

What's On At MCF This Week

Monday:

- 9.45am: Toddler Group
1.00pm: Freedom in Christ—Unit 2
2.15pm: Painted Fabrics Core Community
5.15pm: Impact
7.00pm: Freedom in Christ—Unit 3
Zumba Class
7.45pm: Pilates

Tuesday:

- 10.00am: Drop-in & Foodbank
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
6.00pm: Batemoor Core Community—Unit 2

Thursday:

- 7.00am: Morning prayer meeting
10.00am: Drop-in
Parish Nursing
10.30am: Pilates Class—Unit 2
12.30pm: Chairbics
7.00pm: Thursday Evening Drop-In - Unit 2
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
11.00am: Health Event—Unit 3

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.

Africa Needs God (cont.)

Now a confirmed atheist, I've become convinced of the enormous contribution that Christian evangelism makes in Africa: sharply distinct from the work of secular NGOs, government projects and international aid efforts. In Africa Christianity changes people's hearts. It brings a spiritual transformation. The rebirth is real. The change is good.

Warm Winter Clothes Needed for Christmas:

The Grace Foodbank needs old (clean!) coats, hoodies, warm jumpers, hats, scarves, gloves, etc (for adults or children) for clients this Christmas. Please take them to the foodbank on Mondays in November only between 11am-12.30pm or give them to Ange Hollingum.

Share the Warmth:

Universal Credit is likely to cause hardship for many people in Sheffield. The Terminus Initiative would be very grateful if anyone locally would like to donate their unneeded Winter Fuel Allowance to their fuel credits fund to help keep the heat and lights on for people in need this winter.

Contact Amy at amy@terminusinitiative.org or ring 0114 237 8540.

MCF Serving God Overseas:

- * **Olivia Butters** is based 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.

Weekly News Next Week:

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

Meadowhead Christian Fellowship

Encountering God; Transforming Communities; Getting Involved; Living Generously

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Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4: 8

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 Youth and children stay in for the whole service today because the youth are leading it. There will be creche facilities in the large room at the back of Unit 3 for parents who wish to take their young children out.

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:

The Youth are taking the whole service.

There will be a CLC Christmas booktable with books and Christmas cards so you can get ahead with your Christmas shopping.

Lunchtime:

Sunday Lunch Fellowship is after the service. There is no Sunday Lunch Fellowship in December, the next one is on 20th January.

Out & About:

This morning Ray Booth is at Mount Hermon Community Church, Doncaster.

Next Sunday:

We have a baptism service. Graham Ince is leading and Jonathan Dunning is speaking.

Baptism Service Next Sunday 25th November

If you are interested in being baptised, or even finding out more about baptism, please speak to Jonathan Dunning, Andy Hollingum, Roland Panek or Graham Ince today.

'Beat the Winter Blues' - Free Health Event Next Saturday:

At Unit 3 on Saturday 24th November from 11.00am until 2.00pm. There will be a free lunch, raffle, activities and information about how to stay happy and healthy this winter. All ages welcome.

Kate Booth will be there as Parish Nurse and also Cancer Ambassador telling people about cancer screening and offering free BP checks. Kate says that last year it was great fun with belly dancing, lots of free activities and visits from local firemen, etc

Quiet Prayer For Advent

Friday 30th November & Saturday 1st December:

You are invited to take time out from the busyness of the season to, "Be Still And Know That I Am God", Psalm 46 v 10.

Unit 2 will provide that quiet place, with areas set up in different ways to help you individually focus your time and prayers.

It will run as a drop-in on Friday 30th November between 1pm and 9pm, and on Saturday 1st December from 9am to 1pm.

MCF Women Christmas Meal— 10th December at 6.30 for 7.00pm:

We welcome all ladies to join us at Moorlands Restaurant for a Christmas Meal in the evening.

We need final confirmation of bookings by **Monday 25th November** when all deposits and food orders have to be handed in. Numbers will determine where we will be seated in the restaurant. Please confirm asap with Janet Shaddock or Linda Beal.

Zumba & Pilates:

Starting Monday 19th November the Zumba class will be from 7:00-7:45pm followed by Pilates from 7:45-8:30pm. Come to 1 or both. Ask Anne Simpson for details.

Gambling Exclusion Tool:

[GamStop](#), the UK-wide self-exclusion scheme that allows users to block access to all licensed gambling sites, has seen 38,000 players register since it went live in April, even before it has been officially launched. Users choose to self-exclude for periods ranging from between six months to five years. The site links to charities that help problem gamblers, and players have said the scheme has "*changed their life*". Click [here](#) for more information.

As an Atheist I Truly Believe Africa Needs God:

It's a long time ago but in 2008 Matthew Parris wrote in the Times, "Missionaries, not aid money, are the solution to Africa's biggest problem - the crushing passivity of the people's mindset." A few other extracts from the article are given below:

Travelling in Malawi refreshed another belief, too: one I've been trying to banish all my life. It confounds my ideological beliefs, stubbornly refuses to fit my world view, and has embarrassed my growing belief that there is no God.

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Prayer for Human Trafficking - Wednesday 21st November:

We're next meeting on Wednesday 21st November at 7.30pm at Eila Platt's house. We'll start with updates on what is happening currently regarding trafficking issues before praying through this and other points from Hope for Justice, Snowdrop and International Justice Mission. It should last about an hour. Everyone most welcome.

Missions Offering:

The Mission Offering last Sunday came to £644 plus £150 from general funds giving a total of £794 for Olivia Butters who is working on safe water projects in Malawi.

World Vision Must Have Gifts:

You can buy these gifts for a friend or loved one at Christmas but the gift actually goes to underprivileged children around the world. You then send your friend a card telling them what you have bought for them and where it has gone. Click [here](#) to find out how it works.

For instance, you can give a mosquito net for £6, 3 seedlings for a tree nursery or a blanket for £7, feed a child for a month for £10 or a beekeeping kit for £30. There is a vast range and you can spend as much as you want—a borehole is £115 and a complete classroom £1,235.

Click [here](#) to see the full range.

Advent Unwrapped:

Advent Unwrapped is a collection of blogs and videos that explore four unforeseen gifts hidden within the Nativity story: Encouragement, Perseverance, Readiness and Humility. It has been produced by "Stewardship" and it launches on 26th November.

They will invite you to create some space within the busyness of Christmas, to unwrap the truly generous message of the Advent season.

Sign up [here](#) to receive the blogs and videos.

Foodbank Christmas Collection Sunday 2nd December

We will be having a collection of food for the Grace Foodbank on Sunday 2nd December. The items needed are:

- * Christmas biscuits – medium or small boxes
- * Small Christmas cakes or packs of Christmas chocolate mini rolls, etc
- * Chocolates/sweets (medium-sized boxes) that look festive!
- * Selection boxes/chocolate coins, etc.
- * Pringles, Cheddars or similar crisps in a cardboard tube
- * Bottles of fizzy grape juice or similar
- * Tins of salmon
- * Tins of ham
- * Jars of coffee
- * Tins/cartons of custard or sachets of instant custard
- * Small boxes of crackers/cheese biscuits