

What's On At MCF This Week

Monday:

10.00am: Holiday Club

Toddler Group, Impact and the Zumba Class all start again on 16th April

Tuesday:

10.00am: Drop-in & Foodbank

12.00noon: Meet & Eat

7.00pm: Tuesday Night Youth

7.30pm: Drop In Church (Unit 2)
Ranmoor Core Community

Wednesday:

10.30am: Painted Fabrics Coffee Morning

1.30pm: Jordanthorpe/Batemoor Daytime Core Community

2.00pm: White Willows Service

6.30pm: Batemoor Core Community—Unit 2

Thursday:

7.00am: Early morning prayer meeting

10.00am: Drop-in
No Parish Nursing this week

11.00am: English Language Group

12.30pm: Chair Aerobics

7.00pm: Thursday Evening Drop In

7.15pm: Beauchief and Greenhill Core Community

7.30pm: Jordanthorpe Evening Core Community

8.00pm: Norton, Norton Lees and S17 Core Communities

Saturday:

7.30am: Men's prayer breakfast at 86 Hemper Lane

10.00am: Prayer on the Precinct

Contacting Us Mid-week:

If you need to get in touch with us during the week, you can call in to the drop-ins or use any of these:

Email: office@mcfchurch.co.uk

Web: www.mcfchurch.co.uk

Tel: 0114 237 5700.

The Oakes Holiday Centre:

The April Prayer Letter & Topics from the Oakes Holiday Centre is in the foyer.

Walking for Africa:

Thank you again to everyone who has helped us so far with our fund raising for the Dare 2 Dream mission trip in August. However we've still not reached our target so after our swim and our bike ride, our next challenge is to put on our walking boots and do a sponsored walk up Jacob's

We would be grateful if could support us again and also share our giving page link/ facebook page, (please ask Naomi for details) . We hope to do the walk on Sat 7th April. Hope you can help us reach this dream. Much Blessings Naomi and Aaron

Batemoor Core Community:

Please note that the Batemoor Core Community is now meeting at 6.30pm.

MCF Overseas:

- * Olivia Butters is in Malawi undertaking safe water projects;
- * Graham & Steph Reed are working in Sachibondu, Zambia. Among other things, they are involved in building a hospital. Click [here](#) for a link to the website;
- * Hannah Hilson is home in the UK for a week before returning to teach English in South Korea.

Weekly News Next Week:

Contributions by Wednesday evening please to news@mcfchurch.co.uk. Please don't use a personal e-mail.

The MCF Website:

To use the hyperlinks in Weekly News first view an electronic copy on the MCF website at:

<http://www.mcfchurch.co.uk/weekly-news>.

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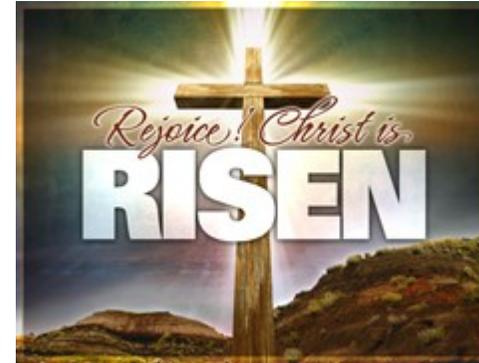
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MCF Easter Weekly News 1st April 2018

Welcome to Meadowhead Christian Fellowship on Easter Day



The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28: 5-6

A special welcome to you if you're a visitor with us today as we meet to worship our risen Saviour together. We hope you feel at home. Please stay to chat with hot cross buns and a drink after the service.

Now:

There is a prayer time in the Quiet Room at the back of the building from 9:30am – 9:55am. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time.

This Morning:

It's Easter Sunday. We are celebrating the resurrection and John & Maria O'Brien are speaking. It's an all age service today so the youth and children don't go out as usual. The service usually finishes about 11.45am.

Out and About:

Welcome back to the team who have been in the Philippines. Jonathan, James & Aiden were back last Sunday but this is the first Sunday back for Mike Thompson and Carl Edmands.

