



MEASHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

June 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

3rd Les Robinson
15th Harry Robinson
17th Jackie Neal
24th Alan Harris

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	12 th	12:00 pm
<u>LIFT (<i>Ladies in Fellowship Together</i>)</u>		
Wednesday	5 th & 19 th	10:00 am
<u>GIFT (<i>Gentlemen in Fellowship Together</i>)</u>		
Thursday	13 th & 27 th	9:00 am
For details contact Michael: 07795 288554		
<u>PRAYER BREAKFAST</u>		
Sunday	9 th	9:30 am
<u>AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY</u>		
Tuesday	25 th	2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
<u>MEN'S BREAKFAST</u>		
Saturday	29 th	8:30 am

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Church Family Lunch

Sunday 7th July
1pm onwards

At Ronna's
19 Babelake Street, Packington, LE65 1WD

Everyone is welcome!

(This event is not just for church members)

Memories

Measham Baptist Church during the 1940s/1950s was a happy friendly church. The minister was the Rev Swain who, with his wife and two children, lived at The Manse in Bosworth Road. We children left the service before the sermon and went up into the top rooms for Sunday School. There we learnt all about Jesus, his life and the wonderful things He had done. One of the hymns we sang was:

*Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear
Things I would ask Him to tell me
If He were here
Scenes by the wayside
Tales of the sea
Stories of Jesus
Tell them to me*

*First let me hear how the children
Stood round His knee
And I shall fancy His blessings
Resting on me
Words full of kindness
Deeds full of grace
All in the love light
Of Jesus' face*

We did some singing and little sketches for the adults. We went to Mr Swain's home to practise, and Mrs Swain always had lemonade and biscuits for us.

At Christmas the children from Sunday School re-enacted the nativity play. One year, 1953, was coronation year. Measham celebrated with a big "party". First a parade through the village, lots of lorries etc decked out to show a different scene of some kind. Our float was the nativity. The lorries all drove to the "Rec". Our float was judged the winner. It was a wonderful day. We played games and had races; egg and spoon; three-legged race; sack race and lots more. It really was a lovely, unforgettable

day. The highlight came when one of the men, I forget who, stood on one of the lorries and announced that Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tenzing had conquered Everest. Wonderful, childhood memories.

We also had the “sermons” or to give it its correct name Sunday School Anniversary. The choirmaster was Mr Cyril Buttons. We girls always had a new dress for this. The men built a platform with four tiers, the eldest children on the top row. Girls on the right, boys on the left. A short while afterwards we went to Netherseal to help with their sermons.

Every year afterwards, we were treated to the Sunday School Outing. We went to places like Wicksteed Park. My only memory of that was the first (and last) time I sat on a horse. It was BIG. Another outing was Markeaton Park in Derby where we played games such as rounders.

Lovely, lovely memories.

Mary



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 (at the time of printing) are:

Cereal

Cake Bars/Sponge Puddings

UHT milk

Instant Mashed Potato

Custard

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Hot Meat

Rice

Tinned Fish

Shower Gel

Tinned Spaghetti

Squash

Thank you for your continued support

Monthly Prayer Focus

The focus for June is Lunch Club:

In September, we will mark 15 years of our monthly lunch club - that's 140 events (we had a break for COVID) and over 3000 individual meals served! We typically greet between 25 and 30 guests and as well as feeding our guests physically, we always have a gospel message. This started as a short, humorous reflection but has developed into a 5 minute talk where members of the team either share a testimony or a topical bible insight. The Lord has truly blessed this mission - He has always provided enough food and helpers, both guests and our team tell us that they find it a joy to attend, new people have come into our church community and we are gaining a reputation within the community for our service - notably recognised with the parish council award this year.

It has always been a team effort, with people taking on various tasks including setting the tables, cooking the food, driving the minibus, serving the food, talking to the guests, delivering the message and, of course, stacking the dishwasher and clearing away.

In terms of challenges, fifteen years is a long time and none of us is getting any younger - as a result some are no longer able to help and we are sometimes short of staff. Recently, volunteers from Age UK have come alongside to assist.

Please pray that:

- † The Lord will continue to bless the work and to lead us in the direction he would have us go, providing new workers if that is his will.
- † He would continue to bring new people into the church and under the gospel through this work.
- † He would soften the hearts of those that attend to receive the gospel and bring them to salvation.

Sarah

Running for Mercy

Many thanks to those that took part in our event on Tuesday 21 May. Around 30 people attended at Donisthorpe Woodland park to run or walk 1,3 or 5 miles for this great cause. It was a lovely evening of fellowship, where we enjoyed each other's company and a hotdog too.

So far, we have raised £600 towards One's first Mercy Centre in Uganda, a restorative care centre for survivors of human trafficking.

Sarah

Space Filler

A pastor approached a local farmer on the subject of giving to the church.

“If you had £500 and I asked you to give half of it to the Lord, would you do it?” asked the pastor.

“Sure, I would,” answered the farmer.

