

**PRAYER MEETING (Seven:14):**  
Every Wednesday Evening at 7.14pm

**BOY'S BRIGADE:**  
Tuesdays: Anchors 6.00pm - 7.00pm (In church)  
Juniors 6.30pm - 8.00pm at Madeley Rest Room (Church Street)  
Company Section (11-15yrs) Fridays 7-9pm in church  
Contact: Wayne Trumpeter - 07824 618061

**COFFEE MORNINGS:**  
10.30am Every Monday and Thursday in church

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## I Met My Master

I had walked life's path with an easy tread,  
Had followed where comfort and pleasure led;  
And then by chance in a quiet place  
*I met my Master face to face.*  
With station and rank and wealth for goal,  
Much thought for body but none for soul,  
I had entered to win this life's mad race-  
*When I met my Master face to face.*  
I had built my castles, reared them high,  
Till their towers had pierced the blue of the sky;  
I had sworn to rule with an iron mace  
*When I met my Master face to face.*  
I met Him and knew Him, and blushed to see  
That His eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me;  
And I faltered, and fell at His feet that day  
While my castles vanished and melted away.  
Melted and vanished; and in their place  
I saw naught else but my Master's face;  
And I cried aloud: "Oh, make me meet  
To follow the marks of Thy wounded feet."

My thought is now for the souls of men;  
I have lost my life to find it again  
Ever since alone in that holy place  
*My Master and I stood face to face.*

# MBC

Newsletter for w/c 31st January 2010

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Do you have a special verse from scripture that you would like to see on the front page of the news letter? Let Bette know what it is, and it will go in.

*Welcome to our services today*

### Services today:

10.30am: All age service led by Meena

6.30pm: **Preaching evening with Alan Jacob** - entitled: "A Touching Moment". Please come along and support Alan as he leads this service (See also note below)

### Services next Sunday 7th February

10.30am Morning Service led by Keith

6.30pm Communion led by Keith

**"Preaching" Evenings** - these are services in which you as a member of the congregation are invited to have a chance to lead the service, speak for 10 - 15 minutes (it doesn't have to be an hour long 'sermon!') and try your hand at speaking to an audience of friends and worshippers. Don't be shy - speak to Keith if you feel the Lord is leading you into this ministry. Unexpected Blessings so often come when we think "I couldn't possibly do that!!" - and then we find that we can!





You are warmly invited to a

## Tea Dance

At  
St Michael's Church Madeley

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
2pm to 4pm



Entrance £2.00

Enjoy an afternoon tea at only £2.50

For further information phone 585718  
In aid of the church refurbishment

Many scriptures teach us to praise God by dancing. "Let them praise His Name in the dance." (Ps. 149:3). "Praise Him with the timbre and dance." (Ps. 150:4) Dancing is also referred to in the following scriptures: Luke 6:23; Zeph. 3:17; Mt. 11:17.

**Looking Forward:**  
**Monday 1st February at 7.30pm: Church Members' Meeting - AGM Part 1 in Church**  
**Friday 5th and Sat 6th Feb: From 7pm on Friday to 7pm on Saturday, 24hrs "Listening to God" - of Prayer and fasting.**



**MARRIAGE COURSE:** starting on 8 Feb @ 7pm at Victor and Margaret's home and they have one place still available. Anyone interested please contact them asap.



Helen, JANET and Keith



Tom, ROY and Keith



Helen, VICKY and Keith

Last Sunday morning saw two planned baptisms and one unplanned! Janet and Roy were baptised and then Vicky stepped into the water and was baptised as well, to great rejoicing. Vicky drove home very wet!! Perhaps we should keep a couple of kaftans and bath towels for such an occasion?!

### National Church News Bulletin:

British churches won't be forced to hire homosexuals after proposals to alter employment laws were voted down in the House of Lords on Monday 25th January 2010.

Peers voted 216 to 178 in favour of an amendment proposed by Lady O'Cathain to keep the current laws, which allow religious organisations to deny employment to people whose lifestyles are not consistent with their doctrinal beliefs. Christians feared that if the Equality Bill had been passed unamended it would have left churches "more vulnerable" to legal challenges and in the difficult position of having to employ a person who did not conform to their ethos or beliefs. A joint statement issued last week by the Bishops of Winchester, Chester and Exeter said the Equality Bill threatened the rights of churches and religious organisations to appoint and employ people consistently with their guiding doctrine and ethos. Christians who supported the Equality Bill said that the proposed changes were not a matter of religious principles. Think Tank Ekklesia said it was rather a dispute between "people who believe in non-discrimination and equal treatment" and "people who don't".

Addressing peers during Monday's debate, the Archbishop of York, the Most Rev John Sentamu noted, "You may feel that many churches and other religious organisations are wrong on matters of sexual ethics. But, if religious freedom means anything it must mean that those are matters for the churches and other religious organisations to determine for themselves in accordance with their own convictions". He added: "Where are the examples of actual abuses that have caused difficulties? Where are the court rulings that have shown that the law is defective? If it ain't broke, why fix it?"