Ray Booth is speaking at the Oakes Community Church, Dronfield; Pete Edley will be at Spring Harvest from Monday the 3rd to Friday 6th April working with Children Worldwide running the 5-7's at Skegness.

Next Sunday:

We start our prayer week. Graham Ince is leading and Jonathan Dunning is speaking from Luke 11. We will be Breaking Bread together and the Missions Offering will be for the work Roland Panek is involved with in Zambia.

IMPACT!



SPECIAL

For those in Y1 - Y6



Monday 9th April

10am-3pm @ Unit 3, Jordanthorpe Centre

Crafts

Bring your lunch

Bible Stories

Only £1.50

Songs



Games



Places are limited so booking is advisable. To book a place please call 237 5700 or call into Unit 3 during the week.

The Focus Service:

A number of people at MCF will know about the 'Focus Service' that is held specifically for adults with learning disabilities. David Middleton set up this church service in 2001 but, this April, he is moving to take up the full time pastorate of a church in Shropshire.

Almost all the voluntary helpers, and leadership team members, for Focus have come from MCF – both past and present members. For the last few years the people assisting David have been Keith Blinston, Malcolm Griffiths and Jan Gilhooley. I have also been involved for several years and have counted it a privilege to worship with, and serve, this special congregation.

A year ago, a second Focus Service was started as part of the ministry at Totley Rise Methodist Church. Our congregation, that has been renting the church at St. Pauls in Norton Lees on Sunday evenings, has been invited to join the Focus Service at Totley Rise so we are not closing down completely.

Without the input from MCF, I am not sure that the Focus Service would have continued for such a long time. It is encouraging, and an answer to prayer, to see this ministry taken on by others now.

Sheena Wardrope

MCF Week of Prayer:

The MCF Week of Prayer will be from 8th to 15th April. There will be opportunities to pray at Unit 2/3 every day and we are asking people to meet in groups of 3 or 4 to pray together where ever it is convenient on Wednesday 11th. Most small group activities will be cancelled. A leaflet with the full programme is available today.

Christian Listening Courses:

Linda Gascoyne is running a couple of Level 1 Listening Training courses in April. The 1-day course is a stand-alone course to improve listening skills for day-to-day life; it also forms the first part of the Listening Pathway towards becoming a Professional Volunteer Listener - an essential skill for being a Chaplain or running a Listening Service. This first stage is Acorn's Module 1: Effective Listening Practice (course descriptor below).

The course dates are either Wednesday evenings 4th & 11th April 7 - 9.30pm OR Saturday 21st April 10am - 4pm.

The Cost is £50 and the venue is The Eccles Hub, Parkhead House, Carver Street, S1 4FS.

Booking: email linda@sycls.org.uk. Please state which course option is your preference (if you are able to attend either option please say, as this will help with planning).

Course descriptor: 'Many of us today have discovered for ourselves the difference it makes when someone really listens to us. Being well listened to can be a life-changing experience, and yet sadly one which is comparatively rare in our busy world.'

Acorn's Effective Listening Practice is a stand-alone course to improve our daily listening skills whilst also forming stage 1 of a listening pathway leading to Professional Listening. The module introduces listening as a foundational element of effective service and well-being. It focuses on active reflective listening skills: combining an understanding of the value and impact of these skills with practising the components of these skills.'

Advance notice: Level 2 (Advanced Listening Practice) will run on Monday evenings 14 & 21 May, 7pm - 9.30pm. There may also be a Saturday option (TBC). Completing Level 1 makes you eligible to attend Level 2, and further details will be provided at the end of Level 1.

Looking Ahead:

- * **Civic Reception at Unit 3:** May 24th —inviting local MP and councillors, police, NHS organisations and others to see what MCF provides to the local community and to explore options for working together in the future.
- * **Church on the Precinct:** On 24th June we will be having the service outside on the precinct and putting on fun activities for the local community.
- * **Holiday Club:** The Summer holiday club is from 23rd-27th July.