

# OUTLOOK



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## Welcome to Milton Outlook!

*This is the second edition of our newsletter, intended to keep YOU informed about what is going on at Milton Baptist Church.*

*This Spring edition tells you about Easter services, as well as looking forward to our summer Holiday Club for children. Read on to find out about these and other activities, like the new family film nights!*

## Free Family FilmNights



Why not join us for this new venture - free film nights for the family on some Saturday evenings from 6-8pm, once a month, over the winter & spring. They are open to all and you don't need to pay, as it's our gift to you as one of our neighbours. We will be showing films for the whole family that have been in the cinema recently,

like *Monsters Inc.* Come and see them in wide screen in larger than life format. We also have a Games Room in an adjacent area, where children can play on Playstations using a large screen and projector. Have an evening of fun and entertainment in a safe environment with

refreshments provided. We would love to welcome you and your family to MBC.

The first film night will have happened (March 6th "Finding Nemo") by the time this newsletter is distributed, but contact the church office for details of the next film, which will be on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## Milton Baptist Church Junior Sports Club



For twelve years MBC has run a Junior Sports Club from 10 am 'till 12 noon on Saturday mornings. The club started at Milton Junior School before moving to Worle School. The aim was to provide an opportunity for youngsters to train and play on Saturdays, as a lot of Youth football is on Sundays. However, the Club opened its doors to non-church goers from the outset and we've not looked back! The Club does not play competitive matches, so if your child is between six and fourteen and wants to play for fun in a friendly atmosphere, come along! **and it's not just for boys!** . . . Girls are welcome as well, **and it's not just football!** . . . There's also cricket and rounders, plus other sports in the summer. Stewart Petrie is the Sports Club co-ordinator and can be contacted through the church office. A mass of enthusiastic young people assist him alongside Paul, Matthew and Stewart who are the coaches.

## Churches for All



Our aim is that everyone should be fully included in the life of Milton Baptist Church irrespective of ability or

disability. As unique individuals we are all highly valued by God and all equally important to Him. With this in mind an initiative called "Churches for All" has been helping us look at 4 areas of disability: mobility impairment; visual impairment; hearing impairment; and learning disability. Last November, 40 people attended a disability awareness training session to help gain more understanding of the difficulties a disability may present.

When the new church was built, some design features were included, such as level access at the main door, a lift to the first floor, and an adapted toilet. We also have a loop system in the church and lower hall for those using a hearing aid, and provide large print song sheets and weekly news-sheets.

However, we hope to improve other areas including increased designated parking bays, changes to the speed ramps to allow wheelchair access, a better position for the entry phone, improved signs within the building, and vision panels in the internal doors for wheelchair users. Our aim is that MBC will become a place where disability will not prevent anyone being fully included in everything that is going on.



## Kids, want some fun this summer?

If you are between the ages of 5 and 11 come and join us for an action packed week of games, challenges, crafts and loads more!

### What?

Mission Miracle Maker - Holiday Club



Your mission . . . should you choose to accept it . . .

Be part of the Millenium Parrot space ship crew on the mission to find out more of who this Miracle Maker is . . .



### Where?

Milton Baptist Church

### When?

Mon 19th July - Fri 23rd July from 10am to 12pm

### How much?

FREE

For more information call Ann or Emma on 01934 641574.

Registration will open on Monday 5th July.

## Tools with a Mission

This is a voluntary, non denominational charity which grew out of one man cleaning tools in his garage! You can tidy your home and help people in other countries at the same time! In every house there are things too good to throw away, which are never used. We collect, refurbish and ship to third world countries virtually anything that can be used to improve the lives of people living in poverty. Remember



the old adage - if you give a man a fish, you feed him for today, but if you teach him to fish, you feed him for life. Could you donate any tools which you no longer need? These include hand and electric tools (but no garden tools please), educational equipment, walking aids and wheelchairs, hand sewing machines (we have enough electric ones for now), knitting machines, and all the accoutrements that go with them - cloth, wool, zips, buttons, needles etc.



If you have any of these in a recoverable condition and would like them to be used, please give me a call direct and I will be happy to collect them. Thank you very much.

Derek Brain, 01934 511229.

## Walking Group

When I moved into North Somerset I looked forward to spending time walking and enjoying the beauty of this area. After joining MBC, I was encouraged to start a walking group. I have now organised around 30 walks and we have only got really wet twice!

A walking group! Does that mean young energetic people with rucksacks, compasses and survival kits? No it doesn't!

We are a group who like chatting, laughing and sharing with each other. We are of various ages from 71 down to the occasional teenager and sometimes younger. We walk at the pace of the slowest, stop to take in the views, and occasionally get lost! We walk once a month on a Saturday afternoon starting at 2pm and the walks vary between 5-7 miles, taking up to three hours. Everyone is welcome. You don't have to be linked to the church. It is part of our commitment to the community in which we live.

So put the following dates in your diaries ; 24<sup>th</sup> April, 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> July and 21<sup>st</sup> August.

Ring the church office for more details and come and join us! You will be most welcome.

