



Monthly Newsletter
markyate
baptist church
September 2023

It's September already...how did that happen?!

It is a new month, term, academic year, and season. There are a number of exciting things that will be taking place in the life of MBC in this coming term; the commencing of running our MBC Café on Mondays, a Leadership Team Away Day, Harvest, a Dedication (!), Advent, Christmas...and that's not including the excellent things we already have going on in the church or the events we haven't even imagined/planned yet!

For all these things known and unknown in MBC, alongside all of the personal/individual needs, events, joys and tribulations that many of us will be experiencing at the moment and in the coming months, there is a great value in underpinning it all with prayer. In the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians, it says:

“6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

In *everything*, bring our prayers to God. This passage (and many others) emphasises the need for prayer to be the bedrock of all that we are and all that we do. Prayer is a mysterious but wonderful way of fostering a greater connection between ourselves and God, and it is through this relationship that our connection to ourselves, others and the world around us can be developed. This September, we at MBC are having a special focus on prayer. For each week this month, we will encourage one another to pray into many areas of the life of our church, the village, the world, and our own individual lives.

Each Sunday evening in September those of us who are willing and able will gather at 6.30pm to spend time in contemplation, to pray for any requests shared by the group/wider church, and to pray into the particular focus for that week. I have provided below a light focus for each week that may help direct our prayers this month:

**Week 1 (3rd – 9th Sept):
Seeking God's Guidance and Presence**

In this first week, focus on seeking God's guidance and presence. Spend time in personal prayer and meditation. Give space to hear what God might be saying to us individually and collectively as we prepare.

**Week 2 (10th – 16th Sept):
Intercession and World Missions**

Choose different regions or countries throughout the week and dedicate the prayer time to intercede for the current needs in those places.

**Week 3 (17th – 23rd Sept):
Healing and Restoration**

Focus on healing and restoration through prayer during this week. Pray for emotional, mental, physical and spiritual healing, restoration, and reconciliation for those in need.

**Week 4 (24th – 30th Sept):
Church and Community**

Focus on praying for MBC and the wider community. Pray for the church leadership, volunteers, and current, new and potential ministries.

This focus is by no means exhaustive, and please feel able to pray in the ways you feel God is leading you. Perhaps you might like to organise to meet

with another person once a week across the month, dedicate a specific time each day or week to pray, focus your Life Group around the prayer focusses, organise a prayer walk for yourself/others, or come along to the Sunday evenings. There really is no one way of doing this!

Let's open ourselves up this month to God, and see the mysterious and marvellous ways that God will work through our individual and collective prayers, and what opportunities this opens up for prayers at MBC going forward.

Grace and Peace,
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Jack & Jill's returns on 8th September after the Summer break

Every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month

Could you volunteer to help?

zoom | **PRAYER MEETING**

Every Saturday Morning on Zoom

9.30am

Ask for the log in details via

admin@markyatebaptist.org

Or contact Rosemary or Jim Salmon



We are trialling opening MBC Café 10am—12pm every Monday in September & October.

This is additional to every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month

Did you know we hire out our hall for meetings and parties?

Contact the administrator for further information

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What's On—September 2023

Friday 1st

MBC Café—open to all

10am—12pm

Saturday 2nd

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

Sunday 3rd

10.30am Communion Service

With Nick Drury

6.30pm Prayer meeting

Monday 4th - *NEW*

MBC Café—open to all

10am—12pm

Friday 8th

10-11.30am Jack & Jills

Baby & toddler group

Saturday 9th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

Sunday 10th

10.30am Morning Service

With Mike Palin

Monday 11th - *NEW*

MBC Café—open to all

10am—12pm

Friday 15th

MBC Café—open to all

10am—12pm

Saturday 16th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

Sunday 17th

10.30am Morning Service

5 Marks of Mission—Nick Drury

6.30pm Prayer meeting

Monday 18th - *NEW*

MBC Café—open to all

10am—12pm

Friday 22nd

10-11.30am Jack & Jills

Baby & toddler group

7pm MBC Ladies evening

Saturday 23rd

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting

Sunday 24th

10.30am Harvest Service with

bring & share lunch

5 Marks of Mission - Nick Drury

6.30pm Prayer meeting

Monday 25th - *NEW*

MBC Café—open to all

10am—12pm

Saturday 30th

9.30am Zoom Prayer Meeting