

What's On At MCF This Week

Monday:

9.45am: Toddler Group
2.15pm: Painted Fabrics Core Community

5.15pm: Impact
7.00pm: Zumba Class

Tuesday:

10.00am: Drop-in & Foodbank
12.00noon: Meet & Eat
7.00pm: Tuesday Night Youth
7.30pm: 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: Morning prayer meeting
10.00am: Drop-in Parish Nursing
10.30am: Pilates Class—Unit 2
11.00am: English Language Group
11.45am: Healthy Lunch
12.30pm: Chairobics
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
10.00am: Prayer on the Precinct

Weekly News Next Week:

Contributions by 6.00pm on Wednesday please to:
news@mcfchurch.co.uk.

MCF Serving God 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. Graham & Steph are currently in the UK but will be returning to Zambia on Tuesday.
- * Hannah Hilson is teaching English in South Korea.

Rose Oye:

Rose is giving a concert on Saturday 6th October at 5.00pm at the Unitarian Chapel in Sheffield City Centre.

Alasdair Simpson:

Alasdair gets married in Glasgow this weekend.

Iranian Christians sentenced for practising their faith:

Four Iranian Christians have been sentenced to a combined total of 45 years in prison solely for practising their Christian faith.

Amnesty International is asking people to write to the Iranian authorities before 4th October asking them to quash the convictions and to respect freedom of religion.

More information [here](#).

Weekly News by E-mail:

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

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:

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and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever.

1 Thessalonians 4: 16-18

Welcome to Meadowhead Christian Fellowship

Visitors:

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 please stay to chat with us over a drink after the service. The service usually finishes about 11.45am. There's a notice board on the back wall near the windows with photographs of the people to speak to if you want to know more about MCF.

The children and youth leave for their own sessions at 10.30am or soon after. Kid's Club and Youth meet in another building. It's less than 30 seconds away but would visitors with children please ensure they speak to one of the kids' leaders before they go out so they know where to collect them at the end of 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:

Graham Ince is leading and Roland Panek is speaking from Luke 13:18-30 - the Mustard seed and the Narrow Door.

We are praying with Graham & Steph Reed before they return to Zambia on Tuesday.

Lunchtime:

Sunday Lunch Fellowship is at lunchtime today. This is an opportunity for MCF folk to continue having fellowship after a Sunday morning service. It's too late to book in for this one but see Sheila Wingrove if you would like to go to the next one on 18th November.

Out & About:

Paul Sharpe is speaking at Lansdowne Chapel.

Next Sunday:

Roland Panek is leading and Jonathan Dunning is speaking from Luke 13:31-14:14 - Sorrow for Jerusalem and at a Pharisee's House.

The MCF Autumn Week of Prayer

Sunday 30th September to Sunday 7th October

Once again this autumn there will be opportunity to pray together every day during this week. Please do try to come to any many sessions as you can.

We will not be cancelling Core Communities and Small Groups this year. Instead we will be asking them to use their meeting to pray together.

A leaflet with the full programme will be available shortly

Reclaiming Religious Freedom:

In May this year there was an article in Weekly News about a petition set up by the Barnabas Fund seeking a new Act of Parliament in the UK to guarantee seven fundamental aspects of freedom of religion which have been fought for and established in this country over a long period of time. If you have not yet signed the petition there is still time to do so.

The seven freedoms are:

1. Freedom to read Scripture in public.
2. Freedom to interpret Scripture without government interference.
3. Freedom of worship.
4. Freedom to choose or change your faith or belief.
5. Freedom to preach and try to convince others of the truth of your beliefs.
7. Freedom from being required to affirm a particular worldview or set of beliefs in order to hold a public sector job or stand for election, work in professions such as teaching and law, or study at university.

The new law is intended to safeguard everyone, of any religion or belief or none.

Click [here](#) for access to a lot more information and to sign the petition.

Whole Church Fellowship Lunch

Sunday 21st October

On Sunday 21st October there will be an opportunity for everyone to stay in church, after the service, and continue having fellowship over lunch.

Further details about the arrangements for this will be given nearer the time but please book the date now.

There will be no Sunday Lunch Fellowship in a home in October.

Missions Offering:

The mission offering last Sunday came to £727 plus £150 from general funds giving a total of £877 for the work of CLC in Sierra Leone.

Thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

Book Review—"Daily Prayer Seeking the Heart of God":

Chris Simpson says: "I recently bought 'Daily Prayer Seeking the Heart of God' by Berenice Aguilera. It's a month's worth of daily prayers and readings which are focussed on seeking God and increasing our desire for him. I found it so helpful that I started it again from the beginning after using it for a month."

This is a self published book and CLC can't get it. On this occasion only we very reluctantly suggest purchasing from Amazon. Click [here](#) - It's free with Kindle Unlimited, £2.99 on Kindle and £7.49 paperback.

Thank You from Robert & Sylvia:

A huge thank you to all who have sent cards, flowers, messages and specifically prayed for us over the last few weeks.

The support and provision of cakes and help on the day of Andrew's funeral was also very much appreciated by all the family and made a difficult day easier to deal with.

Every Blessing

Robert and Sylvia.

Freedom In Christ Course:

A new Freedom In Christ Course will start on Monday 1st October at Unit 3.

Please contact Cindy Irving or e-mail news@mcfchurch.co.uk if you want to attend or want more information about the course .

Personal Possessions in Unit 3:

Unit 3 is very much a public building and we are pleased that so many people feel free to come in both on Sunday mornings and during the week. However, like any public place, this does mean it is very important that people look after their personal possessions.

Sunday mornings are particularly busy and it's easy to leave handbags or other valuable items on a chair whilst getting coffee or chatting to other people. So please remember to keep your personal possessions with you.

Q: Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A: Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet