

MANOR  
**COURT**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
**CIRCULAR**

October 2018



*Ordinary people learning to follow an  
extraordinary God!*

**Manor Court Baptist Church**  
Manor Court Road  
Nuneaton CV11 5HU  
024 7638 2577  
office@mcbc.org.uk  
www.mbcnuneaton.org.uk

**Pastor:**

Rev Jonathan Bugg  
His day off is Friday

**Office Hours**

Monday to Friday  
9.30-12.30

**WE HAVE 5 CORE VALUES:**

- **WORSHIPPING**  
Jesus at the centre
- **DISCIPLING**  
Every member growing
- **MINISTERING**  
Everyone using their gifts
- **BUILDING COMMUNITY**  
Open, honest relationships
- **REACHING OUT**  
Reaching out into the community

Please let the editor have any items for the **November** magazine by **Friday 26th October** at the latest. Thank you.

Email address

Yvonne.mead@mcbc.org.uk



I have recently heard of a bumper sticker that reads: “I only hate 2 things. Change and the way things are at the moment”. It’s so often the way isn’t it. We don’t like the way things are but we can’t face the thought of change.

I gave up caffeine for Lent 2 years ago, simply because I knew I drank a lot of coffee and tea and thought it would be a challenge to give up something I seemed to rely on.

5 days later the splitting headache passed and I began to feel human again. Up until that point I had failed to understand quite how difficult it was to give up something we might be addicted to.

As we look forward to the launch of “fresh start” it is the difficulty and hardship associated with the change from addiction to freedom that that we need to be praying about.

The prison of addiction is one that eventually the one imprisoned becomes scared of leaving, even if the door is wide open.

This month we make Fresh Start the sole theme for our prayer meetings, and I would urge us all to not only try to attend so we can recommend it first hand, but also to pray for those who need the freedom we offer, that they might no longer feel fear and imprisonment to whatever it is, but instead to begin to understand the hope that comes with knowing Jesus. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit is already at work in the hearts and minds of those he wishes to free first that they might hear about fresh start, and overcome the hatred of change enough to encounter Jesus for themselves.

Jonathan.



Catch up and Listen online on MCBC Facebook page to podcasts of morning and evening messages :

<http://www.mcbcnuneaton.org.uk/>



Thank you to all that came and supported the coffee morning here at MCBC we hope to exceed last years total and are aiming to raise £400 please look out for final figure in the weekly notice sheet.

### **Calling all musicians and singers**

There have been a number of people that have expressed an interest in serving the church in the area of worship.

And so worship team invite all musicians and singers in the church to a worship jam session.

So bring your instruments and voices on

Sunday 14th October  
After the fellowship lunch





### **Fair Trade stall**

The next monthly Fair trade stall will be  
**Sunday 7th October** after the morning service  
After that it will be on the 1st Sunday of every  
month 4th November and 2nd December.

If you would like to know more Terry will be sharing his 20 year  
journey with Fair Trade at Tuesday fellowship Food for thought on  
20th November

### **Church walk**

**Come and join our autumn walk for an  
opportunity to get to know people better and  
have a boost of fresh air and exercise.**

**Saturday 20th October 11.15am  
Thornton Reservoir**



**Meeting at The car park of the Bricklayers Arms  
213 Main street  
Thornton, Coalville LE67 1AH**

**The 3 mile walk will take in the lovely Thornton Reservoir, with a  
chance to potter in the local garden centre in the pretty village of  
Thornton, before sharing lunch at either the picnic area or  
the Bricklayers Arms which serves soup, Jacket potatoes and  
sandwiches etc.**

**Please tie in with John Mead if you would like to offer or arrange a  
lift. Tel 02476 354777**

# fresh start

from Christians Against Poverty

Discover freedom from life controlling habits, like smoking, gambling, drinking or internet addictions. Fresh start is a safe and confidential place where members can openly discuss the issues they face. They are supported not only by trained volunteers but also by other members currently going through the same process. Fresh Start aims to enable members to break free from habits that constrict them.

