

What's On At MCF This Week

Monday:

9.45am: Toddler Group
5.15pm: Impact
7.00pm: Zumba Class

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
6.00pm: Batemoor Core Community—Unit 2

Thursday:

7.00am: Morning prayer meeting
10.00am: Drop-in Parish Nursing
11.00am: English Language Group
11.45am: Healthy light lunch
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

Friday:

12.45pm: Community Bible Study

Saturday:

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

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.

Newsletters:

***CaSS:** The summer term newsletter from Christians and Sheffield Schools is in the foyer;

***Solomon Kings:** There is a newsletter from Solomon Kings who is working in Delhi. It's a bit long to print for everyone so there are 2 copies pinned to the noticeboard near the serving hatch. It would be helpful if you could read it and put it back asap. The newsletter is available by e-mail on request together with a video of Solomon's work.

Note: The Missions Offering on 13th May will be for Solomon's work.

Sunday Lunch Fellowship:

The next Sunday Lunch Fellowship will be on 20th May. Book in with Sheila Wingrove if you want to go.

Empower Prayer Night:

The next Empower prayer night will be on Sunday 29th April at the Victoria Hall Methodist Church, Norfolk Street, S1 2JB from 6.30-8.30pm.

This will be a time for thanksgiving, praise, worship, prayer and intercession for Sheffield.

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>.

MCF E-mail List:

If you would like to receive Weekly News, prayer request and other information electronically please send your e-mail address to news@mcfchurch.co.uk.

Meadowhead Christian Fellowship

Encountering God;

Getting Involved;

Transforming Communities;

Living Generously

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Then he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest.'

Luke 9:48

Welcome to Meadowhead Christian Fellowship

If you are a visitor today we want to give you a special welcome as we worship God together. We hope you feel at home and know the presence of God. Please stay to chat with us over a drink after the service.

The children and youth leave for their own sessions at 10.30am or soon after. The service usually finishes about 11.45am.

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:

Jonathan Dunning is leading and John Raby is speaking from Luke 9:46-62.

The team that visited the Philippines recently is reporting on their trip.

Lunchtime:

See the notice below for Kid's Club, Youth and their families.

Out and About

Ray Booth is at Wellspring Church, Sheffield (previously Heart for Woodseats); Steve Bodey is speaking at Todmorden this afternoon; Carole Langsley is in Baku with CLC teaching English.

Next Sunday:

Jonathan Dunning is leading and Andy Hollingum is speaking from Luke 10:1-24—Sending out the 72.

MCF Kid's Club and Youth and Their Families

Today - Sunday 22nd April (straight after church)

For all those involved in MCF Kid's Club and Youth and their families

Bring and share lunch followed by an entertaining quiz @ 12
Rosamond Place, Bradway, Sheffield S17 4LX.

School Chaplaincy Course:

CaSS (Christians and Sheffield Schools) are running a training course for people interested in becoming school chaplains. The cost is £40.

Dates of course - Thursday 3 & 17 May, 7 & 21 June (9.30am – 1pm)

The aims of the course are:

- * to start/encourage conversation around school chaplaincy
- * to explore the challenges/opportunities school chaplaincy presents
- * to provide opportunities to talk with school chaplains
- * to start to equip/resource those wishing to become school chaplains

Sessions will be relaxed and interactive in style.

- * Session 1: School Chaplaincy – Why is it needed? Who is it for?
- * Session 2: School Chaplaincy – Where will it happen? What will it be like?
- * Session 3: School Chaplaincy - Who will do it?
- * Session 4: School Chaplaincy – How will it be done?

Graham Ince has application forms and Jonathan Dunning has further information or you can contact CaSS by e-mail at:

fiona.walton@cass-su.org.uk or mccallamr@methodistchurch.org.uk

The CLC Bookshop has Moved:

The CLC Bookshop team is thrilled to let you know that the bookshop has moved to 2 Church Street Sheffield S1 2GN. It's the blue corner building just to the left of the Cathedral as you look from the tramlines. This is a very strategic move for the CLC ministry and a huge answer to prayer!!

The aim is to open 2 Church Street on Tuesday 24th or Wednesday 25th April. Call us first on 0114 2724663 if you prefer. Yes, it's the same number as always.

We really need and appreciate your prayers; there is still a lot to do in a very short time... Thank you for supporting and joining us on this journey - and for telling your friends where we are!

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.

Dirty Glory Book Review:

"If you are looking for a book to inspire you, then Chris Simpson recommends "Dirty Glory" by Pete Greig. Dirty Glory describes stories of transformation, from a walled city of prostitution in Mexico to the nightclubs of Ibiza, and invites you to experience the presence of God through prayer. An adventure story spanning four continents, it describes one of the most exciting movements of the Holy Spirit in our time....

I couldn't put it down - it was like an adrenaline shot in my arm. This book will challenge you to think bigger, to risk more and to love recklessly. It's a reminder that we are invited into the adventure of a lifetime, knowing him and making him known. *(Tim Hughes)*"

MCF Working 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 teaching English in South Korea.

7 Tips for the Digital Age:

1. Take a balanced view

Don't be negative and ban it completely but don't ignore the dangers and bury your head in the sand. Technology can be used for good or for bad.

2. Get involved

Keep yourself up to date with what your child is using and how it works – get familiar with social networks, apps and games.

3. Create tech-free times

Have quality time as a family without the distractions of devices. Set aside times in the week when you can all relate face-to-face.

4. Agree limits

Boundaries help your child to feel safe and secure. Think about limits with regard to areas such as time allowed on screens, appropriate content, budget, behaviour online, sharing private information, and access to certain sites or games.

5. Equip children to make good choices

Train your child to respond well when you are not there looking over their shoulder. Talk through various scenarios with them and help them to protect their privacy and reputation online.

6. Develop your child's resilience

Help your child to deal well with any challenges and to bounce back from any mistakes they make. Create an environment in which they feel free to talk to you about anything they encounter online and where they can learn from any mistakes.

7. And finally ...

Let your child know that you will love them whatever and that no problem – online or off – is too big for you to overcome together.