



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.

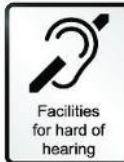
ClewsWood Court: A Residential place for young mothers (and fathers) who are finding life a struggle with a new baby: We visit regularly and befriend as many of the young people there as we are able to, giving gifts at Christmas and during the year.

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



Facilities for hard of hearing



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We are a safeguarding Church

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MADELEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Where JESUS welcomes all!

15th April: EASTER DAY



I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me. (Exodus 20 v3)

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

APRIL SERVICES:

- 15th April: Communion and in the evening Bible Study
22nd April: ALL AGE worship led by Meena
29th April: Ministry/Celebration/service

MAY SERVICES:

- 6th May: Morning service led by Ray Gill and in the evening: Communion
13th May: Morning service led by Keith
20th May: Communion in the morning and Bible Study in the evening
27th May: All Age Worship led by Meena and meet at Prayer Central in the evening.

Reminders:

Please let Paul Booth have your Shropshire Star tokens this morning so that he can send them off.

ESTHER GROUP: there is a list on the door at the back of the church for MAY 11th lunch at the Clock Tower followed by a browse around WyeVale Garden/shopping centre.

BOWLING NIGHT: April 17th. Please be at the Bowling alley by 6.45pm latest and remember to give Meena your £4.00 per head today. Thank you!

Rotas: Tea & coffee:



- 15.04: Pearl & Helen
22.04: Jacquie & Ann
29.04: Graham & Bette
06.05: John & Ruth
13.05: Sheila & Carole
20.05: Pearl & Helen



Door:

- 15.04: Graham H
22.04: Meryl S
29.04: Graham S
06.05: John Lee
13.05: Meryl S

Songpro:

- 15.04: Bette
22.04: Ruth
29.04: Adrian
06.05: Bette
13.05: Akan
20.05: Ruth
27.05: Adrian



Next church Officers' Meeting: 30th April, Please let Church Officers know of any concerns you need raising.



NEXT FRANTIC FRIDAY IS ON
April 27th and will be in the shape of a CRAFT ATTACK!



APPEAL:

We need a new **WEBMASTER**. Our Church website has been maintained for many years by Jennie Terry, who will be relinquishing this important job in June. If you have good IT skills and feel you could fill this post, please speak to Bette or Keith about it and we will put you in touch with Jennie who has offered to help the new volunteer get started with this. The church website has over the years, been responsible for bringing in many people to our church. Some have stayed and some have not. It is a vibrant, up to date website, being updated every week by Jennie and involving around 1 hour per week to keep up to date. If you've never checked it out, please look at: www.madeleybaptist.org.uk and you will see that it is bang up to date, including the news letter, and items which Jennie has gleaned from the facebook pages of MBC etc.

THANKYOU to Jennie for all the years she has faithfully kept the webpage lively, up to date and relevant.

HOME MISSION SECRETARY: VACANCY

We are seeking a Home Mission Rep for MBC. If you feel you could do this, please speak to Keith or any of the leadership who will be able to advise you about the post. It is not onerous, you will be the point of contact for Home Mission News, fund raising events etc.

Pause for thought: (with thanks to Max Lucado and "When God Whispers Your Name")

Galatians 5:22

IT'S QUIET. It's early. My coffee is hot. The sky is still black. The world is still asleep. The day is coming.

In a few moments the day will arrive. The stillness of the dawn will be exchanged for the noise of the day. The calm of solitude will be replaced by the pounding pace of the human race. The refuge of the early morning will be invaded by decisions to be made and deadlines to be met. For the next twelve hours I will be exposed to the day's demands. It is now that I must make a choice. Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so I choose.

I choose love . . .

No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today I will love God and what God loves.

I choose joy . . .

I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical . . . the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings, created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

I choose peace . . .

I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

I choose patience . . .

I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Instead of cursing the one who takes my place, I'll invite him to do so. Rather than complain that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray.

I choose kindness . . .

I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone. Kind to the rich, for they are afraid. And kind to the unkind, for such is how God has treated me.

I choose goodness . . .

I will go without a penny before I take a dishonest one. I will be overlooked before I will boast. I will confess before I will accuse. I choose goodness.

I choose faithfulness . . .

Today I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My spouse will not question my love. My children will know I am always there for them.

I choose gentleness . . .

Nothing is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

I choose self-control . . .

I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot, rule the eternal. I choose self-control. I will be drunk only by joy. I will be impassioned only by my faith. I will be influenced only by God. I will be taught only by Christ. I choose self-control.

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek his grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest.