

PRAYER MEETING (Seven:14) EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT
7.14PM

BOYS' BRIGADE - Tuesdays Anchors 5.30pm Juniors 6.30.p.m at
Madeley Rest Room (Church Street).Contact Wayne Trumpeter
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COFFEE MORNINGS

EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY 10.30am in church

AS ANNOUNCED:

Come and Praise! 7.30pm in church. Everyone welcome

MBC

6th September 2009



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Welcome to our Services today:

There is no greater Name than this -
The Name of **Jesus** whereby we are saved...

Sunday 6th September

10.30am: Morning Service, with guest speaker Ray Gill.

6.30pm: Communion Service, led by Keith.

Looking forward to September:

7th Sept (Mon) 7.30pm Church Members meeting.

13th September:

10.30am: Ministry Sunday - bring a song, a prayer, a testimony.....

6.30pm: Preaching Evening - let Keith know if you feel the call to preach.

19 Sept (Sat) 10.30am - 12.30pm Mission to Hills Lane - to take the invitation to come to our 'back to church Sunday' and Harvest Festival (on Sunday 27th September). (May be changed - discussion at 7th Sept Mtg)

20 Sept (Sun) 10.30am Annual Covenant Service followed by a shared lunch. (NO EVENING SERVICE AT MBC)

Sunday 27th September:

10.30am: 'Back to Church Sunday' and Harvest Festival)

6.30pm: Prayer and Praise evening.

POETS CORNER

*Can I see another's woe,
And not be in sorrow
too?*

*Can I see another's
grief,
And not seek for kind
relief?*

(William Blake)

'Seek' -

by J Carr Stadel-Bauer

*To SEEK God, or to
search for God means to
research Him
in order to know Him.*

*Though He is invisible,
He is Omnipresent.
Though we are limited,
He is Omniscient.
Though we are weak,
He is Omnipotent.
We are fickle,
He is Immuttable.
We are angry,
He is Love.
We are confused,
He is Order.
We are hurting,
He is Peace.*

*And He promised if we
SEEK Him, we shall
surely find Him.*

Amen

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**Five Entertainment
Evening**

You are invited to join an evening with the
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Tony Vino & Andy Kind

12th September 2009

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Prostar Stadium, Shrewsbury

*"Holding style, great delivery &
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£16 per person:
includes 2 course meal &
coffee/tea

For tickets please contact:
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As part of the fund-raising effort for St Michael' Church refurbishment (£550,000) I am doing a sponsored piano play from **11am to 4pm on Saturday 26th September**. Information about the church can be found on our website at www.tf7.org.uk I would be extremely grateful if you felt you would like to contribute. Cheques can be made payable to St Michael's DCC (building) [DCC stands for District Church Council] Many thanks for reading this far! Best wishes, Rosemary

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*A message via email, from Paul Watkins of the House of Prayer, Wellington:
Hello All*

Just to let you all know that 'The Event' is happening again on Sunday 13th September at The House of prayer, Wellington (www.thehouseofprayer.org.uk) . We have the Fuze band from Springfield leading the worship and I will confirm the speaker with you soon. And of course there will be donuts!!!

You are probably more used to receiving e-mails from Michelle Howarth, on my behalf, regarding the event, but as some of you know Michelle is moving to Bristol, so I will be letting you know directly about the stuff that is going on at the HOP and any other events you would like me to pass around the network!. We need to be get together as churches to encourage our young people (and ourselves) and to see them going on with God.

We are planning to hold The Event on a more regular basis from now on and also join forces with our friends at Springfield who run Fuze, as we have been doing, to help to bring together the North and South of Telford.

What do people think about maybe a Face book page or similar to promote the Christian events, discuss and generally get to know each other, let me know your thoughts.

Any questions please let me know or if you have any events happening that would be of interest to others in Telford and Shrewsbury pass them onto me.

God Bless

Kind Regards Paul Watkins The House of Prayer, Wellington, Telford.



I am the way, the truth and the life....

Well, the holidays are now over and we're all back at work/home/college and many of us will be planning our next 'break away'. Have you ever wondered how you would get on, setting off on a long journey without a map (or these days, a 'sat-nav') to guide you? When Graham and I were driving through Rouen in France, we managed to get lost - no map 'local' enough to guide us. Isn't that sometimes a bit like life; without our Bible (our 'life map') to hand to guide us - where would we be???

Look to Jesus who is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life' - He said so and I believe Him - do you?

COVENANT SUNDAY – 'Walking together, watching over each other' 10.30.a.m. Sunday 20th September 2009

By now most people who come here to Madeley baptist Church know that the Covenant Service on the above date here at Aenon Chapel is reckoned to be one of the most important services of the year.

For several months now we have been asked to keep this date clear of all other commitments - of whatever kind - so that on this one day of the year all of us can be together both in the service, including Communion, and in a shared lunch afterwards.

The prophet Jeremiah describes being in covenant as "writing God's ways on our hearts" but notwithstanding that you may still be wondering why this service is so important. So I have reproduced below an account from our Service Book, 'Gathering for Worship' which goes some way to explaining it.

'At the time of the Reformation, stress was laid upon the church being the community of the new covenant. Confident in the unconditional gracious gift of God's covenant in Christ, Baptists along with other radical separatists nevertheless believed themselves called to make covenant with God as an act of obedience. Alongside this 'vertical dimension' of covenant, between God and his people, early Baptists also found a horizontal dimension. Often under the pressure of persecution, members of a local church made a covenant between themselves in which they promised 'to walk with each other and watch over each other'.

Baptist understanding of church is deeply rooted in the belief that God makes covenant with each congregation. The local church lives its life under the rule of Christ, who is the covenant mediator. God takes the initiative in covenant making – believers are gathered together by Christ and have their being in Christ.

Being bound together in communion by the work of the Holy Spirit has radical implications for our commitment to each other and for the nature of our sharing today. Covenanting together is an opportunity for worshippers to express commitment to God and to express their commitment and care for each other through fellowship.

We are therefore invited, as an act of obedience, to acknowledge God's gift of covenant life by responding in generous costly love for one another and for his world. So, if you have not already marked this day in your diary – please do so now.

Keith