



MEASHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

May 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 7:00 – 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

8th Oscar Deighton

17th Nicky Strutz

23rd Tasha Strutz

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	8 th	12:00 pm
<u>LIFT (<i>Ladies in Fellowship Together</i>)</u>		
Wednesday	1 st , 15 th & 29 th	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>PRAYER BREAKFAST</u>		
Sunday	12 th	9:30 am
<u>AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY</u>		
Tuesday	28 th	2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
<u>MEN'S BREAKFAST</u>		
Saturday	25 th	8:30 am

Please Note

Our service on May 5th has been moved from 6pm to 4pm and will be taken by Andrew Dudgeon. He is over from Ireland to give an update on Platform 67. Please come and support one of the organisations we tithe to!

Les



There is a free app that shows you a list of items that the 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:

- Cereal
- Shower Gel
- Cake Bars/Sponge Puddings
- Squash
- Instant Mashed Potato
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Hot Meat
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Spaghetti

Thank you for your continued support for this invaluable resource.

Song Recommendations

I Choose to Worship

Rend Collective

https://youtu.be/ldtLxbtlicA?si=v1OivQR_49fUodDm

Come Praise and Glorify

Sovereign Grace Music

<https://youtu.be/Qxohr0GKIbg?si=PHtxltoNynukLLLs>

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Monthly Prayer Focus

The focus for May is Smarties:

Smarties meets each Tuesday between 9:30 and 11:30. At the moment we have about six families that attend every week. It is a warm and welcoming environment and we are able to gently support parents with reassurance and open discussion as well as have some fun with the children.

Points for prayer:

- † That God would continue to send us new families (three new families joined us this week and God has already sent a lovely lady who is an evangelical Christian from another Church who is open and honest about her faith with other parents).
- † That He would open up good conversations and relationships so that we can invite families to events and services.
- † That He would continue to keep us safe and bless our time together so that people experience the love of God through the helpers.
- † That there would be enough help to staff Smarties safely and build upon this work.

Paula

Seven Hebrew words for praise

When Adam preached on Sunday evening, he told us about seven Hebrew words for praise and his thoughts on each of them. A few of us requested they be reproduced here – thank you Adam.

1. Halal

Which is the Hebrew word to boast, to show, to rave or celebrate.

That's a great form of praise, isn't it? To boast, to outwardly declare and to celebrate our faith in God.

2. Yadah

Hebrew to extend the hands.

This should come naturally, hands up if you do this when you're singing or praying!

I struggle with this one... not because I have an issue with it... it's a fantastic thing to get those hands in the air when we're praising God... I just find I can't deal with the lactic acid build up in my arms when I've tried doing it. So those of you that have the strength to do it, it's giving glory to God. Good on you!

3. Towdah

This means to worship in acceptance; to thank and praise God for things not yet received.

I think this is a beautiful form of praise, just thinking about how we offer up prayers of intercession, how we petition the Lord to care for those we love, to place

himself in a situation that means a great deal to us whatever that may be, and then patiently waiting on the Lord's time and way.

4. Shabach

This means to shout in triumph.

I think this links back to Halal, but additionally we can dwell on that word TRIUMPH. We can shout in triumph because Jesus caused death to die. Jesus's victory is total and his Triumph is our salvation and we should be shouting about it.

5. Barak

To kneel down.

To kneel is to show subservience, we would kneel or curtsy to a monarch, even if we might struggle to get back up after the fact. The physical and spiritual act of showing our obedience to God, acknowledging his divinity and his worthiness of our praise is an important part of our praise of Him.

And then we have two of my favourites in this list of seven Hebrew meanings of Praise:

6. Zamar

To praise with instruments.

7. Tehillah

To praise with singing.

Dear Fellowship...

Imagine a lone lamb in a field full of wolves! You would not expect it to survive for very long. Yet this was the situation for the Christian church in the first century.

Consider the opposition to Christ himself that led to his crucifixion. Consider the horrific persecution, killing and torture of the early Christians at the hands of the Romans. Like the lamb, you would not give the church much chance of survival. It did. That little mustard seed in Jerusalem has blossomed into a worldwide tree!

How could this happen? Their secret power is revealed in Acts 12 v 12. Prayer! Peter had been imprisoned and the church had been praying for his release (See v 5). James (considered the pastor of the church in Jerusalem) and the apostles were not at this meeting (see v 17). These were ordinary believers meeting with a burden of prayer.

We don't read much in Acts about praise meetings or celebrations or special services but we do read a great deal about regular prayer meetings. Prayer was central to these gatherings. Scripture, singing and preaching were not the focus. God sent an angel to open the prison door for Peter. We know that only God can open the door to set captives free from sin. Twice in Isaiah God refers to his "arm of salvation" (59:16, 63:5). He is mighty to save.

If we really care about the empowerment of God's work in and through our church, then let's get together and pray and not just once on a Sunday morning! We also have a prayer breakfast once a month, a prayer afternoon once a month, a prayer meeting every Thursday and a prayer meeting every Sunday evening!

Sometimes the blessings of God just fall from the tree, sometimes we have to shake it!

Les

Thank you

Murder Mystery Evening

I'd just like to thank Alice and the Girls' Brigade for such an amazing evening. The room was decorated really well and many people dressed in 1920's style. Alice looked amazing.

Many of us were wondering how the evening would progress. We started with mocktails and then the first clue was handed out. All the clues were presented in different ways; from Sudoku to anagrams. All were very clever and there were many red herrings.

Part way through we rested our brains and had something to eat. Thank you all who helped with catering. We all had a very interesting evening and Janice had made jewellery to sell to boost funds for GB and Rob took a collection too. Well done to all involved.

Pauline

SUNDAY ROTA

Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service	Communion and Flowers	Refreshments
5th	Tony Haley	Andrew Dudgeon 4pm	Ronna PM	Jackie & Jemimah
12th	David Donegarni	Krzysztof	/	Leigh-ann & Colin
19th	Richard Lee	Pravin	Ronna AM	Hester & Alan
26th	Tony Hodkinson	Ben Daly	/	Sophie & Liam

NB There is no Family Service this month and on Sunday 5th May the evening service starts at the earlier time of 4pm.

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