

Freedom Café Longlands

At Longlands School
3.00 - 4.15pm
25th September
23rd October
27th November

We have been encouraged by the continued relationship-building that has taken place, but we do need to pray together to seek after God's plan for this initiative as we review the last nine events and look forward to whatever is next. Anyone who has been part of the Longlands project or is interested in it are most welcome at the prayer and planning meeting on Wednesday September 7th, 7.45pm at church.

Breakout Ladies Weekend 2011

There is still time to book onto our ladies weekend which is on Friday 4th - Sunday 6th November at the fantastic The Mickleover Court Hotel, Derby. The guest Speaker is Bev Murrill. For further information please collect a leaflet from the church foyer, follow the link on our website or speak with Lynne (658955) or Ness (657784).



Dates for your Diary.

September

Wednesday 7 th	7.45pm	Longlands Prayer & Planning	MDMC
Thursday 8 th	9.30am	Ladies Breakout	42 The Oval
Sunday 11 th	7.00pm	At 7 - contemporary worship with St Mary's	MDMC
Tuesday 13 th	1.00 & 7.30pm	Bible School module 6 starts.	MDMC
Sunday 18 th	6.00pm	Circuit Service at Ashley.	AMC
Friday 23 rd	9.30am	Ladies Breakout with crèche	MDMC
24th & 25th		Church Anniversary Weekend with Piers Lane of Cliff College.	
Saturday 24 th	2.00pm	Drum & Percussion: Worship Workshop	MDMC
	7.00pm	Worship Celebration Evening	MDMC
Sunday 25 th	10.30pm	Morning worship	MDMC
	3.00pm	Freedom Café - Family Percussion Afternoon	Longlands School
	6.00pm	Gymanfa Ganu	MDMC

October

Sunday 2 nd	10.30am	Harvest Service with Rev Ron Willoughby	MDMC
Friday 7 th	6.30pm	Harvest Supper with Entertainment!	MDMC
Sunday 16 th	7.30pm	The Hudson Taylors	MDMC
Monday 17 th	7.30pm	Church Council	MDMC
Sunday 23 rd	3.00pm	Freedom Café	Longlands School

November

Friday 4 th - Saturday 6 th		'Rise Up', Ladies Breakout Weekend.	Mickleover Court
Monday 17 th	7.30pm	Network AGM	MDMC
Saturday 12 th	9.30am	Your Worship Zone	Potter's House
	6.00pm	Network Barn Dance	MDMC
Sunday 13 th	7.00pm	At 7 with St Mary's, speaker Rev Anthony Clowes	MDMC
Saturday 26 th	from 1.00pm	ARK Advent Celebration Day	Swan Bank, Burslem
Sunday 27 th	3.00pm	Freedom Café	Longlands School



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Market Drayton Methodist Church

Messenger

Newsletter and Circuit Plan

Another plan, another quarter, and this time another 'Year'. September marks the start of the Methodist Church New Year, and so the opportunity of new beginnings.

Paul in 1 Corinthians 5:17 highlights the transformation that takes place in a person's life when they open their life to God and receive the gift of salvation. They become a 'New creation'.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

It's a new year... new beginnings, yes, and there is always the chance of a new beginning for everyone because God loves to forgive when his people come in humble repentance confessing their sin. God loves to recreate us, and his constant desire is to make us new so that increasingly his people reflect his nature, his holiness and his purpose in the world.

Through the autumn we may look a little, at what it means to be a 'New Creation', and what this 'New life' actually looks like in practice. As a preparation for this perhaps I could encourage you all to pray into this theme, and ask yourselves, "What does this 'new life/new creation' look like in me and the way I reflect Christ?"

It's a challenge to all of us, but I believe any challenge is good for us because it makes us think and rethink, and change as necessary. Only as we constantly are remade in His image, will we accurately reflect what he is and so fulfil our role as His witnesses and ambassadors.

New Year, new start. I also want to encourage you to welcome and support our friends at Ashley Methodist Church as they join us. We have a 'Welcome to the circuit family' service on Sunday 18th Sept, 6.00 pm, at Ashley. Do come and join in this special service.

God bless you, and us all, as we seek constantly to be renewed.

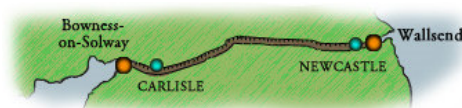
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Website - www.mdmc.org.uk

Our website is available to promote any church event. It has already been used to bring people to our church and youth work. If you would like to put an event onto the website please speak with Paul. We do not want to overload the website with too much text, but events can be put on as 'Latest News' quite easily. The notice boards in Kev's office window and in the foyer are also available; again, please speak to Paul.

