



Beeston **Methodist** Church

Sunday Services

Sunday 19 July

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 28 ^{10-19a}
1 Kings 2 ^{10-12, 3-16-28}

Romans 8 ¹²⁻²⁵
Acts 4 ¹⁻²²

Matthew 13 ^{24-30, 36-43}
Mark 6 ^{30-34, 53-56}

10.30am Morning Worship
2pm Nottingham Korean Church
6.30pm Evening Worship

Martin Weir
Rev Joseph Kil
Rev Tony Malcolm

Sunday 26 July

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 29 ¹⁵⁻²⁸
1 Kings 6 ^{11-14, 28-38}

Romans 8 ²⁶⁻³⁹
Acts 12 ¹⁻¹⁷

Matthew 13 ^{31-33, 44-52}
John 6 ²⁴⁻²⁵

10.30am Morning Worship
2pm Nottingham Korean Church

Tracy Shaw
Joseph Kil

The Zoom Link to the BMC Sunday service is:

<https://zoom.us/j/99137116392?pwd=ZFO2UVEyZ2g5Vk1aRmVCSG9iZURqdz09>

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: revacheckley@btinternet.com Andrew's day off is Saturday.

Beeston Methodist Church diary for the coming week

Sunday 19 July

10.30am

Junior Church.

Monday 20 July

9.30am to 11.15am

Little Acorns Parent and Toddler Group in the Hall.

11.15am to 12 noon

Teddy Bear Picnic for the Toddler Group. If anyone has a gazebo that they would be willing to lend to the Toddler Group for the morning please let Paul Tivey know. Thank you.

2pm to 4pm

Monday Afternoon House Group - Parables/beatitudes, at the home of Steve Ames. 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 21 July

9.30am to 11.15am

Little Acorns Parent and Toddler Group in the Hall.

11am

Open Space coffee and fellowship in the church.

Wednesday 22 July

11am to 1pm

Wholly Ground open for coffee, cakes and light lunches.

Friday 24 July

7.30pm

Friday Group Barbecue at 3 Ireton Street.

Saturday 25

10am to 11.30am

Church Charity Coffee Morning.

BMC needs a Treasurer - a slightly different request. No one has yet come forward to volunteer for this role. BMC needs a new Treasurer in place from September 2026 - we are unable to function as a church without one. The Leadership Team is aware that it might seem a bit daunting to take on the whole role, so we are wondering whether there might be a small team of people who would be willing to take on the various tasks between them, supporting each other in the role and sharing out the responsibility.

The BMC Treasurer has always been a voluntary role which looks after the church's finances throughout the year, although responsibility for the finances and other assets of BMC firmly rests with the Church Council, as managing trustees. The Treasurer is responsible to the BMC Church Council and the hours are flexible as required. If no one volunteers, the alternative will be that BMC will have to pay someone professionally, which is likely to be expensive.

We would like to hear from anyone who is even considering putting themselves forward, for a chat, without any commitment, to see how many members are willing to give this a go. If you have questions or would like to discuss the role, then please speak with Ray Howard or Martin Weir. If you would like to see the full role outline, please ask any of the stewards to give you a copy.

As a family we support each other and take on different roles within the church. If you think you may have some or all of the skills required to become Treasurer, then please do consider this prayerfully and approach us for a conversation. With many thanks from BMC Church Council.



Today's flowers are given by Andy and Ruth Taylor in loving memory of their parents Bert and Mary Taylor.

There will be No coffee morning on Saturday 8 August. There will be one on Saturday 13 September. Thank you, Paul Tivey.

Concert by Everyone Can Sing - We have received thanks from Simon Thompson of Everyone Can Sing for the help given by church members in providing support with AV, on the door, providing refreshments and attending the concert. £620 was raised for the charity, Imara.

A small group looked at the banners that have been stored off site during the redevelopment. There were over 40 of them altogether! We have limited storage space at church and some of these banners have not been displayed for a long time. We now have the new banners in the sanctuary which look very impressive and we thought that permanent display of other banners would not fit in with the current feel in the church. We have kept the Easter and Christmas series that we may wish to display at the appropriate time and some others that we thought might go nicely in the Guild Room, particularly if evening worship continues here. There are other banners that clearly have had a lot of work put in to them by a variety of people. There will be pictures of these banners on display in the church or hall on the next 2 or 3 Sundays. If you have a particular interest in any of them and would like to keep them yourself, or have other ideas about what to do with them, please let me know by the end of July. Others will then be offered to other churches or for sale. Connie Pullan 07909503539, connierpullan@gmail.com

Notice Concerning Finances at BMC A big thank you to BMC members and friends for all the donations and support given for our redevelopment project over the past 5 years. This has given us an amazing space, fit for the 21st Century, in which to worship God and welcome in our community.

It is time now to focus on our running costs at BMC. Our church currently costs in the region of £3600 per week to maintain. Each week, lettings amount to about £650 and about £2100 is received in the offertory. This means that we have a shortfall of about £850 each week. We are therefore asking people to prayerfully consider increasing their regular giving, bearing in mind how much prices have risen over the past year or two. Please be clear that we are not suggesting each member should give the same amount to reach this target. This is simply to give you an idea of how much it costs to keep our church going. Glenda Taylor (on behalf of Church Council).

Gift Aid: £26,926.93 has been repaid to the church by HMRC for the Tax Year 2025-26. This includes Gift Aid tax refunds on Offertories, Church Charities and other donations; including £4,433.30 for the "BMC Mission Possible 2" Redevelopment Fund, from concerts, a dinner, a party, and other events and donations. It also includes the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. If you pay enough tax but do not currently Gift Aid your giving to the church, please contact John Foster (Gift Aid Secretary). Please also let me know if you no longer pay sufficient tax after any income or tax changes. Many thanks to all who Gift Aid and to all who give generously to the church!

Bringing hope to local care homes.

There are around 30 care homes in and around Beeston and Chilwell for older adults.

Could you offer one hour, one conversation, or one prayer? Some members of our church feel called to reach out to residents in local care homes with warmth, friendship, prayer and practical spiritual support.

For many older adults, later life is a time to reflect on faith, hope, meaning, loss, gratitude, God, and what lies beyond this life.

We want to be present with them, listening, sharing, singing, praying, and gently offering the love of our everlasting Creator God.

We have already spoken with local care homes. As a starting point, three homes would welcome visits that may include Bible study, prayer, hymns, songs and informal conversations about faith. This year, we aim to form a small team of volunteers to support regular visits and help interested residents connect with our services and activities, in person or on Zoom.

If you could offer a listening ear, a singing voice, a prayerful heart, or simply a little time, please get in touch. Contact: Paula Dawson, on behalf of the Mission and Outreach Group. Tel: 07879812798 Email: paulaedawson@btinternet.com

Regular Giving: If you would like to start (or change) regular giving to the church by Standing Order, please ask John Foster or Ray Howard for details. If you would like to start (or change) regular giving by Envelope, please ask John Hudson.

There is currently a vacancy for a representative from BMC to Circuit Meeting. You don't need to be a member of Church Council to fulfil this role but you do need to be a member of the Church. If you are interested in this or would like more information, please speak to Jenny Weir or Rev Andrew Checkley.

19 July We pray for the East Jerusalem YMCA, working to reduce the long-term trauma among survivors of political violence and children who've been imprisoned : <https://youtu.be/XkFwjcNDkmA> by the Israeli authorities (many for the charge of 'stone throwing'). Their services include psychological first aid, individual and group counselling and vocational training to help survivors reintegrate into their families and communities.



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 22 July.

The deadline for the Newsletter was 16 July. Please send articles to newsletter@beestonmethodist.church