**Starting Thursday 4th October**

**Time :18.00**

**Venue :Manor Court Baptist church**

**Book by calling 0791721407**

There are three core elements:

**Coaching:** every member has the opportunity to meet up regularly with a coach on a one to one basis and be supported at a deeper more personal level.

**Community:** The group will meet socially once a week, providing a chance for members to socialise and get to know each other better.

**Course:** The course consists of eight sessions, which guides the group through the necessary steps of how to free themselves from a dependency, positive goal setting and living a life of freedom.

**Please see Liz Watson or John Costin if you would like to know more**



The Discipleship Hub deacons have been discussing and praying about how as a church we can best offer pastoral care to those that need it.

We want to thank everyone for the way care is offered by many, to those in need, whether short-term due to an unexpected crisis or on a more long-term basis.

You are all doing an amazing job!

We want to do the best we can to ensure no-one falls through the net of receiving support when and where it is needed. We think this will best happen when we add a bit more structure to the system.

As a start towards achieving this I would like to form 2 lists of people:

- One would be those who on an occasional basis would be able to prepare a meal (this would not necessarily involve delivering it too)
- The second would be those who could offer a lift (this could be to church, to an appointment, a meeting etc)

Please could you let me know if you would be happy to be on either or both of these lists

Thank you

Pam Gadsby

# October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9.00 CAP cafe 10.30 Food Bank Fuel debt service 13.00 Home Group 20.00 AA	<b>2</b> 9.30 Little treasures 13.00—15.00 TLG Coaching 14.00 Tuesday Fellowship 19.30 Colin & Wendy's HG	<b>3</b> 9.00 Foodbank training 14.00 Barbara's Home Group 19.30 YP Bible study at Manse	<b>4</b> 9.00 Stand Guide 10.00 Sew & Grow 10.30 Food Bank 18.00 Fresh Start	<b>5</b> 9.30 Little treasures	<b>6</b> 19.30 AA
<b>7</b> 10.45 Morning Service Harvest 18.00 Communion service	<b>8</b> 10.30 Food Bank 13.00 Home Group 20.00 AA	<b>9</b> 9.30 Little treasures 13.00—15.00 TLG Coaching 14.00 Tuesday Fellowship 19.30 Colin & Wendy's HG	<b>10</b> 14.00 Barbara's Home Group 19.30 YP Bible study at Manse	<b>11</b> 9.30 Sew & Grow 10.00 CAP café & P3 support 10.30 Food Bank 18.00 Fresh Start 19.45 Prayer Meeting	<b>12</b> 9.30 Little treasures	<b>13</b> 19.30 AA
<b>14</b> 10.45 Communion service 12.30 Fellowship Lunch 13.30 Worship Jam session 18.00 Café Church	<b>15</b> 10.30 Food Bank 13.00 Home Group 20.00 AA	<b>16</b> 9.30 Little treasures 13.00—15.00 TLG Coaching 14.00 Tuesday Fellowship 19.30 Colin & Wendy's HG	<b>17</b> 14.00 Barbara's Home Group 19.30 YP Bible study at Manse	<b>18</b> 9.30 Sew & Grow 10.30 Food Bank 18.00 Fresh Start	<b>19</b> 9.30 Little treasures	<b>20</b> 19.30 AA
<b>21</b> 10.45 Morning Service 18.00 Traditional Service	<b>22</b> 10.30 Food Bank 13.00 Home Group 20.00 AA	<b>23</b> 9.30 Little treasures 13.00—15.00 TLG Coaching 14.00 Tuesday Fellowship 18.30 Christmas meal meeting 19.30 Colin & Wendy's HG	<b>24</b> 14.00 Barbara's Home Group 19.30 YP Bible study at Manse	<b>25</b> No CAP debt Coach * 9.30 Sew & Grow 10.30 Food Bank 18.00 Fresh Start	<b>26</b> 9.30 Little treasures	<b>27</b> 19.30 AA
<b>28</b> 10.45 Morning Service 18.00 Vision Meeting	<b>29 Half term</b> 10.30 Food Bank 20.00 AA	<b>30</b> 14.00 Tuesday Fellowship 19.30 Colin & Wendy's HG	<b>31</b> 14.00 Barbara's Home Group 19.30 YP Bible study at Manse	<b>CAP debt coach available Monday &amp; Thursday unless shown above* 9.30-5.30 between home Visits Contact: Terry Salter 07890592985</b>	CAP café & P3 support is on 1st Monday of the month	



