarah



So far this year, since the AGM, I have been able to send a total of £475 to the BMS, thanks to your generosity in celebrating your own birthday by giving to others less fortunate.

Now that it is easier to give on-line (I'm sure some of you do this), please note that our church number is 669. It would greatly help my records if you let me know if you have given that way.

If anyone would like to join, or have your name taken off my list, please contact Pauline.

If this has reminded you that your BMS envelope is still sitting at the back of your drawer please give it to Pauline ASAP, before you forget. Thank you for your continued generous support.

Pauline Miles
BMS Rep

A decorative background image for the Christmas Afternoon Tea event, showing a basket of wrapped gifts and red and gold confetti.

***CHRISTMAS
AFTERNOON TEA***
for ladies & gentlemen
Saturday 18th November
at 2:30pm



Your invitation to

“TESTIFY”

Christmas Concert 2023

Wednesday 6th December

Commencing 7pm

At

Measham Baptist Church

Chapel St Measham

You are invited to come and hear Testify in concert. To listen and participate in new and traditional Christmas songs and carols. There will be refreshments after the Concert to which you are all warmly invited.

Reflections

I had always known of God, always believed. By the late 1960s we had four children, and although my husband was working, his wage wasn't great. I asked God for help to be able to pay the bills and not get into debt.

We lived next to the school and one day Mr Lewis the headmaster asked me if I would help out as caretaker whilst the present caretaker was ill. I would have a small wage. God had answered my prayer. I eventually got the job permanently.

I those days there was a large hall at the school, and I had to go in there every day. A poster was hanging on the wall, a Hymn. As I read those words, it made me realise just what God does for us. He does answer our prayers, not necessarily as we expect. I realised what a wonderful God we have. I was Baptised not long afterwards. The Hymn:

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and grief to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Oh what peace we often forfeit
Oh what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry,
Everything to God in prayer.

Mary

What a Friend We Have in Jesus (Joseph Medlicott Scriven 1855)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YTpUQO0aryw>

The Way Back

Father God hear our prayers of thanks.
You heard and saw our plight, and we came to feel your
mighty Presence.

Lord, you spoke to us both and gave us a new family.
A new beginning.

When we were lost, you spoke to us and showed us the way
back. A new beginning. A new family. Our Church family.
Friends one and all.

We are privileged to see and experience a wonderful show of
love and affection.

Attributed to You and only You Lord.

We give praise to You and venerate your Holy Name.

We were lost sheep wandering in the wilderness.

Your Beacon of Holy light shone our way to this Chapel and
our friends.

Another chapter in our lives.

In the name of God our Father,
Jesus Christ our Lord
and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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Dear Fellowship...

As I write this, storm Babet is passing over. It's a miserable day. Lynda and I have certainly considered getting under blankets in front of the TV and binging rubbish! Sometimes we can get into that kind of mood in our Christian service; we prefer to stay comfy and warm rather than be active and get cold and wet!

At Bible Study, on the last two Thursdays, we have been encouraged by God's attitude to us when we feel like that. We read in Isaiah 42 v 3, "*A bruised reed he will not break and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out*".

Despite our enthusiasm for God's work he recognises that we get weary, tired and disillusioned. But he promises not to discard us. In fact, he promises the opposite. In Isaiah 43 v 20 He says He "*will provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland*". After storm Babet, water is probably the last thing we need, but Isaiah is speaking spiritually. When our lives are spiritually dry, God provides the refreshment we need for our souls. It is there for the taking. 'You can take a horse to water but you can't make it drink'. As Christians, we need to drink!

Verse 10 of Isaiah 43 says, "*You are my witnesses*". No matter what spiritual or physical state we find ourselves in, we will always be God's witnesses. At Measham we are an amazingly evangelical church. That is down to the efforts of the members of its fellowship. Be encouraged to keep up the work. Apart from our weekly activities, we have a men's breakfast, an afternoon tea and the Measham lights event coming up.

The big event in November is a double Baptism on the morning of November 26th. Please make every effort to invite people to this. It is by the "*foolishness of preaching*" that people will be saved. People will always make excuses (see Luke 14 vs 18-20) but our role is to keep on inviting. We trust God in His wisdom to do the rest!

Blessings

Les

SUNDAY ROTA

Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service	Communion and Flowers	Refreshments
5th	Malcolm Brown	Ben Daly	Sarah	Hester & Alan
12th	Ian Hunter	Ben Sheldon	/	Sophie & Liam
19th	Johnny Hilton	Tony Hodgkinson	Sarah	Lesley & Adrian
26th	Baptism Family Service	Ben Daly	/	Boam Family

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Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service
5th	Will/Colin	Flo
12th	Mircea/Will	Colin
19th	Michael/Colin	Flo
26th	Alice/Flo	Colin