

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 & Citizen's Advice
- 7.00pm: Tuesday Night Youth
- 7.30pm: Ranmoor Core Community

Wednesday:

- 10.30am: Painted Fabrics Coffee Morning
- 2.00pm: White Willows Service
- 6.00pm: Batemoor Core Community—Unit 2

Thursday:

- 7.00am: Prayer meeting—Unit 2
- 10.00am: Drop-in English Language Group
- 12.00noon: Chair Aerobics
- 1.30pm: Jordanthorpe/Batemoor Daytime Core Community
- 7.15pm: Beauchief and Greenhill Core Community
- 7.00pm: Thursday Evening Drop In
- 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

The MCF Website:

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

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

On an electronic copy, the links below will take you to other pages:

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Mary's Song:

Click [here](#) to see a video telling the story of Mary's journey to motherhood in a 21st century setting.

The Untold Story of Persecution:

Christians around the world are being denied their basic rights because of their faith. Open Doors is asking us to invite our MPs to the Open Doors 2018 World Watch List. WWL provides in-depth research and analysis into religious persecution in the 50 countries where it is most difficult to live as a Christian. Click [here](#) for more information and for an e-mail template.

Free E-Book:

Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) aims to equip people to change their communities into safer, kinder communities. To encourage people in how they can make an impact in this, they are giving away Debra Green's 'ROC Your World: Changing Communities for Good' ebook.

With over 20 years' experience in community transformation, Debra shares her stories and the journeys of many others to inspire readers that you can make a difference.

Click [here](#) to download the book.

Weekly News Next Week:

Contributions by Wednesday evening please to news@mcfchurch.co.uk.

Please use this e-mail address because the item may be missed if you use a personal e-mail.

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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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A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart,
and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart.
For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

Luke 6:45

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:

Andy Hollingum is leading and Al Simpson is speaking from Luke 6:43-49: The tree and its fruit.

There is a Heart for Truth table top sale after the service—see note inside. Sunday Lunch Fellowship is also after the service.

Out and About:

Ray Booth is at Monte La Jolie church in Paris; Aiden Lugg is in Zambia. See inside for prayer points; Olivia Butters is working on safe water projects in Malawi; Graham & Steph Reed are in Sachibondu, Zambia but will be returning to the UK for Christmas shortly; Hannah Hilson is teaching English in South Korea.

Next Sunday:

Roland Panek is leading and Graham Ince is speaking on "the Centurion's Faith" from Luke 7:1-17.

Andru Keel will be sharing about Hope Family Church, Arbourthorne and will be selling cards to support this small church.

Bring and Share Lunch at Unit 3 next Sunday 26th November

We are having a bring and share lunch together on 26th November after the morning service. This is in addition to the Sunday Lunch Fellowship that takes place on the 3rd Sunday of the month. This is an opportunity for fellowship and relaxation together before the busy Christmas period.

Heart for Truth Tabletop Sale After the Service Today:

Today, Heart for Truth is selling faith building books and gifts that would prove invaluable to all Christians, whether they're newbies or old hands (or those interested and 'exploring!'). Money raised will go to support Heart for Truth's mission to see the most broken and wounded restored and set free in Jesus. At this time of year many worthy causes are appealing for your support but if you could set aside a bob or two for Heart for Truth on the 19th it will make a great difference in helping us help the hurting!

Impact Christmas Fun!

We are having an 'Impact Christmas Fun' morning on **Saturday 9th December**. This is an opportunity to have fun with glue and glitter whilst giving parents a couple of hours free time just before Christmas.

If you are able to help on that day (between approx 9am and 1pm) please can you let Jill Bodey or Pete Edley know whether you are able to help out **by Monday 27th November**.

Donating a Shoebox:

Through Samaritan's Purse you can show God's love to children around the world in a very tangible way. Their shoebox is the first gift many children have ever received! The treasures and personal letters inside communicate that someone cares for them and gives them an opportunity to experience the love of God.

There are leaflets in the foyer about how to pack your shoebox and the suggested donation with each box.

You either use a medium sized empty shoebox or you can purchase pre-printed boxes for 0.50 each from Kids Around the World.

You can drop off your shoeboxes at Kids Around the World or leave them at Unit 3 by the end of November. See Heather Butters with any queries.

Aiden Lugg's Trip to Zambia:

The main aim of the trip is to lay the groundwork for a team trip that is happening in August 2018. Aiden is going to various local government offices to meet with various leaders to talk to them about the plans. As well as meeting these people he is going to be running a youth conference for the youth of the town, Mufulira, as well as youth leaders from around the country.

Aiden's main prayer requests are:

- i. For favour when meeting all the people in the local government offices and the Chief. It would be great to form ongoing friendships with these people!
- ii. For safe journeys. I am not a nervous flier, but I don't particularly relish the thought of being locked in a tin can;
- iii. For an inspiring time at both the youth conferences.
- iv. For general health, it is the rainy season so there is stagnant water around which can be a breeding ground for mosquitoes, I've never had malaria and don't want this to be the first time!

Missions Offering—CLC & Bibles:

The Mission offering last Sunday came to £531 + £150 from general funds giving a total of £681 for CLC International to help publish the first ever study Bible in the Burmese language.

Neil Wardrope writes: "Sheena and I would like to thank everyone at MCF for the Missions' Offering last Sunday. It will go towards the Burmese Study Bible project. It is nearing completion and they hope to print an initial run of 10,000 copies. CLC Korea will help organise the printing process, as many Bibles are printed in Korea. CLC Myanmar Director, Jacob Mung, is very grateful to MCF for supporting this project.

Of course, for CLC, the Bible is the Number One Bestseller every year. You may like to hear of some other projects that we are involved in. The Africa Study Bible has been released – a study Bible with notes written by Africans for Africans. This is ground-breaking. CLC will launch this Bible in Sierra Leone and Liberia in the New Year. Last week CLC USA raised significant funds to help make this a possibility.

The news of the hurricanes in the Caribbean has now left our TV screens, but the devastation is still real for many people. Our bookshop on the island of Dominica is still closed. However the American publishers, Lifeway, have very kindly agreed to send Bibles worth \$6,000 to help re-start the work before Christmas.

For a number of years our teams in Latin America have been involved in helping pastors and teachers learn how to use the Thompson Chain Reference Study Bible. For those without theological training it is a fantastic resource. To date we have been able to train more than 30,000 people in nine countries. If each of those then reaches out to 30 more people, this project may have been able to reach more than 1,000,000 lives.

It is a great privilege to be involved in this work!"

Team of Christingle'ers Needed!

We will be having our Christingle Service at 10.30 a.m. on the 24th December 2017 at Unit 3. If anyone would like to help to "make-up" the Christingles (oranges, ribbon, candles, etc...) **the day before on 23rd December**, in Unit 3, between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. please let Jules Hope-Gill know. We will probably put on some Christmas music and share a cuppa too. Children welcome to help if any families wanted to come along together. We have about 100 to make so if you are able to help that would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Christingle Service on the 24th December, 10.30am at Unit 3 – Your little angels!

We will be re-telling the Christmas story as part of the service. If any children, **or visiting children**, wish to come in a costume they would be most welcome. We will have some children's nativity costumes available for those who want to wear them and join in on the day.

Internet Links:

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