



Monthly Newsletter
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Freely Give

As a young child in Sunday School, I remember heartily singing a jaunty little song with the words, '*God loves a cheerful giver; give it all you've got!*'. It has stuck with me and, recently, I have found myself humming that song...and thinking about the theme of 'generosity'.

In the letter that Rev Lisa Kerry wrote to MBC recently, she wrote '*God has been outrageously generous to us and it is right for us to be generous to each other.*'

However, as followers of Jesus, I wonder how often we stop to consider the countless gifts that God, our good father, has showered upon us. Perhaps take a moment now to consider the 'overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love' that God has for you. This love is not earned or to be striven for, it is unconditional and everlasting.

Events in the world; in MBC; or in your own circle of life may be leaving you feeling bruised, hurt or lost. God pours His generous love on you. You may be in a great place in your life and looking forward to the next adventure with enthusiasm. God pours His generous love on you. You may be angry, indignant or confused. God pours His generous love on you. Whoever you are and

however you are, you cannot escape God's love which is evident in our wonderful world, our connections with others and, most of all, in the gift of Jesus. '*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.*' (1 John 3:16).

And so, as we know and recognise this staggering generosity which has been shown to us, we are inspired and compelled to reflect God's generosity back to others. Our acts of generosity come not from a place of guilt or resentment but from a place of joy and abundance that we cannot contain and so they bubble over to others. As Nick reminds us each week in Church, we can give in so many ways – with our financial or other material resources; with our time; with our talents and giftings; with our words; the list goes on. Here at MBC, we see evidence of this generosity of spirit in many different areas of our Church life and we are thankful.

As we move forward to a new season, let us embrace God's outrageously generous gifts to each one of us and, with God's love within, give back wherever and in whatever ways we can. Hear and act on these deceptively simple but overwhelmingly powerful words of Jesus: '*... Freely you have received; freely give.*' Matthew 10:8
Creator God, help us to give generously in response to all that you have given to us. Amen

Ruth Kieran

Deacon MBC

Our Vision Statment:

Growing Together by loving God loving others & serving our community

What's On—October 2024

Friday 4th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Sunday 6th

10.30am Communion Service
With Mark Buckley

Monday 7th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Friday 11th

J&J's baby & toddler group
10am—11.30am

Sunday 13th

10.30am Morning Service
With Nick Drury

Monday 14th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Friday 18th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Sunday 20th

10.30am Morning Service
With Nick Drury

Monday 21st

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Friday 25th

J&J's baby & toddler group
10am—11.30am

Sunday 27th

10.30am Nick's last Service
followed by a bring & share
lunch

Monday 28th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

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