## CHURCH MATTERS

**OCTOBER**      *PROVIDED BY:*

**7th**      **Mr & Mrs R Parker**  
**14th**      **-**  
**21st**      **Hilary Lee**  
**28th**      **Janet Whyment ( nee Smith)**



### EVENING SERVICES

**1st Sunday**      Communion service with prayer for healing  
**2nd Sunday**      Café Church: Watch a short video and discuss it in an informal setting, with coffee & cakes  
**3rd Sunday**      Traditional Service: Using the older hymns so many miss in our modern expressions of worship  
**4th Sunday**      Vision meeting : topic will be Fresh start  
**5th Sunday**      Ecumenical service ( non in October)



### PRAYER MEETINGS

Thursday prayer meetings have been reinstated on the first Thursday of the month. Next meeting is on **11th October 19.45** The focus is **Fresh start**

Remaining dates for 2018 are: 1st Nov: 6th Dec

**Date of next vision meeting 28th October**

### CHURCH MEMBERS MEETINGS

Church members meetings are held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the odd numbered months.

The remaining date for 2018 is  
15th November

## **TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP OCTOBER SPEAKERS**

A warm welcome is extended to all to come along and enjoy fellowship on a Tuesday afternoon at MCBC.



The Tuesday fellowship group has been running for in excess of 50 years, attendance is usually 10-12 people of varied ages.

If you are free 2.00pm on a Tuesday afternoon and would enjoy a time of prayer and worship followed by a speaker you are most welcome. In addition there is a 3 monthly Food For Thought at 12.45 where you can enjoy fellowship, a 2 course meal and a speaker for a small cost The next one is scheduled for 20th November when Terry Salter will be sharing his 20 year journey with Fair Trade

### **October Dates:**

**2nd Rev Loriane Roberts**

**9th Rev Heather Barnes**

**16th Gloria March**

**23rd Rev John Moore**

**30th Yvonne Mead**

## **FELLOWSHIP LUNCH/ PICNIC**

These are held on the 2nd Sunday of each month

**Next date 14th October**

We will be meeting after the morning service for a picnic in the church hall so please remember your packed lunch & extra for sharing.





## Memorial Windows

Earlier this year I was thinking about the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ending of the First World War. As most of you know the memorial windows at the front of the church bear the names of people who were connected with MCBC who died during the 1914 - 1918 war. I decided I would try and find the stories behind the names.

During that period reports were given in the monthly church magazine about the person, the circumstances of their death and their families. The magazine was titled Hinckley, Nuneaton & District Baptist Union Magazine and included reports from Bedworth, Attleborough, Earl Shilton, Wolvey, Hinckley, and Manor Court.

I have in my possession two hard back bound copies of these magazines covering the years 1915 and 1916. I have extracted the details of the people associated with MCBC in conjunction with Sandra Horsley of Nuneaton & North Warwickshire Family History Society. Sandra has given me typed copies of the relevant details. These details are now on the NNWFHS web site [www.nnwfhs.org.uk](http://www.nnwfhs.org.uk). If you have difficulty accessing this website please let me know.

I would like to complete the project and am looking for any records relating to the later years 1917 and 1918.

If any of you have any details of those named on the windows or copies of the relevant magazines amongst your family archives please let me know. I know a lot of MCBC old records have been deposited with Warwickshire County Record Office but are not listed in any particular order so it will no doubt require a few visits to carry out a search.

I am willing to let any of the congregation have a look at the records I have if you contact me.

Trevor Bailey



## Remembrance

Some time ago I joined a Battlefield Tour to Normandy covering the D Day landings and other battle sites. On the Sunday morning the party I was with held a short memorial service at the British and Commonwealth Cemetery where there were over 4000 graves. It brought home to me the price that was paid for the liberation of Europe. We had a number of D Day veterans with us who told us about the horrors and the lucky escapes.

We also had an elderly lady with us who brought some flowers. These were for her brother's grave and alongside his grave were about 12 other graves. Her brother was a paratrooper and their plane had been shot down. She came to wish him a happy birthday – he was 20 when he died.

We also visited the German Cemetery where there were 1000's of graves. At the entrance to the cemetery there was a small room and there were two quotations that I made a note of.

The first was by Albert Schweitzer.

“ The soldiers graves are the greatest preachers of peace”

and the second was by Leo Tolstoy

“ Before a war breaks out, it has already begun in the hearts of people”

I think we need to put into practice Christ's command to us that we love one another. I would like us all to pray for peace in the world. May we all learn to live in peace with each other.

In Christ's name, Amen.

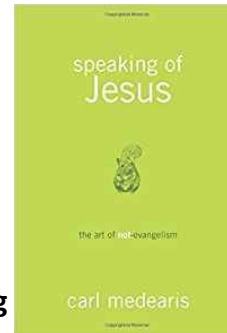
Trevor Bailey

# Book review..

## **Speaking of Jesus: The Art of Not-Evangelism**

**By Carl Medearis**

**A brilliant, challenging and thought provoking read.**



This book will not make you feel comfortable. It will challenge you , it will test your core beliefs and cause you to reconsider the way you present the good news of Jesus.

Carl challenges us that when we speak to people of Christianity all sorts of preconceptions and arguments can get stirred up which takes the focus away from the message of the good news of the person of Jesus. And we can find ourselves trying to defend all the faults and failings of a religion instead of sharing the joy of knowing the person of Jesus.

His solution is simple, the heart of evangelism is talking about our friendship with the Jesus that we have come to know, and leave the rest to Him. ( a copy will be available for loan from the foyer bookcase)

### **Bible Study Seminar**

Back by popular demand a series of studies working through a book of the bible

Starting Saturday 6th October 9.30-1.00

To book your place please email

[Bible.seminars@thekingslodge.org](mailto:Bible.seminars@thekingslodge.org)

Location: The Kings Lodge Watling street Nuneaton CV10 OTZ

A concert poster for Handel's 'Messiah'. The background features a dramatic sky with a bright sunburst and a silhouette of a figure with arms outstretched. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout.

the civic hall bedworth  
"Art with a Heart"

# MESSIAH

Handel

3rd November 2018, 7.30pm  
Civic Hall, Bedworth

Featuring  
Coventry Philharmonic Choir  
Oriflamme Orchestra  
Antoine Mitchell Conductor  
Victoria Adams Soprano  
Urszula Bock Mezzo Soprano  
Richard Lloyd Owen Tenor  
Wesley Biggs Baritone

in support of



Charity No. 3092545

**Tickets £12**  
Box Office 024 7637 6707  
[www.civichallinbedworth.co.uk](http://www.civichallinbedworth.co.uk)





**IN THE  
ARENA**

**EQUIPPING MEN FOR  
THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE**

**6th November 7.30-10.00pm**

**Elim Coventry CV1 3GR**

**“We often encounter challenges that can test our resilience and character.  
But God has called us to live our lives with perseverance, to run the race  
and to run to win”**

**Join Speakers Rob Parsons OBE and Gerrit Bantjes to be equipped with  
practical strategies to withstand the challenges of life**

**Tickets £6.00 ( early bird rate £4.00 until 19th September)**

**<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/event/in-the-arena-coventry>**