“And if you owned two head of cattle and I asked you to give one of them to the Lord, would you do it?” asked the pastor again.

“Yes, I would!” came the farmer's determined response.

“And if you had two pigs, would you also give one of them to the Lord?”

The farmer then looked rather indignant and replied,

“Now hang on a minute, Pastor. That's not fair! You know perfectly well that I have two pigs.”

Dear Fellowship...

On a recent Sunday at church the visiting speaker was Tony Haley, and his theme was 'How God speaks to us', looking in particular at the phrase we have probably all heard at some point 'God told me so'. I missed the sermon but was reassured it was a good one!

When we spend time with other Christians, when we study the Bible and as our walk with Christ grows over the years, we all learn the truth of communicating with God. Not just through prayer, but hopefully through the other means described in the Bible – a sense of peace, clear instructions from Scripture, maybe the small, still voice of calm. But as somebody from within the church said to me recently regarding the phrase 'God told me so' – that's exactly what a terrorist says before they commit an act of atrocity!

God has given us his word the Bible, 'the greatest thing this world affords'. It is His main means of speaking to us and everything we do should align with His word. But what about all those other decisions we must make that are not directly referenced in Scripture; like which car to buy; or what event to run; or when to stop or start an activity? It can be very easy for people to use the phrase 'God told me so' as it acts as a sort of trump card – nobody can argue with it. But what if the voice you heard was not from God, or it came from yourself, or even came from the devil? The third of the ten commandments is very clear that we are NOT to misuse God's name. So, we are not to blaspheme, but we are also not to use God's name as a way of getting a decision made in our favour using 'God told me so' as a sort of Ace card.

The Bible may not give us the answer to where we should go to do our food shopping, or what day of the week to do our next outreach event, but it does give us a comprehensive set of principles we can use to help guide us – remember all Scripture is God breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, encouraging and so on. We can all have voices in our head, but we can also all know the peace and guidance of the Holy Spirit, our great

helper. And possibly best of all in an ‘everyday’ setting, we have each other – the Church. God has surrounded us with a rich array of wisdom, love and experience in the form of the body of Christ. So, that as much and as often as possible, we can discuss and talk through our plans and decisions with others, seeking their support and guidance.

Next time you have an idea, or plans, or want to implement something at Church, or even need to make what you consider a ‘small’ decision, consider the following:

Does it line up with Biblical principles?

Have you carefully thought about and prayed about it?

Do you have a sense of peace and guidance of the Holy Spirit?

Have you discussed it with a number of people at church; approaching them with an open mind and a willingness to listen even if they may disagree with you?

Remember extra-Biblical revelations of ‘God told me so’ are more likely to be divisive than anything else.

In Isaiah chapter 58 God promises to always guide us! We may have to be patient, we may have to change our minds and plans, we may have to pray more, we may feel disappointed, we may have to listen hard to others – but ultimately, we will be in line with the best possible outcome. God’s ways are not ours; they are always WAY better!

David

Learning to Recognise the Voice of God

Following on from David's article; when Tony Haley preached on the above, the following were the seven questions Tony posed with Bible quotes for you to refer to.

1. Does it agree with the Bible?
Luke 21:33
2. Does it make me more Christ like?
Philippians 2:5
3. Does the church family confirm it?
Ephesians 3:10-11
4. Is it consistent with how God has shaped me?
Ephesians 2:10
5. Does it concern my responsibility?
John 21:22
6. Is it convicting rather than condemning?
Revelation 3:19
7. Do I sense God's peace about it?
Philippians 4:6-7

Thank you, David W, for suggesting this list was included in our newsletter.

SUNDAY ROTA

Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service	Communion and Flowers	Refreshments
2nd	Tim Phillips	Ian Hunter	Lesley	Boam Family
9th	Malcolm Brown	TBA	/	Strutz Family
16th	Jonathan Gravie	David Donegarni	Lesley	Rob & Phil
23rd	Tony Hodkinson	Colin Woodland	/	Sarah & David
30th	Family Service	Leigh Bilson	/	Jackie & Iona

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Sun	Morning Service	Evening Service
2nd	Michael	Colin
9th	Mircea	Flo
16th	Will	Colin
23rd	Mircea	Flo
30th	Alice	Colin

In the Divine Garden

In realms beyond where sunlight dares,
God's garden blooms in silent prayers.
Each leaf a verse, each petal sings,
In harmony, the bell of heaven rings.

A river flows with grace, not seen,
Through fields of gold and endless green.
The trees, they stand, both old and wise,
Beneath the ever-changing skies.

The air, it carries purest love,
A gift from the Creator above.
With gentle touch, the wind composes,
Songs of peace, in rows of roses.

Here, souls find solace, spirits mend,
Where paths of light and shadow blend.
In this garden, time stands still,
Embraced by love, in divine will.

Each creature, each bird, each butterfly,
Speaks of miracles, under the sky.
God's garden, a realm of endless grace,
A tranquil refuge, a sacred space.

Emily Verse