September, October & November 2011

Hadrian's Wall Walk : 100km from Heddon-on-the-Wall to Carlisle.



On the evening of Tuesday 28th June three young, lean and fit, highly trained athletes (cunningly disguised as Roger Paul and Kevin) were driven up to the old English / Scottish border ready to attempt 100km of the Hadrian's Wall Walk over three days.

The attempt was made possible thanks to Derek Wanless offering to drive us there and back (and to our drop-off and pick-up points each day) and to Derek's sister Joan, who put us up / put up with us, each night and sent us off full of a nutritious, high-energy meal (full English breakfast) each morning.

We enjoyed some spectacular scenery, some wonderful weather and some fabulous fellowship along the way and, eventually, on the evening of Friday 1st July we crossed the Memorial Bridge in Carlisle to complete the task. We all felt a huge sense of achievement and will happily bore anyone who asks to see our photos taken! NB please **ONLY** ask Paul to see the photos of his blistered feet if you are of a strong constitution!

Many thanks to all who sponsored us in the attempt. Around £1000 was raised and will be split equally between Macmillan Cancer Support and the MDMC project to take the Easter musical "3rd Day" across to our partner church in Romania.



Roger, Paul and Kev



NB. Special thanks to Roy Aldcroft for patching up a certain somebody's injuries - Ed.



North Shropshire Methodist Youth Choir Autumn Programme.

Please pray for the youth choir as they continue to minister this autumn...

Sun 18th Sept: Ashley Welcome Service, 6.00pm Sun 9th Oct: Hinstock Church Anniversay, 3.00pm
Sun 2nd Oct: Pontesbury Baptist Church, 6.30pm Sat 19th Nov: Silverdale Methodist Church, 7.30pm

Percussion
& Worship!

With Piers Lane of Cliff College at MDMC on Sat. 24th Sept.

2.00pm : Drum & Percussion workshop for adults and children school year 3 and up; children under 12 to be accompanied by an adult.

7.00pm : Worship Celebration - all welcome!

Why not bring a packed tea and stay through?

For more info and to book a place please contact Paul Savill on 07811 517 324 or paulandness@hotmail.com.

Mid-week Holy Communion takes place on the last Wednesday of each month at 11.00.am at MDMC.

MDMC:Bible School.

Bible School continues with the last two modules planned before Christmas.

Module 6: The Prophets; voices from the Old Testament.

September 13th, 20th & 27th and October 4th & 11th.

Module 7: The End Game; the best is yet to come!

November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th.

If you have been to the bible school before, please endeavour to make the most of this opportunity and join us for these sessions. If you have not been before, please do! You will not be disappointed at what Peter Davies teaches as he opens up the Bible for us. Sessions start at 1.00pm and at 7.30pm; the same teaching is given at both - you need not attend twice! For more information, please collect a leaflet from the church foyer or follow the link on the church website.

ARK Advent Celebration Day: Saturday 26th November 2011

This will be a fantastic opportunity for us to share with other churches from the ARK network and learn from some of the UK's leading ministries. It will be hosted by Swan Bank, Burslem and the schedule for the day is very much family focused but not just for the young-of-age!

The afternoon sessions will be led by Big Ministries. Their heart is to serve the Church by offering high quality events that are God-focused, relevant and challenging to children. They are based in Birmingham and travel all over the country working in partnership with local churches to help to reach out, inspire and disciple children. Their website is well worth a visit (www.bigministries.co.uk).

The speaker for the evening meeting is Andy Hawthorne, founder and CEO of The Message Trust who has recently been awarded the OBE! Visit the Message Trust website to find out more. You could follow the link to listen to Andy address the National Prayer Breakfast (*he even uses one of my favourite quotes taken from the Queen's Coronation - Ed.*).

Finally, worship will be led by Philippa Hanna, one of the most exciting worship leaders in the UK today. "An exciting and versatile vocalist, a captivating performer, and gifted songwriter, Philippa's music grabs your attention and wins your heart." (*Graham Kendrick*). *She is* "...like a breath of fresh air. Her vibrant style, Godly approach and down to earth attitude combine as a potent force in the hands of God" (*Gavin Calver*).

The ARK Advent Celebration Day could be a day when God will inspire us and shape the various ministries within our church. It will be fantastic - so book the date in your diary and be prepared to collect further information as it is sent through to us.

Schedule for the day:

1.00pm	Messy Church with 'Big Ministries'
3.00pm	All Age Church with 'Big Ministries'
5.00pm	Tea - £3, you will need to book
7.00pm	Worship Celebration with Andy Hawthorne & Philippa Hanna



Testimony : Robin & Rachel Faul.

Robin and Rachel have been part of our church family for a long time. As they have grown up through the church they have, among other things, been an integral part of the Youth Choir, Worship Team, Freedom in Christ Course and the Stewards team. They were happy to answer a few questions about their Christian experience.

Can you recall the most significant step in becoming a Christian?

Rach: I find it difficult to chart the significant steps to becoming a Christian because I remember doing so at the age of 5 in a group called Seekers run by Paul and Grace Bishop. I distinctly remember a little group of us sat together with Grace and her going through what it meant to be a Christian and whether we would like to say a prayer to give our lives to Christ. I did so and since then I have been on a journey with God. Within my Christian journey there have been significant events and relationships that have strengthened my faith. Amongst these was the opportunity to take a leadership role within the Christian Union at University and I feel that this taught me a lot about relying on God and encouraged my faith. I think the significant relationships that have encouraged my faith have been with Robin, he has been given words about being a 'Man of God' and that is truly what he is and that strengthens my faith. And having Ness as a mentor has also been a great encouragement and has helped me to focus on things that get in the way of my relationship with God and make changes.

Robin: Having been to Easter People in 1994 I had seen something a bit different to 'normal' church. It was then at Easter People the following year that I felt called to go down to the front of the main meeting to stand up and be counted as a Christian, but it was actually the night after I felt this, that I actually went forward!! My faith has continued to grow since then, but in the last 7/8 years it has moved on quickest which can be attributed in part to having Rach to discuss and pray through the many questions that life and Christian teaching can throw up.

How did you know that God was bringing you together as a couple?

It has always felt that our relationship was right in a more than 'we like each other a lot' kind of way. We're thankful that God brought us together as friends first. The real test was through university and looking back we know that God had to be the tie. This is often a time that makes or breaks a relationship but through this time our relationship with God and each other was strengthened.

Has there been a particular time of difficulty during which you were able to support each other in Jesus?



The last couple of months have been quite hard for various reasons, not least of all because Rach's best friend from her course was in a fatal accident in Italy. This in amongst a lot of other things has been a real challenge at times and it would be a lie if we were to say it has been easy, but in all the chaos we have been able to come together in both conversation and prayer to comfort, support and help each other through whatever is going on. We now also have an added help from God with this in Lily. Although her verbal comforting skills aren't entirely polished yet, we can have our spirits lifted in a second as soon as we see her smiling or dancing around the house. We are truly blessed by God with the Joy he has put in Lily.

I think this time has also raised lots of questions for me (*Rach*) about God's purposes and plans in all that's happened and I have had to rely on Robin's steadfastness and wisdom to overcome these fears and worries but we have got through it together, with Jesus.

To finish with, is there anything that has been a real joy in your life with Jesus?

There is only one word here - Lily! Before we were pregnant I (*Rach*) was interested by some of the teaching from Ellel about praying for your child before they were born and as a result of my work learning that foetus' pick up on their mothers' feelings from 4 months gestation. As a result when we found out we were pregnant we spent a lot of time praying for Lily even before we knew her name and praying over her scriptural promises. Knowing that I was a bit of a worrier we also asked that God would lift off any negative emotions she experienced. As a result we have Lily who is an absolute joy and delight. I have no doubt that the prayers have made a difference and shaped her personality in God.

Please pray for Robin, Rachel and Lily as they grow together as a family in faith and service.

The Messenger is great for sharing news and testimony. See Paul if you have any ideas or contributions.

The Hudson Taylors : 7.30pm Sunday 16th October at MDMC

The Hudson Taylors are: Noel Richards, Wayne Drain and Brian Houston; each well known as a worship leader in their own right got together in 2001 when they teamed up for a church leaders' conference. They then toured together in the United States and were inspired to record an album together, called 'Hurricane', which was released in 2002. The collaboration of a Welshman, Irishman and an American Cherokee/Scot has created a unique sound, which mixes the Celtic with rootsy elements of Country, Acoustic rock and Blues. The songs range from intimate ballads to the anthemic and express worship as well as something of God's heart cry for the lost. The line up, often joined by Tricia Richards, is well worth seeing. This will be a superb, inspiring evening - not to be missed!

For tickets (£7 & £4.50) and more information please contact
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