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REGULAR MID-WEEK MEETINGS;
PRAYER MEETING (Seven:14):Every
Wednesday Evening at 7.14pm
BOY'S BRIGADE:Tuesdays at Unit J1,
Tweedale Industrial Estate
Anchors: 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Juniors 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Company Section: 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Band Practice Fridays @ 6pm
Contact: Wayne Trumpeter - 07824 618061
COFFEE MORNINGS:10.30am Every Monday
and Thursday in church
BIBLE STUDY TBA.

Remember, remember - The Care Bears who are ready to pray with you - chat, visit or even just give a hug! They will also seek to arrange practical help when they can do so! We still have a prayer request box in church and of course the cross to attach your notes to! Please approach one of the Care Bears (listed below) if you would like someone to share with!

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24/7 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR TELFORD

11 – 18 Mar: A week of prayer for our town and the healing of our communities.

Ring Pauline Mack, Loving Telford, on 07575 923023 or visit: www.lovingtelford.co.uk for info.

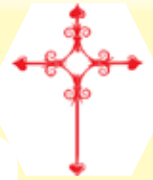


Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

- MATTHEW 7:7 NIV



MADELEY BAPTIST CHURCH
News letter 19th February 2012,
www.madeleybaptist.org.uk
*Welcome in JESUS' Name
to our services today!*



Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. *For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. (Isa:43)*

19th February. Communion Stewards: Jacquie & Bette
10.30am: Morning Worship, teaching and Communion
6.30pm: Prayer and Praise evening.



Next week: 26th February:

10.30am: Soup & Strategy – The morning service on Sunday 26th February will be a discussion session followed by a Christian Aid soup lunch (cost £3 & children free) **** See below:

SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY: 10.30am After the worship session, discussion about the new church build project, followed by a Christian Aid soup lunch at £3.00 per adult (children eat free). Please support this event, both for the opportunity to discuss the direction in which our church is going, and to help support Christian Aid.

If you would like to stay and enjoy a plate of luscious home-made soup, please let **Ruth Lee know THIS MORNING** so that amounts of soup can be better judged and bread rolls can be bought in the correct amounts to save waste.

COMMUNION:

In memory of the Saviour's love,
We keep the sacred feast,
Where every humble, contrite heart
Is made a welcome guest.
By faith we take the Bread of Life
With which our souls are fed,
The Cup in token of His blood
That was for sinners shed.
In faith and memory thus we sing
The wonders of His love,
And thus anticipate by faith
The heavenly feast above.



Refreshments at fellowship time:

Tea/coffee this week: Jacquie and Lesley
Tea and coffee next week: Pearl and Chrissie



Celebrating the Olympics (More than Gold) & Diamond Jubilee

Contact Paul Booth with ideas and offers of help especially, if you would like to be part of the organising group.



Message from the 'Going for Gold' team:

The churches in the UK have a once in a lifetime opportunity thanks to the 2012 Games being awarded to London. We are here to be a one-stop-shop that helps the churches seize the moment.

Our mission

Put simply, the reason we exist is -

To enable the UK churches to engage with the 2012 Games

Our vision

When the dust has finally settled we hope to have fulfilled our dream for the 2012 Games to have enabled -

Thousands of churches to taste the excitement of reaching their community in fresh and ongoing ways in Jesus' name

We are doing it by -

- Helping people catch the vision for the impact that can be made and the role they can play
- Making connections between the many agencies and thousands of churches that can make it happen
- Coordinating the production of the resources and action needed
- Serving our land
- All too often the churches are seen negatively. As out of touch and only interested in themselves. **The 2012 Games provides a unique opportunity for UK churches to be seen for what they really are.**

By playing their part in the programmes of outreach, hospitality and service, every church can help tell a different story. And waken fresh interest in Who it is that makes us different and how they can know Him for themselves.

Editorial comment:

Whatever your views are on 'sport' and the Olympics - (and I know there are many!), this year, and even if sport isn't our 'thing', I think we should be celebrating the fact that the UK has won the opportunity to host the Olympic games and that then gives us the opportunities as **Christians** in this land to meet people from other lands who may not be allowed to hear the gospel, or practise their Christian faith openly. So - let's put our differences aside and look for the positives and work with that. Nothing happens without good reason!! The **least** we can do is pray that the events will go on without incident and the **most** we can do is offer our help via Paul and **GO FOR GOLD!!!**

Notable dates for early 2012:

Lent begins:(Ash Wednesday) February 22nd

(So that means that "Pancake Day" is Tuesday 21st Feb for all us foodies!!

Good Friday: April 6th: *The Man of Sorrows, Acquainted with grief.*

Easter Day: April 8th **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, Hallelujah!!!**

Pentecost: Sunday May 27th 2012. Happy Birthday to the Church!

What does Communion mean to you?

A young boy told his Mum he was going to church and stay for the church dinner after the service. But to her surprise he returned right after the morning service was over. "I thought you were going to stay for the church dinner," she told him. The boy replied, "Well, during the service they gave us a sample of what was to come. After seeing that tiny piece of cracker and little glass of grape juice, I figured the rest of the church dinner wouldn't be worth staying for."

A lot of people are confused about communion. In **1 Corinthians chapter 11**, Paul explains to us the meaning behind the Lord's Supper and how we are to celebrate this important ordinance. Christians have been celebrating communion in one form or another for the past two thousand years, ever since Christ shared the last supper with his disciples. When we participate in the Lord's Table, we are joining believers from centuries past in communion with our Lord and Saviour.

Communion is a time of proclaiming the Lord's death and all that it means to Christians. When we take communion, we are proclaiming the death of Christ, the atonement for our sins, and the resurrection. Because of Christ's death and resurrection, we who were dead to sins and trespasses are now resurrected into a new life of joy and peace. Because of His death we have life. Because of His obedience, we are set free. **Because of His sacrifice we are forgiven.**

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes
(1 Cor 11:verse 26)

Communion is also a time of looking forward to the time when Christ will return. Someday Christ will return to bring us home to Him. Many people are looking for His soon return and are making all kinds of predictions about the 'new millennium'. But we don't really know when Jesus will return. It may be in our lifetime. It may be in our grandchildren's lifetime. It may not be for another thousand years. But every time we celebrate communion, this verse tells us to be **looking forward to the return of Christ.**

The Believer's Bible Commentary remarks, "In all this instruction concerning the Lord's Supper it is notable that there is not a word about a minister or priest officiating. *It is a simple memorial service left for all the people of God.* Christians gather together simply as believer-priests to thus proclaim the Lord's death till He comes."

As you partake of communion, let's think of all the ways Christ has changed us in our own walk with Him.

A time of thanking Him in worship and praise from the heart is always appropriate at communion time. Jesus has done so much for us. Let us make our communion a time of remembering all that He means to us.