

## 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 - Unit 3  
7.45pm: Pilates - Unit 3

### **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: Chairobics  
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  
1.00pm: Quiet Prayer - Unit 2 (finishes 9,00pm)

### **Saturday:**

- 7.30am: Men's prayer breakfast at 86 Hemper Lane  
9.00am: Quiet Prayer - Unit 2 (finishes 1.00pm)  
10.00am: Prayer on the Precinct

## **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.

### **Zumba & Pilates:**

The Zumba class is now on Monday in Unit 3 from 7:00-7:45pm followed by Pilates from 7:45-8:30pm. Come to 1 or both. Ask Anne Simpson for details.

### **Pastor Solomon Kings:**

Solomon works in the slums of Delhi and his work receives a Missions Offering from MCF about twice per year. You can read the September newsletter from Solomon [here](#). Sorry it's late but communications with India are not easy.

Read more about Solomon's work at: [www.fulllifekidshome.org/our-programs](http://www.fulllifekidshome.org/our-programs).

### **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.

### **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@mcchurch.co.uk](mailto:office@mcchurch.co.uk)  
Web: [www.mcchurch.co.uk](http://www.mcchurch.co.uk)  
Tel: 0114 237 5700.

### **Weekly News Next Week:**

Contributions by 6.00pm on Wednesday please to: [news@mcchurch.co.uk](mailto:news@mcchurch.co.uk).

## *Meadowhead Christian Fellowship*

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We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6: 4

## **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.

Because we have baptisms today, the children go out for their own session at the start of the service and come back in time for the baptisms. The Youth stay in. Kids' Club and Youth meet in another building. It's less than 30 seconds away, but visitors with children can speak to the Kids' Club leaders before they go out if they want to know where to find them.

### **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:**

We have a baptism service with 3 people being baptised. Graham Ince is leading the service and Jonathan Dunning is speaking.

### **Out & About:**

This morning Ray Booth is speaking at Easingwold Community Church near York.

### **Next Sunday:**

We start a short Advent series looking at Matthew 1:18-25 with Andy Hollingum speaking. We will be sharing Communion together. There is a Christmas collection for the Grace Foodbank. There's a list of the items needed inside this newsletter.

### **Drop In for Quiet Prayer in Unit 2**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 1.00pm to 9.00pm  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 9.00am to 1.00pm

### **Being A Christian in the UK Today:**

Christians in Parliament has launched a public consultation into 'Being a Christian in the UK Today'. This landmark Inquiry seeks to uncover the experience of Christians in the UK in 2018. It covers topics such as the contribution of Christians to society, as well as looking at the freedoms Christians enjoy and any barriers which might exist for Christians.

If you are responding as an individual, you do not need to provide any identifying information. Please take action and respond to the online questionnaire before the deadline of 16 December.

[Click here to respond to the consultation.](#)

### **The Advent Challenge:**

The Advent Challenge can bring the Bible to life for each day of Advent. You'll receive an email each day, with a short reflection on how the rest of the Bible sheds light on the Nativity story, as well as a choice of practical challenges you can take on to bless others.

So, with a choice from 3 challenges each day, you can take on 24 acts of kindness to show those around you there's more to Christmas than they might have thought.

[You can sign up here](#)

### **Last Chance to Book for the MCF Women Christmas Meal— 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 for 7.00pm:**

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

Today, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November, is the last day to book in because final confirmation of bookings, deposits and food orders have to be with the restaurant on Monday 26<sup>th</sup>. Numbers will determine where we will be seated in the restaurant.

Please see Janet Shaddock or Linda Beal today if you want to go and haven't yet booked in.

### **Look After Your 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. Personal possessions are always vulnerable in public places but we still see handbags and other important items left unattended after the service. So please do take responsibility for looking after personal possessions.

### **Thanks From Olivia Butters:**

Olivia writes, "I wanted to write and say a massive thank you to MCF for the recent gift from the collection. It is such a blessing to know that I have a loving church family supporting me back home both in prayer and financially. Please convey my thanks to everyone. I am looking forward to being back at Christmas, catching up with everyone and showing how God is working out here. Thank you so much again.

God Bless, Olivia"

### **Quiet Prayer For Advent**

#### **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November & Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November between 1pm and 9pm, and
- \* Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December from 9am to 1pm.

Come & go as you please.

### **Impact Christmas Fun!**

We are having an 'Impact Christmas Fun' afternoon on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 12.45pm and 4pm) please can you let Jill or Pete know **by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November**.

### **Operation Christmas Child:**

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated items for the shoeboxes. Kids Club and Youth were able to pack 23 boxes of goodies last week, which have now gone off to the warehouse.

### **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 26<sup>th</sup> November. They will invite you to unwrap the truly generous message of the Advent season.

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

### **Foodbank Christmas Collection Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

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

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