

What's On At MCF This Week

Monday:

- 9.45am: Toddler Group
- 5.15pm: Impact for Y1 to Y6
- 7.00pm: Zumba Class - Unit 3
- 7.45pm: Pilates - Unit 3

Tuesday:

- 10.00am: Drop-in and Foodbank
- 12.00 noon: Meet & Eat
- 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: Thursday morning prayer
- 10.00am: Drop-in & Parish Nursing
- 10.30am: Pilates Class - Unit 2
- 11.45am: Healthy Lunch
- 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

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.

Olivia Butters:

The latest newsletter from Olivia about her work in Malawi is in the foyer.

MCF Leaders' Meeting 17th March:

There is a meeting for all MCF leaders on Sunday 17th March at 7.00pm in Unit 3.

Photography for the MCF Website:

In order to update our website and other literature with more current photographs, we shall be capturing many of our activities on camera. If you do not wish yourself or any member of your family to be on any of the church photographs please let one of the elders know.

MCF Serving God Overseas:

- * **Olivia Butters** is based in Malawi undertaking safe water projects and a fuel efficient stoves project to reduce the use of firewood. Click [here](#) for more information.
- * **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.

Quote:

I am not tired of my work, neither am I tired of the world; yet, when Christ calls me home, I shall go with gladness. *Adoniram Judson*

MCF E-mail List:

If you would like to receive Weekly News, prayer requests and other information electronically please send your e-mail address to graham.ince@mcfchurch.co.uk

Weekly News Next Week:

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

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Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14: 6

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. It 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.

Children & Youth:

The children and youth leave for their own sessions at 10.30am or soon after. Kids' Club and the Youth Group 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 9:30 - 9:55am. Everyone is welcome to join in at any time.

This Morning:

Roland Panek is leading and Jonathan Dunning is speaking from Luke 20. We will be sharing Communion together.

Out & About:

Ray Booth is at Lansdowne Chapel.

Next Sunday:

Graham Ince is leading and we have Nick & Erica Lugg as guest speakers. The missions offering will be for the work of Pastor Solomon Kings in Delhi.

Click www.fulllifechildrenhome.org for an overview of Solomon's work and then click "Our Programs" to see information on the Children's Shelter Homes, the Slum Project, the Adults' Tailoring Program and Blanket Distribution.

Pastor Solomon is our guest speaker on 31st March.

The Vision for MCF:

Jonathan Dunning's talk on the Vision for MCF from Sunday 3rd February is now on the MCF website. Click [here](#) to listen. Publishing this talk has been delayed because the original recording was not complete and Jonathan has had to re-record it. A printed version of the talk is also available on request from Graham Ince.

Chris Booth and Andy Hollingum's talk on 17th February of how the building extension helps to fulfil that vision, and the need for us to stretch our faith as we seek to raise funds, is also on the website. Andy's talk starts at 4 min 40 secs. Click [here](#) for that one. You won't be able to see the slides but there is still a lot of useful information.

These are two very important talks about the future of MCF and everyone is encouraged to listen to them.

Thursday Early Morning Prayer Meeting:

From next Thursday 7th March the early morning prayer meeting will return to its usual time of 7.00 to 8.00am.

Spanish Drop-in – Friday 8th March 7-8.30pm in Unit 2:

¿Hablas español? Practise speaking Spanish in a relaxed atmosphere - come and go at any time between 7pm and 8.30pm. Invite anyone you know with an interest in Spanish.

Please pray for this outreach. For more details, see Sarah Marsden.

Spring Forward Health Event - Saturday 16th March:

There is a Spring Forward Health Event on Saturday 16th March from 11 am - 2.00pm at Lowedges Community Centre on Gresley Road.

There will be a free lunch, free raffle, health information, and sports activities for children including a parkour demonstration.

The Parish Nursing stand will offer blood pressure checks, free hand massage and information on Be Cancer Safe/Cancer Champions.

MCF Core Communities:

Some churches call their mid week small groups homegroups or housegroups. At MCF we call them Core Communities because they are core to the life of the church and because we want them to be real communities of friendship and fellowship.

It's important that as many people as possible are part of a Core Community (CC) because that is where everyone attending MCF can develop closer friendships and can be involved in more interactive bible teaching. We also see the Core Communities as providing most of the pastoral care within the church.

There is more information on Core Communities on the noticeboard near the windows in Unit 3. That also says who the leaders are for each CC. So, if you would like to know more about being part of a Core Community, please speak to one of the CC leaders or to Andy Hollingum or Roland Panek.

Holiday Club at Easter Monday 8th April:

We are planning a 'day' Holiday Club in the half-term holidays on Monday 8th April.

More details will follow but the day will include stories, games, crafts, songs, quizzes, prizes and other fun stuff.

If you are able to help out on that Monday (from around 9am until 4pm) please can you let Jill Bodey or Pete Edley know by **16th March**.

A Mini Charity Shop at Unit 3?:

We are interested in talking to Kids Around the World about taking their excess stock to sell at Unit 3. We are probably thinking about a couple of tables of clothes and shoes, which will benefit the local community.

Before talking to Kids Around the World, we need to have several people who would be willing to run the scheme. The frequency would depend on the number of people involved and their availability.

Please speak to Graham Ince if you are interested in exploring this possibility or e-mail graham.ince@mcchurch.co.uk.

MCF Library – Sunday 3rd March:

Books and DVDs from MCF library will be available to borrow today, Sunday 3rd March, after the morning meeting. Books/DVDs borrowed on 3rd February need to be returned today.

Calling All Singers and Musicians!:

We really do need more singers and musicians to join the worship group; so if you are either (or both), we would love to hear from you!

Please talk to Steve, Jonathan or Chris if you would like to join us or if you just want to find out more.

Resting in God:

MCF Women are holding a Quiet Afternoon on Saturday 23rd March at Unit 3 from 12.30 to 4.30pm.

The theme is 'Resting in God, a time of preparation for Easter'.

Our facilitator is a Sheffield lady, Janice Speddings, who also runs workshops and retreats.

Please book the date. Leaflets are available from Karen Ince or Janet Shaddock today. Please book asap if you want to come.

1 John 3: 1-3:

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure.