


mountsorrel baptist church

A hand is shown in silhouette, holding a bright, glowing heart shape. The heart is composed of multiple overlapping, curved lines of light that create a sense of motion and energy. The background is a warm, orange and yellow gradient, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall image has a spiritual and uplifting feel.

So let's
not get tired
of doing
what is good.

At just the right time we will
reap a HARVEST of blessing
if we don't give up.

Galatians 6:9 NLT

newsletter january 2023

january services

See website for youtube link

Sunday 1st January 10:30am Bring and share Open service

Sunday 8th January 10:30am Communion service

Galatians 6:9

KIDZ KLUB 3:00pm - 5:00pm

Sunday 15th January 10:30am Morning worship

Galatians 1



Sunday 22nd January 10.30am

United Service at St Peter's

for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 29th January 10:30am All Age Worship

PRAYING GOD GIVES YOU A
year of favor

FULL OF HIS UNENDING LOVE.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...

PSALM 90:17a

H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

Welcome to Mountsorrel Baptist Church

When I look back to the days when I ran competitively it is easy to bask in the best and most memorable performances. Strangely enough there are other races which I feel more proud about when I did not time-wise run so well. I speak of races where I was under par and struggled even to finish. My first marathon was a prime example. I was young and at the peak of my career and decided to run this race feeling that my times at other distances would enable me to run below a certain time and for a large part of the race I was on schedule to do so until I hit what they used to describe as the wall. The final four miles were a bit of a blur, and I lost several places and was relieved to get on to the track where the race finished. Someone had the foresight to see that I was not in a good way and put me on the high jump mat when I had finished and plied me with a lot of much needed liquid that and helped me to recover.

I look back on that day thankful that I finished and did not give up! Something that I've always felt was important throughout my life.

As St. Paul came to end his letter to the Church at Galatia, he calls them to persist in their service for Christ and doing good to all. Although Paul was quite fond of using athletic metaphors at this point, he uses an agricultural simile writing:

“LET US NOT BECOME WEARY IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT THE PROPER TIME WE WILL REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.” GALATIANS 6:9

Challenging and encouraging words which are our Motto Text for 2023 developing further our theme for 2022:

“OPEN YOUR EYES AND LOOK AT THE FIELDS! THEY ARE RIPE FOR HARVEST.” JOHN 4:35

There are times in God's service when we are called to dig in deep and persist in what we have been called to do.

Do Not Give up! Be Faithful to God.

Your Friend and Pastor,

Anthony



Prayer remains a vital part of our fellowship: we believe and trust in the power of prayer so if you come to a service and there is something troubling you please speak to Pastor Anthony or one of the prayer ministry team (see page 7) after the service so someone can pray with you.

Remember also we have a prayer chain ministry where you can let Gill Fray know of your need for prayer, or indeed a reason to give thanks for something during the week, and she will put it on the prayer chain, in order that a number of people can be praying for the same thing at the same time.

Our monthly prayer meeting in January is a week later due to the bank holiday so that will be Monday the **9th January** at 7.30pm for approximately one hour to be held in the vestry. As we seek God's blessing and guidance at the start of 2023 we hope that as many of you as possible are able to join us at this time.

Pray Together STAY TOGETHER



We are also open every Saturday for Café+ between 10:00am and 13:00pm for coffee and a chat and there is always an opportunity here for prayer. Do pop in and join us if you are in the village and feel free to bring your own breakfast cobs!

We aim to regularly cover our whole village in prayer;
This month, please remember the households of:
Rosslyn Avenue, Stirling Close, Arundel Close and Rochester Close

Church Meeting Saturday 28th January 4:00pm

For members and friends of the fellowship to keep informed and be part of the work of our church.

MID-WEEK MEETINGS

Mondays 9:00am – 12:00pm Soar Valley Community Food Project
Tim and the team on site to take in donations and organise deliveries to other churches

1st Monday of Month 7:30pm Prayer meeting

Tuesdays 10:00am -12:00pm Food project Mountsorrel
Chris, Elaine and the team available to Mountsorrel clients needing food parcel support, advise and a listening ear.

2nd and 4th Tuesday 12:30pm – 14:00pm



Join Faye and friends for the Singing Lunch, billed as singing therapy in action, it's a time to get together to sing your favourite songs of the past, to lift your spirits and make new friends. Bring your own lunch (drinks are provided).