## My African Adventure

Rachael Fisher, a member of Milton Baptist Church, has just returned from a short trip to Africa. Thanks to support from MBC, Rachael flew to Ghana to work with the Ghanaian subsidiary of Wycliffe Bible Translators, who have been working closely with African tribes to improve literacy for over 40 years. As a trained accountant, Rachael's role was to audit the way that money donated to Wycliffe is spent, and to ensure that it is being used for its designated purpose. However, she feels that she benefitted more from the trip than she was able to contribute!

Ghana is a country with 62 different languages, although many people do not know how to read or write the language they speak. Whilst there, Rachael was able to observe

language teaching techniques and see how computers are used to translate extracts of the Bible into native languages.



*"I had a great time and a real opportunity to experience African lifestyle. The sights and smells will stay with me" said Rachael, "but it is great to have a chance to use my professional skills to assist in ongoing mission work".*

## What's going on at MBC?

**Milton Baptist Church** has over 300 members and Sunday morning services often have over 350 people worshipping together.

The **morning services** start at 10.30am and the first Sunday each month is a **family service** for all ages. During the other Sunday morning services the Junior church meets in different age groups from 3-14 years and there is a crèche for the under 3s.

There are also **Sunday evening services** at 6.30pm. **Communion** forms part of one service every Sunday.

**A short midday communion service** is held on Thursdays at 12 noon for about 40 minutes.

The building is regularly used throughout the week: -

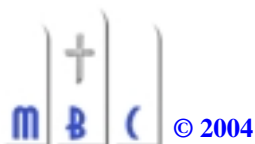
- ◆ **Toddlers** meet on Wednesdays, either morning or afternoon. So popular that you need to book early!
- ◆ **Pre-school** meets every morning, Monday to Friday. This group currently has a waiting list.
- ◆ **SAS (Serve a Saviour) for 5-11 years**, after school on Fridays for a time of games, craft activities and a Bible story.
- ◆ **Junior Youth Club for school years 6-8** meets alternate Fridays for activities such as swimming, ten pin bowling and other games.
- ◆ **Senior Young People's Fellowship for school years 8-13** meet later on a Friday evening for a varied programme of activities including outings, games and Bible exploration.
- ◆ **Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade**, both uniformed organisations, meet on Mondays and Thursdays respectively, with different times for the various age groups from 5-19 years
- ◆ **Junior Sports Club, ages 6-14** Saturday mornings at Worle School. (see separate item for more details)
- ◆ **R & R for 18-25 year age group** meets on a Sunday evening for a time of Bible Study and relaxation

- ◆ **Men's and Women's Fellowship Groups** both meet Monday afternoons.
- ◆ **A ladies group** meets on Thursday evenings with talks on a variety of subjects.
- ◆ Wednesday morning is **Bible Study and prayer** at the church. Also various **housegroups** meet in people's homes during the week.
- ◆ **Alpha groups** run regularly for those wishing to explore Christianity in a relaxed setting after a meal together. The next group starts on the 22nd April. Please ring the church office for more details or to book your place.
- ◆ **A Coffee Stop** open to all to drop in, is held every Tuesday morning.
- ◆ **A lunch club** meets most months on a Monday.
- ◆ Other groups include a **drama group, a music group, a singing group, a walking group** (see separate item for more details) and a **banner making group**.



The Alpha Course.

For more details of these and other activities, please ring the church office on 01934 641574.



## New life at Easter?

There is currently considerable controversy surrounding Mel Gibson's film "*The Passion of Christ*", to be released in the UK before Easter. It depicts the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus Christ on earth. It is said to be graphic in its depiction of the violence meted out to Jesus and anti-Semitic as it blames the Jews for his death.

- ◆ Crucifixion *was* a slow and painful way to die, but many were crucified by the Romans. Jesus was only one of many to die in this way. So why is it given so much emphasis? Because not only was Jesus God's Son in human form but he also proved this when God raised him from his stone-hewn tomb 3 days later and showed his friends he was alive! They were so convinced by this that they changed from a group of frightened people who had abandoned him when he was arrested, to a fearless group who openly shared the truth about Jesus, despite the consequences, which included death.
- ◆ The Jews should not be singled out for blame for Jesus' death because we are *all* to blame. How? Because Jesus, who did no wrong died in our place so that we could know what it is to be forgiven by God.

This is the wonderful news we want to share with you this

Easter. Jesus is alive and can give *you* a new life if you accept his forgiveness and entrust your life to him.

On behalf of the members and friends at Milton Baptist Church, we would like to wish you a Happy Easter.



Emma Smith, Youth Worker and Pastors Marc Owen and Roy Connor.

## SPECIAL SERVICES AT EASTER



**Palm Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am**

Family / Parade Service including a Procession of Palms



**Maunder Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm**

Communion Service focussing on the events of the Garden of Gethsemane and the Last Supper



**Good Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am**

Morning service followed by procession of witness around the area, joining with other local Christians



**Easter Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am**

Special Easter service of Believers baptism  
**6.30 pm** Easter Communion Service