



WHAT OTHER THINGS DO WE DO AT OUR CHURCH?

COFFEE MORNINGS EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY. ALL ARE WELCOME!! 10.30AM TO 12 NOON

We hold regular PRAYER MEETINGS on a

WEDNESDAY night at 7.14pm. Where we pray for ourselves, and our community and wider issues. Why not come along and see - you don't have to pray out loud, unless you wish to and you will be very welcome. "For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there am I with them." (Jesus' Promise to all who pray).

We have a small team of 'Care Bears' who can be called on at any time to pray with you, offer practical help, visit or just give a hug! Please don't hesitate to approach any of the care bears listed, and if you can't get hold of a Care bear, contact a Deacon who will also help, where able. Care Bears are: Marjorie on 630113, Meryl on 588776, Steve on 883087 and Lesley on 275994.

FRANTIC FRIDAYS YOUTH CLUB: Meets every 4th Friday of the month and has a great and varying programme for youngsters aged 8 to 16 yrs. (There is some flexibility - see Meena or Ken Campbell if you're interested in joining this great group of youngsters!) Always looking for help too - if you like working with young people, maybe this is YOUR chance to shine and have a great fun night once a month, too! You can also find us on FACEBOOK

MANY other activities go on from this church, some examples: Street Pastors: We have a good number of members of our church who regularly go out on a Friday and Saturday night to be a Christian presence on the streets where the revellers regularly get themselves into scrapes. The crime figures have dropped significantly since the Street Pastors started up and continue to drop. The SPS are supported every weekend by a group of PRAYER Pastors who pray for the SPs in any situation they find themselves. Interested? See Keith for further information and how to join.

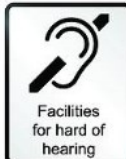
ClewsWood Court: A Residential place for young mothers (and fathers) who are finding life a struggle with a new baby: We visit regularly and befriend as many of the young people there as we are able to, giving gifts at Christmas and during the year.

Foodbanks: We support the local foodbank (Telford in Crisis network) by donating food and/or helping with distribution.

Messy Church: In fellowship with Revd Linda Cronin, vicar of Sutton Hill and Woodside CoFE churches, where we welcome children and their mums/dads after school at the Park Lane Centre for tea and a chat, along with crafts and the gospel message. Attendance to these events so far has been great!

"OPEN THE BOOK" visiting schools, telling bible stories to the children - Please pray that this venture will be successful and awake the hearts of the children watching to encourage them to find out more about our Lord Jesus.

Causeway: Now meeting on second and fourth Mondays in the month



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# MADELEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Where JESUS welcomes all!

25th February 2018: Second Sunday in Lent



Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6:34

Morning Services commence 10.30am and evening at 6.30pm unless otherwise stated.

### FEBRUARY SERVICES:

† Sunday 25th Feb: ALL AGE worship (Meena) and in the evening, Prayer Central

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### MARCH SERVICES:

† Sunday 4th March: Teaching led by Keith and in the evening: Communion

† Sunday 11th March: Morning Service with Ray Gill at the Willow Room. NO evening service at MBC

† Sunday 18th March: Teaching and communion led by Keith and in the evening: Bible Study

† Sunday 25th March: all Age Worship: Meena (Palm Sunday) and Prayer Central in the evening.

AGM: 10<sup>th</sup> April. At this AGM, new Deacons will be appointed/reappointed. If you have someone in mind who you think would take on the role of Deacon in this church, please speak to them in the first instance, and gain their permission to nominate them. IF they are agreeable, please put your nomination in writing, along with a seconder, to Keith. Please ensure that the nominations are in Keith's hands at least 2 weeks before the AGM.

Rotas:  
Tea & coffee:



25.02: John & Ruth

04.03: Marjorie & Ruth

11.03: Ken and Keith

18.03: Pearl & Helen

25.03: Kathy & Ellen

01.04: Jacquie & Meryl

08.04: Marjorie & Ruth

15.04: Pearl & Helen

Door:

25.02: Graham S

04.03: John Lee

11.03: Graham H

18.03: Meryl S

25.03: Graham S

01.04: John Lee

08.04: Meryl S

15.04: Graham H

Songpro:

25.02: Ruth

04.03 Alan

11.03: Bette

18.03: Adrian

25.03: Ruth

01.04: Adrian

08.04: Alan

15.04: Bette

### DEAF AWARENESS DAY

This has now been arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> March. This will take place at the IMC from 10am until 3pm – bring your own lunch.

### CAP BEFRIENDERS NEEDED

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) are looking for befrienders for people in the Woodside/Sutton Hill are. This is simply a supporting role, someone to encourage the person who is going through the CAP process, by visiting them and inviting them to suitable church events.

### Fundraising for a wheelchair for a friend of Jo Paggett

Jo has a friend who also is suffering from EDS and cannot afford a wheel chair suitable for her needs. We are planning to have a 'bring a cake' morning so that we can all have a nice piece of cake and as we are able, to contribute a small amount to the fund for this wheel chair. Details/dates to be announced.

### WORLD WATCH LIST 2018

The global guide to Christian Persecution  
*"I thought we were alone and forgotten..."*



**OpenDoors**

60 years of serving persecuted Christians

The World Watch List is Open Doors' annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution

After an immensely successful parliamentary launch of Open Doors' 2018 World Watch List, the persecuted church got a mention in the very heart of parliament! During Prime Minister's Questions, MP Michelle Donelan, who had attended the launch, asked Theresa May whether part of the international aid budget should be earmarked for Christians suffering persecution. The Prime Minister responded by referring to her meeting with Father Daniel from Iraq back in December, where he presented her with a burned Bible rescued from a church in Karamles that had been burned by so-called Islamic State (IS). She then said, "But we will of course further explore what more support we can give to knock the persecution of religious minorities."

### Caring for Creation

You may recall that ECO Church is an award scheme that has at its heart a vision for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully. ECO Church offers a free online survey and supporting resources designed to equip churches to express their care for God's world.

Keith Campbell reported back to the recent church members' meeting on MBC's likely score in the ECO Church survey, based on our current situation and what we could possibly achieve in the short term (given the limitations of, and uncertainty about the future of our church building) - an 'aspirational' position.

In our current position, out of the five categories of Worship & Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community & Global Engagement, and Lifestyle, MBC is likely to be in the Bronze category for all except Buildings where no award would be achieved.

The aspirational position achieves Gold in Worship & Teaching, Community & Global, plus Lifestyle; and silver in Buildings and in Land. The responses made are not necessarily what every body would make, but do give us some idea of what we would need to change to consider ourselves an ECO Church in a real sense.

In order to understand the scope of the award, the survey has been included with this newsletter (the impact of extra printing is hopefully balanced against future improvements). Two responses are marked for some questions where our current and aspirational positions differ. The survey does present us with challenges, as effort would be required which may further stress our pool of willing volunteers, and also the cost implications would need careful consideration.

We perhaps need to think about this as a journey that may take us a little while, and plan with that in mind.

While it would be nice to be a Gold ECO Church, clearly the object of the exercise is not about scoring points in the survey, but rather changing our behaviour, where necessary, to show that we do care about God's creation in a practical way and that this is another way to show our concern for justice for our brothers and sisters around the world, our children and our children's children.

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