



Beeston **Methodist** Church

Sunday Services

Sunday 15 March Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

1 Samuel 16 ¹⁻¹³
Micah 7 ¹⁻²⁰

Ephesians 5 ⁸⁻¹⁴
James 5 ¹⁻²⁰

John 9 ¹⁻⁴¹
John 3 ¹⁴⁻²¹

- 10.30am** Morning Worship (Local Arrangement) Rev Susan Holmes
and Colin Firbank
2pm Nottingham Korean Church Rev Joseph Kil

Sunday 22 March Passion Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37 ¹⁻¹⁴
Lamentations 3 ¹⁹⁻³³

Romans 8 ⁶⁻¹¹
Psalm 30

John 11 ¹⁻⁴⁵
Matthew 20 ¹⁷⁻³⁴

- 10.30am** Morning Worship Rev Arlington Trotman
2pm Nottingham Korean Church Rev Joseph Kil
6.30pm Passion Sunday Service Local Arrangement

The Zoom Link to the BMC Sunday service is:

<https://zoom.us/j/99137116392?pwd=ZFO2UVEyZ2g5VWk1aRmVCSG9iZURqdz09>

Meeting ID: 991 3711 6392 **Passcode:** 955943

Beeston Methodist Church welcomes the Nottingham Korean Church
who use its premises each week.

Beeston Methodist Church Registered Charity No. 1129035.

Minister

Rev Andrew Checkley can be contacted on Tel: 07458 002303
Email: revachekley@btinternet.com Andrew's day off is Saturday.

Beeston Methodist Church diary for the coming week

Sunday 15 March

10.30am

Junior Church.

Monday 16 March

9.30am to 11.15am

Little Acorns Parent and Toddler Group in the Hall.

2pm to 4pm

Monday Afternoon House Group, history of Taize, Joyce to lead. We are open to new members joining us, please contact Mary on 07958 696394, or email mary.c.baxter@gmail.com for more information.

Tuesday 17 March

9.30am to 11.15am

Little Acorns Parent and Toddler Group in the Hall.

10.30am

Churches' walking group long walk. A six-mile circular walk around Swithland Wood and Bradgate park. Meet at Swithland Wood South car park LE12 8TN (what three words /// slot.human.credit) at 10.30am prompt, car park charge is £5 all day and can be paid in cash or on the app. There are no stiles and very little mud but stout footwear is advised. We will picnic in Bradgate Park. The walk should take approx. four hours. For more information contact Heather Braough Tel. 0115 922 8260. It is our normal practice to give £1 to the walk leader.

11am

Open Space Coffee and Fellowship in the Wesley Room. Everyone is welcome.

Wednesday 18 March

11am to 1pm

Wholly Ground open for coffee, cakes and light lunches.

7.45 for 8pm

Alternating Housegroup at Mary Baxter's. Bring a song - can I find God here? New members welcome, contact Mary Baxter for more details on 07958696394.

Friday 20 March

7.30pm

Singers' Rehearsal in Hall B.

15 March In Lebanon, women's prisons are overcrowded and neglected, often housing four times the official capacity. After release, prisoners face social stigma and difficulty gaining employment. We pray for our partner Beit el Nour, helping the female inmates of Tripoli prison to learn skills in tailoring and embroidery, and supporting them to generate an income upon release.





The flowers this week are from Bill Hall in loving memory of his wife Susan.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers that were left on our door step and for the love shared from BMC. May and Roger Orton.

BMC is looking volunteers! Thirteen months ago all the chairs were removed from the church. Now is the time for them to come back pending the arrival of new chairs in six weeks plus time. Volunteers with or without cars are therefore needed on Monday 16 March from 9.30am to collect chairs from two addresses. We will be using the church front entrance to avoid contact with the Toddler Group. Volunteers will also be needed two weeks later on Monday morning 30 March to move the Allen organ from the hall into church. This is because renovations to the church organ will not be completed until the end of May. We look forward to seeing plenty of people! Thank you, Steve Ames on behalf of the transition group.

Are you a carer? Would you like to chat with other carers? Come to the coffee morning on Saturday 28 March where we will have the Wesley room set aside from 10.30am to 11am. Mission and Outreach committee.

Your church needs you. On 26 April, we will be holding our annual general church meeting. This meeting is responsible for appointing people to serve as representatives from the membership on church council. Church council is the decision-making body of the church and normally meets three times a year.

We are seeking at least five church members to serve on church council, as this many people will be obliged to stand down this year, having served a number of years. Please consider putting yourself forward. The job is not time-consuming but it is important to have sufficient church members involved to ensure the correct representation as required by The Methodist Church.

We are also seeking people to serve as church stewards. As well as the duties connected to worship on a Sunday morning, the stewards form part of the leadership team alongside the minister and treasurer. The leadership team have oversight of the running of the church in between church council meetings and meet six times a year. Church stewards also have a place on church council and are church trustees.

If you are interested in finding out more about what is involved as a member of church council or as a steward, please speak to one of the stewards or myself. Nominations need to be received by me by 12 April.

We have been notified about the following safeguarding foundation module update format. It will be a self-led module that you can do at your own time and speed. It is only for those who have already done a safeguarding course and need an update. If you decide to do this, please send the certificate to me as well on completion.

Creating Safer Space Foundation Module 2024 The Foundation Module is now available as online-only

training. It is anticipated that it will take between 2 and 3 hours to complete the course. It is not recommended for those completing the course for the first time, as some items may trigger difficult memories. The training will serve as a refresher course for those who have already attended the Foundation Module in-person or via Zoom. Please make sure that they can access pastoral support, by contacting their minister or someone else who they trust, if it is needed during the course.

The training's overall aim is to increase safeguarding awareness, so that the Church can exercise its duty of care to all: its members, office-holders and anyone who is part of the church community. We create a safer Church by developing our understanding of, and confidence in, our safeguarding processes and our individual place within these processes.

Please follow the link to the Foundation Module 2024 materials on MCBX: <https://mcb.theologyx.com/course/creating-safer-spaces-foundation-module/>.

When people have completed the course they will be able to download their certificate. They should then send a copy of this to the relevant Circuit Safeguarding Officer for their records. Thank you, Connie Pullan.

Wearers of hearing aids. Over the past few weeks we have found hearing aid batteries on the floor when sweeping it, particularly on a Monday morning. Can I ask you to be careful when changing the batteries please? I know they are very small and fiddly, and easy to drop, but I'm sure we all know how dangerous they are to small children if they put them in their mouth. Thank you so much, Karen Jowett.

Church Charity 2025-2026

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The total raised by 5 March was £6513.35

ebay	£2192.45	Money Jars	£102.06
Other items	£321.10	Recycled books and Cds	£152.29
Coffee Mornings	£876.84	Coffee Bar	£610.20
Donations	£1281.41	Wishing Well	£977.00

Recent contributions include £290 from ebay sales, £302 from the Wishing Well and £158 from the February Coffee Morning. Colin Firbank.

Thanks to everyone who supports the BMC Coffee Mornings.

They are held on the second and last Saturdays of the month from 10am to 11.30am.

Wholly Ground is open on Wednesdays 11am to 1pm.

Contact the administrator 0115 9431164 office@beestonmethodist.church.

The **deadline** for the next notices is **12 noon** Wednesday 18 March.

The deadline for the next Newsletter is 16 March.