

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 - Unit 3
7.45pm: Pilates - Unit 3

Tuesday:

- 10.00am: Drop-in & Foodbank
Kids Around the World sale
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:

- 10.00am: Drop-in
Parish Nursing
10.30am: Pilates Class - Unit 2
11.45: Healthy Lunch
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

Saturday:

- 7.30am: Men's prayer breakfast at 86 Hemper Lane

Thursday Morning Prayer:

There will be no Thursday Morning Prayer in December. It will recommence in Unit 2 on 10th January at the NEW TIME of 8:00-9:00a.m. We will consider a return to a 7:00am prayer start in March.

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 October Newsletter:

Solomon works in the slums of Delhi and his work receives a Missions Offering from MCF about twice per year. Last week we received a belated September newsletter but now you can read the October news from Solomon [here](#).

Read more about Solomon's work at: www.fullifechildrenhome.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.

Weekly News Next Week:

Contributions by 6.00pm on Wednesday please to: 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:
Email: office@mcfchurch.co.uk
Web: www.mcfchurch.co.uk
Tel: 0114 237 5700.

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She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Matthew 1: 21

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' Club 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:

Roland Panek is leading and we start a short Advent series looking at Matthew 1:18-25 with Andy Hollingum speaking. We will be sharing Communion together.

We will be taking our Christmas offerings for the Grace Foodbank forward to the front of the church.

Out & About:

Jonathan Dunning is speaking at the Oaks Community Church in Dronfield.

Next Sunday:

We continue the short Advent series with Chris Simpson speaking from Matthew 2:1-12.

The missions offering will be for Solomon Kings working in Delhi - the October newsletter from Solomon is available [here](#).

Christmas All Age Nativity 16th December:

On 16th December at our Carol Service we are wanting to "act out" the Christmas story whilst it is read. We would like people of all ages who would be willing to dress up in Christmas nativity costume and be involved.

We shall arrange a practice, possibly earlier on the 16th, and allocate the parts for kings, shepherds, angels, Joseph and Mary etc by 9th December. If you have a preference of whom you want to play can you let Jonathan know and he will try to oblige if he can!

We cannot provide costumes, there'll be no lines to learn, just some simple miming to the text. You'll be sat in the congregation in costume during the service and just come out as and when its your turn. It will hopefully help to bring the story to life!

You can sign up today if you are willing to be involved.

Thanks Jonathan

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.

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](#)

New Year Party:

The Wednesday Evening Core Community are having a New Year party on 1st January that is open to everyone at MCF. If you want to go you must let Steve and Ros Sadler know.

Food will be a combined effort so everyone who is able to do so will be asked to contribute.

The programme is games at 3.30pm for 1½ hours followed by food. Games and food will all be in Unit 2.

So make sure you book in if you want to go.

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.

Kid's Around the World Sale Tuesday 4th December:

Next Tuesday there will a "Kids Around the World" sale in Unit 3 with toys and books from 0.50p, kid's shoes from 0.50p and clothes from £1.00.

Please spread the word so as many local people as possible benefit from this opportunity. Perhaps this could be a golden opportunity for them to get something for the kids for Christmas.

Carol Singing:

We are carol singing in December on the Jordanthorpe Precinct on Saturday 15th from 10.00 to 11.00am and at the St James Retail Park on Thursday 13th at 7.00pm and on Saturday 15th at 11.15am to 12.15pm.

Please sign the sheets at Unit 3 if you can come to any or e-mail:

graham.ince@mcfchurch.co.uk

Christmas at MCF

The events taking place at MCF over Christmas are:

Sun 9th: Painted Fabrics Carol Service @ 3.00pm

Mon 10th: MCF Women's Christmas meal

Tues 11th: Meet and Eat Christmas meal

Wed 12th: Christmas meal at Moorlands
Batemoor Wednesday Group carol singing

Thur 13th: Carol Singing at St James Retail Park @ 7.00pm

Sat 15th: Prayer on Precinct & Carol Singing 10.00 to 11.00am
Carol singing at St James Retail Park 11.15am to 12.15pm
Impact Christmas special 1.30 to 3.30pm

Sun 16th: All-age Christmas service with Baz Gascoyne @ 4.00pm
followed by tea, coffee & cake; no morning service

Mon 17th: Mums & Toddlers carols
Impact Christmas party

Wed 19th: Painted Fabrics carols @ 10.30am
White Willows Carol Service @ 2.00pm

Thur 20th: Drop in carols @ 11.30

Sat 22nd: Making Christingles in Unit 3 from 2.00 to 4.00pm

Sun 23rd: Christingle Service @ 10.30am

Christmas Day: All-age Service in Unit 3 @ 10.30am
White Willows Service @ 10.30
Outreach Christmas meal (afternoon)

Boxing Day: Painted Fabrics Coffee Morning @ 11.00 with mince pies

The Library will be open from 10 – midday on Dec 27th to 31st

Sun 30th: All age service @ 10.30 – Graham Reed speaking

1st Jan: Batemoor Wednesday Group party