What's On At MCF This Week

Monday:

10.00am: Impact Special

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 Youth7.30pm: Drop In Church (Unit 2)

Wednesday:

10.30am: Painted Fabrics Coffee

Morning

2.00pm: White Willows Service

7.00pm: All MCF folk are invited to join Batemoor Core

Community for prayer in Unit 2

Thursday:

7.00am: Early morning prayer

meeting

10.00am: Drop-in Parish Nursing

11.00am: English Language Group 11.45am: Parish Nursing healthy

light lunch

12.30pm: Chair Aerobics

7.00pm: Thursday Evening Drop In

8.00pm: MCF Prayer & Praise as part of the Prayer Week

Saturday:

7.30am: Prayer week prayer

breakfast for men & women at Unit 3. If you are coming please e-mail news@mcfchurch.co.uk or leave a message at 0114 237 5700 by Thursday.

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 www.mcfchurch.co.uk

Tel: 0114 237 5700.

Newsletters:

- * A newsletter from Carole Lansley is available on request from Carole or Graham Ince;
- The April newsletter from Heart for Truth is in the foyer;
- * The latest POCM newsletter is in the foyer.

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 <u>here</u> for a link to the website;
- Hannah Hilson travels back to South Korea today to teach English.

Would Jesus Be Labelled an Extremist Today?

Andrea Williams of Christian Concern has appeared on BBC's *The Big Questions* and was asked if Jesus would be labelled an extremist in modern-day Britain.

Click <u>here</u> to see excerpts of the discussion.

Bookcase/Bureau:

If anyone would like a bookcase/ bureau Matthew Brown has one to give away free to a good home. If you are interested Matthew can provide a photo and dimensions.

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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If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1: 8-9

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:

Graham Ince is leading and Jonathan Dunning is starting the week of prayer speaking from Luke 11: 1-4. We are breaking Bread together and we are receiving the Missions Offering which is for the work in Zambia Roland Panek is involved in.

This Afternoon:

Easter Songs of Praise is at 3.00pm at the Painted Fabrics Centre off Little Norton Lane.

This Evening:

As part of the Week of Prayer, there is a prayer meeting for all MCF leaders at 7.00pm in Unit 2.

Out and About

Ray Booth is in Denmark. This will be his last visit so he is saying goodbye to the churches he has been working with for some years.

Next Sunday:

Roland Panek is finishing the prayer week speaking from Luke 11: 5-13. There is a bring and share lunch after the service.

The MCF Week of Prayer

Our Week of Prayer is from 8th to 15th April. A printed programme is available today so please take a copy.

We believe that prayer is crucial for us to meet the challenges ahead for MCF. We would appreciate it if those attending MCF would try to come to as many prayer week events as possible.



Monday 9th April

10am-3pm @ Unit 3, Jordanthorpe Centre

Bring your lunch

Bible Stories

Only £1.50









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

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.

J John asks about anti-Christian bias at BBC:

Canon J John has <u>written to the BBC</u> asking if there is anti-Christian bias in its programming. Highlighting reasons for concern, Canon John calls on the BBC to treat Christianity fairly - in equality with its presentation of other religions - presenting Christians as they exist in reality without ignoring or stereotyping. He writes:

"we would like to see an earnestness that would look at the issues of faith with intelligence and insight. Can we be treated seriously? Please?"

This interesting letter is worth a read.

MCF Week of Prayer on Wednesday

The MCF Week of Prayer will be from 8th to 15th April. There will be opportunities to pray at Unit 2/3 every day.

But on Wednesday 11th April we are asking people to meet in groups of 3 or 4 to pray together wherever it is convenient during the day.

A leaflet with the full programme is available today.

The CLC Shop is Moving:

VERY exciting news!! The CLC Bookshop is moving to 2 Church Street SHEFFIELD S1 2GN, from mid May.

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 your bookshop and a huge answer to prayer!!

For the time being, CLC is open as usual at 103 West Street. We really need and appreciate your prayers for we have a lot to do in quite a short time... Thank you for supporting and joining us on this journey - and for telling your friends! Updates will be in the CLC email newsletter. To sign up, drop a line to sheffield@clcbookshops.com.

Some History:

CLC has been in the current West Street premises for more than 25 years. However, Geoff Williams opened the first CLC shop in Sheffield on 1st October 1960. Pauline took over from Geoff in December that year as Geoff prepared to sail to India in February (they weren't a couple then). Pauline went to India in August 1961.

Pauline lived above the shop and John Holt, who was a student in Sheffield, helped to decorate the flat. He also helped out in the shop.

Eila Platt Supporting victims of human trafficking:

Eila Platt works as a counsellor for the Snowdrop Project, a Sheffield based charity supporting victims of human trafficking. On 25th May Eila says she is hoping to tackle one of the most challenging things she has ever done - walking 192 miles across the country from West to East. She is doing it to raise funding for Snowdrop. If you would like to support Eila click here for her fundraising page." Eila writes:

"I've had a dream of doing the Coast to Coast walk for many years. To dip your feet into the sea on one side and walk across and repeat the same on the other just seemed an amazing feat (or should that be 'feet'!!). It's so great to be able to combine it to raise money for another passion of mine; to support those brave men and women who find themselves captive in an environment of fear and pain through the most evil of crimes which is human trafficking or modern day slavery. It's startling to consider that whilst William Wilberforce worked so hard to abolish slavery in the 18th century it's now more prolific than ever with estimates of 20-40 million slaves worldwide. Walking 192 miles is daunting but nothing compared to the enormous task a survivor of trafficking has of re-building their life. Please join me in raising money to help ensure we can end slavery for good."