

What's On At MCF in August

See below to find out what happens at MCF over the summer:

Core Communities and Small Groups: Most Core Communities and other small groups stop for the summer but they may have some social activities. Speak to the group leader to confirm what is happening.

The Batemoor Core Community (Wednesday Evening Group). During August the group will be meeting in Unit 2 at 6pm. No meals will be provided but people are free to bring a snack.

The group will be prayer walking as well as playing in the local parks.

Everyone is welcome to join in, especially if they have children.

The Thursday Evening Drop-in stops for August & starts again on 5th September.

Unit 3 Drop-ins: There is no Drop-in on 30th July & 31st Aug but it will then continue during August. It is open at Unit 3 from 10.00am to 12.00noon every Tuesday and Thursday.

Sparrow's Nest Café will be open from 10.00am to 2.30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays until 16th August but it is closed from 21st & re-opens on Wednesday 4th September.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will continue to meet every Saturday at 7.30am.

Monday Toddler Group & Impact: Both start again on 9th September.

Zumba, Pilates and Chairbics: The Monday and Thursday classes start again on 2nd September.

Parish Nursing & Healthy Lunch: Parish Nursing will start again on 5th September with a Healthy Lunch.

Tuesday Youth starts again on 10th September.

What's On At MCF in August Cont.

Prayer on the Precinct continues over the summer.

Painted Fabrics: Painted Fabrics will meet on Wednesdays at 10.30am for a coffee morning and on Sunday 11th August at 3.00pm for Songs of Praise.

See Linda Beal to find out whether or not the PF Core Community will start again after the summer.

White Willows: Songs of Praise will continue to meet every Wednesday at 2.00pm.

Sunday Lunch Fellowship will meet on 18th August. See Sheila Wingrove if you want to go.

Thursday Morning Prayer will start again on 5th September at 7.30am.

Still On: A summary of activities continuing over August is: Prayer on the Precinct; Batemoor Core Community; Unit 3 Drop-ins; Sparrow's Nest Café; Men's Prayer Breakfast, Painted Fabrics, White Willows and Sunday Lunch Fellowship.

Philippine Outreach Centre Ministries:

The latest news from Chrissy Perillo and the POCM team in the Philippines is in the foyer.

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 1st September:

Contributions by 6.00pm on Wednesday 28th August please to: news@mcfchurch.co.uk

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It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

Psalm 74: 17



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 followed by time for a drink and a chat.

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

Children:

The last Kids' Club and Creche sessions before the summer break are on 28th July. During August there are no formal sessions for the children. There are toys and activities in the back room but parents must supervise their own children.

Youth:

The Youth will continue to meet during August for a social and games time.

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.

Sundays Over the Summer (Subject to a lot of change!):

28th July: Graham Ince is leading and Chris Simpson is speaking from 2 Corinthians 5:1-10. We will be Breaking Bread together. Neil Wardrope is at South Sheffield Church.

4th August: The holiday club team will be giving us feedback on the Holiday Club. Jonathan Dunning is speaking at South Sheffield Church in the evening. Roland Panek is at the Hollybush Christian Fellowship Camp.

11th August: We will be hearing from "Jonny" from Ghana & from Sheila Wingrove about journaling. We will be receiving the Missions Offering for Olivia Butters Fisherman's Rest in Malawi. Songs of Praise at Painted Fabrics is in the afternoon.

18th August: Jonathan Dunning is speaking & Chris Simpson will be talking about memorising scripture.

25th August: Aiden Lugg will be sharing.

Electronic Links in Weekly News:

To use the hyperlinks in Weekly News you need to view an electronic copy on the MCF website at:

<http://www.mcfchurch.co.uk/weekly-news>.

On an electronic copy, the links below will take you to other pages:

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Jonathan Dunning on Radio Sheffield:

Jonathan is live on Radio Sheffield doing a 60-second sermon on Sunday 4th August at 6:20am. It's normally repeated at a more reasonable hour later in the show as well.

Family Food and Fun at the Library:

Family Food and Fun is happening across Batemoor, Jordanthorpe and Lowedges during the school holidays. The aim is to provide food and fun activities for families whose children have free school meals during term-time. During the school holidays, some families struggle to afford the extra meals normally provided at school.

A number of local charities are working together so that, across the area, there is somewhere for families to go nearly every day of the summer holidays. There is a calendar of dates and activities available in the lobby.

One of the venues for this is Jordanthorpe Library, which will be open on 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August from 11:30 – 2pm.

Carl and Delia Edmands are leading this project and would love to hear from anyone who would be able to help. Roles include preparing food (sandwiches, etc); being at the Library to welcome people and chat to them; to run activities (games/crafts) and serving drinks.

If you would like to be involved, please contact Carl or Delia.

Gift Aid Review:

Dillon Butters and Sylvia Spooner will be undertaking a church-wide review of Gift Aid declarations in September 2019. This is to ensure that we are claiming the recovery of tax appropriately and to be certain that we are benefiting from the government's gift aid scheme in respect of all givers who are UK tax payers.

Leaving a Legacy to a Church or Charity:

A survey carried out for "Remember A Charity" finds that 40 per cent of people would be willing to give something to charity through their wills, compared with 35 per cent in 2008.

There's been a growing change in attitudes with people more willing to remember their favourite charity or their church in their wills. Numbers of family members who would object to a reasonable sum being left to charity are down from 31% to 26%.

If you need advice on leaving a legacy to MCF, we have access to a "Wills and Legacy Giving Guide". Just e-mail treasurer@mcfchurch.co.uk or speak to Dillon Butters or John Raby.

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.

Women's Craft Group:

This new Craft Group starts on 12th September. It will be on every Thursday from 12.30 to 2.30pm in Unit 2 (term time only).

Bring your own project or make something new from the materials on the table. There is always a sample to give you inspiration, so just come along and try something new, plus make new friends

Make things like greetings cards, paper flowers, gift boxes, decorate jam jars, home decor, crochet, knitting, painting and many more to take home with you.

There is a suggested minimum donation of £2.00 per person per session to cover the cost of materials. All materials provided.

There are leaflets with more information in the foyer at Unit 3.

Please can you pray for 'The Lion of Narnia' Holiday Club:

Next week we will be going through the wardrobe into Narnia, looking at some of stories of Jesus and his disciples alongside the parallel stories in Narnia and some of the children's adventures. There is no magic wardrobe on Batemoor/Jordanthorpe (sorry) but there is a God who welcomes, who saves, who heals and who is alive today and very real.... Pray specifically that God will change the children's (and their families) lives as a result of this week.

- that God will open the children's eyes and hearts and minds to know and believe, that whilst Narnia might be just a story, our God is real and that everyone can be his friend - He helps us, heals us, saves us and is alive - today!

- that God would continue the work He has begun in these children and that good relationships would be established between the Church and these children and their families.

- for John & Maria as they lead the week and the rest of the team : that we would present the Gospel clearly and in a fun way and in a way that the children can understand, that we would show the children who Jesus is by how we act, that we would work well together and support each other (and have lots of energy!)

- that every child would feel welcome in the Church, that they would feel safe and feel loved and be blessed by God and that foundations will be built and memories treasured.

- and that we would stay safe and have fun!

Holiday Club BBQ Friday 2nd August:

Everyone is welcome to join us for the BBQ at the end of Holiday Club. If anyone can help out by baking please can you let Jill Bodey know!

Both sign-up sheets are on the tables near the hatch.