

Youthwork Update.

Thank you everyone for your continued prayers and other support for the work with the children and young people of the town. A few extra prayer requests:

- for our Year 6 children who attend Fusion and will be starting secondary school in September - that we find a way to provide for their needs at that time and keep and develop the relationships and bonds that we have with them.
- for our Ignite group and the links we are developing with other youth groups in Drayton and Hales / Cheswardine.
- for the club run at Longlands each Tuesday lunchtime - that their attendance and enjoyment may lead to a deeper relationship with God.

Finally a massive "thank you" to the fantastic team of leaders who commit to giving up their time and enthusiasm to aid the work being done for the children and young people: Carol, Glyn, Ingke, Jeannette, K@, Lynne, Martin, Rich and Rob.

Many thanks,

Kev.

New Stewards.

At the end of May two of our Church Stewards, Derek Wanless and Jane Hughes come to the end of their four years in office. We thank them for the time and commitment given to this role, and we also thank to Bob Myers who has stepped in to help when needed. The General Church Meeting has appointed Brian Stretch and Donna Milward as new stewards. Please pray for them that they will be both blessed and a blessing as they serve God in our church family.

Building Bridges.

Remember our Action for Children Coffee Mornings back in February? We raised a lot of money, but what about the people we met? Did you meet people for the first time? Did your neighbours come round? Have you spoken to them since? Please think and pray about these relationships, and allow God to help you maintain and grow them. How about inviting people round for coffee again, or just calling in for a chat? Remember that we need to get alongside people and **be** good news before we **speak** the Good News (Matt 5:16).



Dates for your Diary.

Tuesday 8th June

Network open house at the Manse.

2.30-4.00 & 6.00-8.00pm

Wednesday 30th June

Worship and Prayer - 7.30pm @ MDMC, with St Mary's as we pray for our town and our ministry together.

Saturday 25th September

Ladies Breakfast.

6.00pm : Church Anniversary Barn Dance.

Sunday 26th September

Church Anniversary morning and evening services *plus* afternoon tea.

Wednesday 1st December

Men's meal with after dinner testimony from Ian McCormack .



Market Drayton Methodist Church

Messenger

Newsletter and Circuit Plan

As I write this I feel so blessed and so excited about God! (Oh don't think I'm always so high... or that my life is one big happy clappy life... it certainly isn't - it's often more routine and ordinary).

I believe it's because I've been seeking God so much more myself recently; waiting on God and asking Him to lead me and guide me and help me to see what the way forward is. Because I've been seeking and waiting He has fulfilled His promise as he did at Pentecost and filled me again with a fresh supply of his Spirit... and I feel close to him, alive, and aware of his powerful presence at every turn.

Pentecost Sunday was filled with an amazing sense of God's presence, as you all waited on God and some of you felt led to receive prayer for the Holy Spirit to fill you and equip you for what God was calling you to, or for the situation that lay ahead for you. God is faithful, and came in power and filled us, and blessed us, and changed many lives because of it.

The Ladies weekend away just before Easter was another time when God was faithful and filled those waiting on Him with His Spirit... and we've been hearing the blessing that came as a result and there are stories in this edition too.

We are continuing to look to God to go on fulfilling his promise and do great things in our lives, our worship, and our church. I believe that as we are faithful in waiting on Him He will show us the way forward and unite us in our common bond of fellowship and in our aim as the people of God in Market Drayton.

I want to encourage every one of you to be a part of what God wants to do and is doing in MDMC *and* in the wider community. Those of you who are older need not be left out; God is doing some amazing things in the lives of our more elderly members. You needn't be left out if you're middle aged; God still has a purpose for you. You needn't be left out if you're young, because God want to use your gifts too.

The promise of Joel is that God will pour out his Spirit on all flesh... and this he is doing and will do for all who wait on Him.

Your brother in Christ and your Pastor,

Roger

This newsletter is a helpful way of sharing news and testimony.

Please see Paul if you have any ideas or contributions.

