

What's On At MCF This Week

Monday:

- 2.15pm: Painted Fabrics Core Community
7.00pm: Zumba Class
7.45pm: Pilates

Tuesday:

- 10.00am: Drop-in and Foodbank
12.00 noon: Meet & Eat
7.00pm: Tuesday Night Youth
7.30pm: Ranmoor Core Community

Wednesday:

- 10.00am: Sparrows Nest Café - Unit 2
10.30am: Painted Fabrics Coffee Morning
1.30pm: Jordanthorpe/Batemoor Daytime Core Community
2.00pm: White Willows Service
5.00pm: Batemoor Core Community - Unit 2

Thursday:

- 7.00am: Thursday morning prayer
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:

- 10.00am: Sparrows Nest Café
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.

Baptism Service 19th May:

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 or e-mail news@mcfchurch.co.uk.

Steve & Rachel Are:

Geocaching and walking on Saturday 11th May. Great for walkers, dogs, adults & children. Let Steve or Rachel know if you are interested.

Toddler Group & Impact Dates:

There will be no Toddler Group or Impact on: 6th May; 27th May.
They WILL meet on: 13th May; 20th May; 3rd June.

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.

Weekly News Next Week:

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

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

Meadowhead Christian Fellowship

Encountering God; Transforming Communities; Getting Involved; Living Generously

MCF Weekly News 5th May 2019



How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! Even the sparrow has found a home and the swallow a nest for herself where she may have her young — a place near your altar. Lord Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house.

Psalm 84: 1, 3-4

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. It usually finishes about 11.45am. There's a notice board on the back wall near the windows with photos of the people to speak to about MCF.

Children & Youth:

The children leave for their own sessions at 10.30am or soon after. Would visitors please speak to one of the Kids' Club leaders before they go out, so they know where to collect their children 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 Chris Simpson is concluding our series in Luke's Gospel. Chris will be speaking on the Road to Emmaus from Luke chapter 24. The MCF library will be available after the service.

This Evening:

There is a prayer meeting at 7pm in Unit 2.

Next Sunday:

We meet to worship at 10am. Our guest speakers will be Roy and Jenny Ramble, who serve God in the north of India on the border with Nepal. Their vision is to reach the needy downtrodden people of Northern India and Nepal with the love of Christ by encouraging, educating, and equipping them to face life in their world today.

You can read more about their work by clicking [here](#).

There is a prayer meeting at 7.00pm in Unit 2.

Encounters Service:

We are starting an initial series of three "Encounters Services" on Sunday 19th May. The evening will run from 7:00-8:30p.m. and will be a combination of worship, teaching and ministry. There'll be space and opportunity to receive prayer and to pray for one another.

We anticipate God speaking both to us and through us to one another and would encourage you to come along. Barry Manson will be joining us for these evenings and we shall receive a freewill offering each evening.

Future dates are June 23rd and July 21st.

2019 MCF Summer Holiday Club:

There will be another action-packed week of competitions, fun, games, crafts, Bible stories, songs and loads more.....between **Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August**. This year we will be spending a week with the King of Narnia and snowflakes and Christmas trees and! More details will follow but if you would like to help out (either for the full week, days or part days) it would be great to have you on the team. There's plenty of different things to do beforehand too including cutting out, baking, etc as well as during the week itself.

Please could you let Pete, Steve or Jill know if you can help. No previous experience needed - any questions just ask!

Sparrows Nest Café at Unit 2 is Now Open:

The café has just completed its second week. It is open 10.00am-2.30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays with a low-cost menu of fresh soup, sandwiches, jacket potatoes, cakes and snacks. Food will be freshly prepared and cooked to order.

The café has started very well but please continue to pray for a good reception from the local community and for the volunteer team. The objective is to provide a meeting point, and to reach out to people who may just need some positive interaction so we can be beneficial to the community we aim to serve.

Please Pray:

- * In the UK, Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting, starts this weekend. It begins on the evening of Sunday 5th May and ends on the evening of Tuesday 4th June. At the end of the month there is The Night of Power, when many Muslims encounter dealings with the Lord. Please pray for the Muslim world during this period. In particular, please pray for the work of Galeed House, which operates in Darnall, seeking to reach out to the Muslims in Sheffield.
- * Please continue to pray for Chrissy Perillo and the POCM team who were affected recently by two earthquakes in their part of the Philippines. The latest newsletter from POCM is available in the foyer.

Sunday Lunch Fellowship 19th May:

The next Sunday Lunch Fellowship is on Sunday 19th May.

This is an opportunity for MCF folk to continue having fellowship after a Sunday morning service. It is a simple format, a bring and share lunch in someone's home. It takes place on the third Sunday of the month.

You have to say in advance if you want to go so please see Sheila Wingrove for more details if you would like to go.

MCF Women Film Night—New Date:

The MCF Women Film Night is now on Friday 7th June in Unit 2, starting at 7.00pm. We will be watching 'The War Room' about the power of prayer.

Bring your friends and put your feet up! Popcorn provided!

Please let us know if you are coming - Janet, Linda, Karen

Party on the Precinct—Sunday 7th July:

Please tell one of the Elders or Karen Ince if you are able to help on 7th July when we want to hold the morning service on the precinct, followed by fun activities for the local community.

Two Days of Listening Training:

- * Level 1 listening—Wednesday 29th May (10.00am to 4.00pm)
- * Level 2 listening—Thursday 30th May (10.00am to 4.00pm)

The courses are being run by South Yorkshire Chaplaincy & Listening Services (SYCLS). Each day gives you a certificate in listening skills from Acorn Christian Healing Foundation.

The training venue: SYCLS, Alpha House, 10 Carver Street, Sheffield, S1 4FS. The cost of the training is £50 per day or £80 total if booking both at the same time. For those interested in volunteering with us, there is a subsidy - please say when booking if you want information on volunteering. If you are interested, please email linda@sycls.org.uk

The Bishop of Truro's Independent Review of Support for Persecuted Christians writes:

"There is widespread evidence showing that "today, Christians constitute by far the most widely persecuted religion. Christians have been harassed in more countries than any other religious group and have suffered harassment in many of the heavily Muslim countries of the Middle East and North Africa."

Reporting "a shocking increase in the persecution of Christians globally", Open Doors revealed in its 2019 World Watch List Report that "approximately **245 million Christians** ... suffer high levels of persecution or worse", an increase of 30 million on the previous year.

You can read the interim report online ([click here](#))—plenty of food for thought and for prayer. It's a stark reminder of the price Christians around the world are paying every day for their faith.