

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
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COFFEE MORNINGS:
10.30am Every Monday and Thursday in church

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A Picture of Jesus

My pallet is the dictionary, from whence I mix my colours - intricate and varied shades, a picture to uncover.

With brush in hand, I'm poised to paint, the words begin to flow; I have an outline in my mind, its expression I will show:



My picture shows a gentle man, arms outstretched at shoulder height, A man whose truth and purity shine all around like light. His side, his head, his hands and feet are scarred because of sin; Salvation's act for humankind, but hard hearts won't let him in. His powerful hands that long to heal; his reconciling touch; his mouth that says those special words of hope, we need so much. His heart and mind that understand the things that we go though; his eyes so kind, look down at us and say: "I've suffered too". A radiance about his face, which is saying: "I love you" A love which wants each one of us to enjoy a life that's new... There's so much more that I could paint - but alas - the words aren't there; Christ's picture that we see in faith - a reflection - a taste for us to share.

(Author unknown)

(Contributed by Alan Jacob)

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Welcome to our services today

'For I know the plans I have for you' says the Lord; 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (Jer 29:11-13)

Services today:

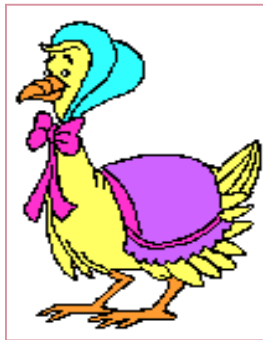
10.30am Morning Service led by Keith

6.30pm Communion led by Keith

Services next Sunday:

10.30am: Morning services led by Keith

6.30pm: Preaching Evening (See Keith if you would like to speak)



OH YES IT IS!!!

Come on, folks, this is your last chance to let Ben know that you would like to go to the pantomime on 20th Feb. At the moment, there aren't quite enough names to make up enough numbers to make the trip viable. If you would like a good night out at the panto, let Ben know TODAY and go and enjoy a really fun night with the Wesley Methodist Church, West Bromwich on Sat 20th February 2010

COME ON, LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!! WE NEED A BIGGER CHURCH BUILDING!!

What do YOU think? What is YOUR opinion about this? Is GOD leading us to bigger and greater things - are we brave enough to step out in faith, knowing He will provide for all our needs? What would you like to see in a new building? Is it a viable concept? What would it mean to us, as a church fellowship - our church numbers are growing - are we going to have enough room??? Questions, questions, comments, let's discuss the options.....and PRAY about it too. Let's listen to what GOD is telling us to do.

**NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING
MONDAY 1ST FEB 2010**

Church Life Coordinator (Lisa)

Lisa has compiled a list of church members' details. A few minor changes are to be made and the list will be available shortly to members.

Telford Workplace Chaplaincy Coordinator: Vicky Brain

Deacons: 2 Deacons were elected: Marjorie Booth and Vicky Brain

Spring Harvest 2010: all going well and plans are to meet in March

Bible Studies:

These are to be resumed on Tuesday mornings, led by Keith and Vicky at the home of John and Bron Batty. 10am - 12noon. Tea and coffee at 10am, study to commence around 10.30 am. Resource available which is entitled "Discipleship Explored". There are enough resources for 10 people and the meetings will be once a fortnight. Please see Vicky if you would like to join these mornings.

Lent Course:

Being run by Sutton Hill. MBC will run a 'mirror' or the course on one of the mornings each week during Lent - possibly Friday mornings. Dates to be advised. Meeting will run from 10.30 - 12 noon

Early Warning:

CRB rules are due to change this year. Impact on MBC to be checked out. Introduction to Safeguarding courses to be held. More details later.

Home Mission Grant Resolution:

BUGB Mission Grant to be requested as a contribution to carrying out the work of Ministry at MBC

Our World: Paul Booth is in discussion with T & WC this week. Our World Nursery will be able to continue until the end of August, but the future beyond that is a concern.

Boys Brigade All going well - Jacquie has been appointed Chaplain and the BB continues to grow.

"WE NEED A BIGGER CHURCH"

(Continued notes from the Church Members Meeting):

Keith delivered a presentation outlining the possibility of building a larger church building at the entrance to Madeley (where the recycling skips are currently kept at the bottom of the High St). on the corner of Legges Way. It would comprise a Church and Community centre, with a Conference Facility in the heart of the community.

Timescale would be 1 - 3 years and it would be regarded as part of the Regeneration Project which Madeley is currently undergoing. Because of this, Telford and Wrekin Council are very keen to support this along with Madeley Town Council.

There are Architects available from Stone Ecclesiastical Church who will prepare a concept design for the building to be submitted to the town council at no cost to MBC.

As a church, we really need to pray about it and listen to what God is telling us. We also need to discuss it in great depth - it is not a 'small' thing to sell our church building and rebuild. It will be a huge step of faith - are we up to it? We also on a more mundane level need to make sure that the building will be fully used and viable. We know that God feeds the birds, but he doesn't throw the bread into their nests!! It will require work and commitment from everyone if this is to succeed.

Talk about it to each other, tell Keith and the Elders and Deacons your thoughts - don't be shy - there is a lot to talk about and it will involve huge changes. But most of all - PRAY about it and ask God to lead us into the future with Him at the helm.