June, July, August 2010

BREAKOUT - Ladies weekend



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It has been noticed that the 'Spiritual temperature' of the ladies in our church has increased since the Breakout Weekend, and that some of our 'sisters' have experienced God in a new and amazing way. So what went on? We have heard testimony and seen some of the feedback comments from the weekend; and here are some more, starting with one of the organisers...

The "Breakout" theme was inspired by the beautiful butterfly....it has to work hard to break free from it's place of comfort to fulfil it's destiny..

Ness and I wanted the weekend to be about accepting and embracing all that we are to God, how cherished and special each one of us is to HIM.

- We hoped it would be a time of building new and stronger relationships between the wonderful women of our church.
- We hoped to encourage people to step out of their spiritual comfort zones.
- We hoped for the ripples to reach into our community on our return.

Ladies, You are all a gift, a delight to God. So incredibly special. Thank you for sharing in this experience with us. Don't worry if you missed out this time, this was just the beginning, so watch this space!!

Lynne xx

At the end of March, as you all know, we had our Ladies Weekend; "Breakout". I decided I wouldn't go. When I was approached about it one Sunday morning - Why wasn't I going? - I made some excuses like the parable of the great feast in Luke 14. I had too much going on, couldn't afford the time, couldn't leave Stan, had a wedding, a new outfit to buy, a Golden Wedding celebration to organise. But God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform, doesn't He? For some time I prayed about it and if God wanted me to be there He would tell me. Friday the 26th March came and I set off for Derbyshire to "Breakout".

The Holy Spirit was certainly at work during the weekend and it was a time of blessing for many. I was blessed by sharing with others over meals and conversation with some of our church family who I perhaps only said "Hello" to on a Sunday. To see friends you have known for some time have a real experience of taking that step of breaking free from all that holds them back and stepping out in faith, hope and confidence; that was a blessing.

We were all given a card with a text on. Mine... "Continue to rejoice in all that you have in Christ Jesus. He has more in store for you" - Isaiah 61:10. WOW! I know that He has, and I look forward with anticipation - that will indeed be a real blessing.

Joan Turnbull

Beautiful Butterfly Weekend

Egg... caterpillar... a fat caterpillar... chrysalis... waiting... waiting.... a beautiful butterfly!

"You know who you are when you know Whose you are" (I can't remember who said that, probably Susie Harrington)

When I was asked to write a few words for the Messenger I did think my goodness where do I start... and a few words ...hmmm which few...?!

I knew before I went that it was going to be a fab weekend, I also knew God would be amazing. The butterflies of excitement started before I even got there!!! But when at the first session Lynne opened her 'box of delights', and pulled a name out, I knew it was going to be mine! Sometimes I look at what I do and wonder, "What am I here for? what gifts have I???"

My journey about God's gifts began last year when Jackie gave me a picture of a big box... and it was full of lots of presents inside. At Breakout God just kept showering us with gifts all weekend; Gifts of friendship, fellowship and prophetic words. Susie's specific word for me reinforced what had been coming through from my quiet times, that sometimes there are those like Joanna and Susannah who travelled in a supportive role with Jesus and His followers Luke 8 v3.

So what did I learn? Gods spiritual gifts are there for all of us if we seek them (and I for one love to get all the presents I can).

Writing this during Pentecost when we are reminded that God will pour out his spirit on us for gifts of prophesy, visions, dreaming dreams. (Acts 2 v 15-21) and more... wise counsel, clear understanding, simple trust, healing the sick, miraculous acts, proclamation, distinguishing between spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues (1 Corinthians 12 v 4-17)... Ever felt like a child in a sweetie shop???

The image I take is one of Susie pouring a bag of miniature gifts boxes over herself. That is what I know God wants for me and you...to shower us with gifts... we just have to seek God and ask.

Alison Lambert

Breakout has led to new women's ministry events. See the notices for details of the ladies coffee mornings - some child friendly, some child free. Also, there is a ladies breakfast meeting on September 25th with guest speaker Bev Young from Rising Brook Baptist Church. See Sian Silvester for details.

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Real Life, Real Meaning, Real God
Sunday Evenings at the Festival Drayton Centre
4th July : 12th September : 7th November

See Mark Savill for details.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)