

What's On At MCF This Week

Monday:

9.45am: Toddler Group
10.00am: 60MM - see info inside
5.15pm: Impact
7.00pm: 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:

10.00am: Sparrow's Nest Café
- Unit 2
10.30am: Painted Fabrics Coffee
Morning
1.30pm: Jordanthorpe/Batemoor
Daytime Core Community
2.00pm: White Willows Service
5.00pm: MCF Family Group - Unit 2

Thursday:

8.00am: Thursday morning prayer
10.00am: Drop-in
7.00pm: Thursday Evening Drop-
in - Unit 2
7.15pm: Beauchief and Greenhill
Core Community
7.30pm: Norton & Jordanthorpe
Evening Core Community
7.45pm: The Bible Course Group
8.00pm: Norton Lees and
S17 Core Communities

Note:

Today, Thursday 19th March, there will be no Parish Nursing or Chairobics

Friday:

10.00am: Sparrow's Nest Café
- Unit 2
12.45pm: Community Bible Study

Saturday:

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

Weekly News Next Week:

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

POCM:

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

Grief Journey Seminars Cancelled:

The Grief Seminars advertised for 27th April at Hemsworth Christian Fellowship have been cancelled.

Cards for Sale:

Heather McIlroy is selling greetings cards in aid of the MCF Building Fund. Please speak to Heather if you need cards.

MCF Overseas:

* *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;

* *Olivia Butters* is in South Sudan with Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors without Borders) working with communities recently affected by flooding, and working in a local hospital as their WatSan Manager (Water & Sanitation);

* *Fiona Brown* is working with YWAM in South Africa.

From Graham & Steph in Zambia:

We have had some significant encouragement recently for which we are thankful. Our group of boys are growing in leaps and bounds, we baptised Bruce our medical officer. Very special. The football team are also hungry for God, and have asked me to input into Tuesday Bible study.

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.

For information about general giving or giving for the extension to Unit 3, e-mail treasurer@mcfchurch.co.uk.

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But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15

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 and we hope you feel at home. 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 and youth 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:

Graham Ince is leading and Andy Hollingum is speaking on the Birth and Rescue of Moses from Exodus 1:1-2:10.

Out & About:

Jonathan Dunning is speaking at the Eccles Church; Ros & Steve Sadler are working at a missionary retreat centre in Thailand.

Next Sunday:

We have a baptism service with Jonathan Dunning leading and Andy Hollingum speaking.

New to MCF? Receive Information By E-Mail

If you are new to MCF or even just interested in keeping up to date with events and speakers, you can receive an e-mail to tell you when Weekly News is on the MCF website.

The e-mail often contains extra information and prayer requests.

If you would like to be added to the MCF e-mail list, just send your e-mail address to news@mcfchurch.co.uk

Holiday Club - Easter:

We are planning a 'day' Holiday Club in the half-term holidays on Monday 6th 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 **today** - thanks.

MCF Church Meeting 26th March:

There is a meeting for everyone attending MCF on Thursday 26th March from 8.00 to 9.30pm in Unit 3. Core Communities and Small Groups are cancelled on that day. (Previously called Church Family Night.)

Collecting Children from Kids' Club:

The leaders of Kids' Club would really appreciate it if parents and carers could collect their children from Kids' Club immediately the service has finished and before they have coffee.

It's very inconvenient if the leaders have to look after children while they are clearing the room.

Missions Offering:

The Missions Offering last Sunday came to £640 plus £150 from MCF general funds giving a total of £790 for the work of CICA (Crisis in Care Africa).

Thanks to everyone who gave for their generosity.

Baptism Service Next Sunday 22nd March:

The Bible says everyone should be baptised once they have made their own decision to follow Jesus. So it's a really important step of obedience to Christ in our Christian life. Our next baptism service is on 22nd March.

So, if you are interested in being baptised, or even just finding out more about it, please speak to Jonathan Dunning, Andy Hollingum, Roland Panek, Graham Ince or Erica Lugg or e-mail news@mcfchurch.co.uk.

Induction of Rev Andy Gower at Beauchief Baptist Church - Saturday 2nd May:

We have been invited to the induction of the new minister at Beauchief Baptist Church on Saturday 2nd May at 2:30pm.

There will be refreshments after the service so please let Graham Ince know by Sunday 19th April at graham.ince@mcfchurch.co.uk if you expect to attend.

Graham Tour Prayer Gathering on Saturday 21st March:

The next Prayer Gathering for the Graham Tour is on Saturday 21st March at Rock Christian Centre (S4 7LJ) starting at 10:30am. This event is for everyone; there will be prayer, music and encouragement as the Graham Tour comes closer.

Help Needed With Kitchen Deep Clean:

Please see Karen Ince if you can help with a deep clean of the Unit 3 kitchen on Thursday 26th March.

Parking:

Parking space around Unit 3 is very limited when we have our Sunday morning service and it's important that we show consideration for the local residents and shops.

We have permission for people to use the Beechwood Nursery car park which is behind the library on Dyche Road. But please don't obstruct the Ladbrokes betting shop. Alternatively, you may need to park on the main road, Dyche Lane. Please do not park in the back yard which causes problems for the deliveries to our neighbours in the supermarket.

60 MM (60 minutes on a Monday morning):

The 60MM (60 minutes on a Monday morning) group is open to everyone, including anyone who hasn't been before and wants to try it out. Over the next few weeks we are studying the Beatitudes (or "Beautiful Attitudes") from Matthew 5. We study the topic for that day, break bread and pray.

- Where: **Unit 2** (also in Unit 2 on 16th March)
- Time: from 10:00 until 11:00am (starting and finishing promptly - please come a few minutes early if you want a cuppa!).
- **This week:** An introduction to the "I Am" sayings from John 6:20. (Mike Healey leading).

A Quarter of Pregnancies in 2018 Resulted in Abortion:

Official figures released last week show the proportion of pregnancies leading to legal abortion has reached 24%, its highest point since records began in 1990. This means there were 200,608 abortions. The statistics show that abortion rates increase as levels of deprivation increase.

A CARE (Christian Action Research and Education) spokesperson said: *"The factors that lead to women requesting abortions are varied and complex. More energy needs to be devoted to addressing these, and providing support for women with challenging or unwanted pregnancies. This should also give us serious cause for reflection as a society that unborn life has been so devalued."*

Click [here](#) for more information on the subject from CARE.

UK Tells UN Freedom of Religion Must Be Defended:

The UN was told that over the past nine months, the UK had been working to implement the recommendations of the Bishop of Truro's [Review Into Persecution](#) published last summer.

The review found that levels of persecution against Christians were reaching genocidal levels and called on the UK Government to take a number of steps to uphold FoRB for all faiths. Click [here](#) for more information.