Wednesday morning Home Group at 10:15am – 11:45am
at 4 Loughborough Rd feel free to join us for coffee, prayer and a chance to study God's word together.



Wednesday 7:00pm Table tennis in upper hall

Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:00am -3:00pm Homefield College

Students and staff of Homefield College meet in the upstairs room for their drama and exercise sessions.

Thursday 1:30pm - 4:00pm i-can Café

Thursday evening Fellowship at 7:30pm – 8:45pm in the vestry

Second Thursday in month 7:30pm Mountsorrel Women's Institute.

Saturdays 10:00am -13:00pm Café+ Open for refreshment, physical and spiritual and warmth. Join us for coffee and a chat – feel free to bring your breakfast cobs from the butcher!



KIDZ KLUB 8th January 3:00pm 5:00pm

Games, craft-work and puppet shows for children of primary school age with a chance to hear stories from God's word.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This is organised by CTBI (Churches Together in Britain and Ireland) and runs from 18th to the 25th January. This year the focus is on praying for unity amidst injustice. A pamphlet is produced each year which includes daily reflections, reading and prayers and can be found on the ctbi website below.

<https://ctbi.org.uk/>

From those we support in thanks of gifts received for 2022

“This is a lovely surprise, and very welcome, as there are several needs just now. Many thanks again for walking with us.

Graham & Debbie Frith - Latin Link, Bolivia

“Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers, it is through you – our generous supporters that Alan & Megan are able to continue doing the work they do.

Please pass on our thanks to everyone at Mountsorrel Baptist Church, I know that Megan and Alan appreciate the support

God bless you, and here is to wishing you an amazing Christmas!”

With thanks,

Zanele - BMS

“Greetings to our friends at Mountsorrel Baptist Church!

Assuring you of the very real appreciation and thanks for your generous support of Edwin in his labours in Peru for the Lord. We have watched with amazement at the way he has developed the ministries that God has laid on his heart for Peru, both high up in the Andes and now in his home city also.

Thank you so much for your partnership in the Gospel!”

Derrick Tickner on behalf of Edwin

“Thank you so much, that’s such an encouragement as I’m sure it will be for Philippe and Lesley. Thank you for your continued partnership in their ministry.”

Hannah Williams – AWM

Who's who in Mountsorrel Baptist church

Pastor Anthony Orr.....Tel: 0116 230 4792/ 07798822793

Deacons

Liz Sam.....Tel: 07949 695072

Church secretary and first point of contact.

Mike Anderson.....Tel: 01509 413109

Looks after all things to do with the church building and maintenance.

Dave Hall.....Tel: 0116 230 2992

Worship group leader and joint team leader of Kidz Klub.

Rachel Winsor.....Tel: 0116 210 6695

Monthly bulletin, and website.

David Ellison.....Tel: 01509 621796

Treasurer and Food Project volunteer

Faye Brookes.....Tel: 07758 288489

Singing Lunch organiser and Food project volunteer

Wendy Sibbald.....Tel: 07468 415260

Joint team leader of Kidz Klub and Food project volunteer

Soar Valley Food Hub

Tim Jackson ~ Team Leader for organising donations for participating churches and debt management advisor for project

Chris & Elaine Budd ~ Team leaders for Mountsorrel Food Project and I Can Café

Mission support Representatives

Karen Reedman ~ BMS Alan & Meghan Barker in Nepal

Chris & Gill Fray ~ Latin Link Graham & Debbie Frith in Bolivia

Sandy Ellison ~ Arab World Ministry

Mike & Theresa Anderson ~ Jews for Jesus

Rachel Winsor ~ Baptist Home Mission

Prayer Ministry Team

Rebecca & Dave Hall, Gill Fray, Lysbeth Cant, Liz Sam, Jan and Trevor Long

First Contact for Prayer Chain Gill Fray: Tel: 0116 230 1136

Safeguarding Officer

Sandy Ellison

Rotas

We are blessed to have a fellowship who are always ready to get involved in the ongoing workings of the church, thank you all for your continued commitment in whatever way you are able to serve and please speak to me if you wish to be involved in some way.

BIBLE READERS		PRAYER		WELCOME		COFFEE	
1 st	OPEN SERVICE						
8 th	Alicia	Rachel	Lysbeth			Karen & Keith	
15 th	Chris B	David E	Mike and Theresa			Rachel & Lorna	
22 nd	UNITED SERVICE ST PETER'S						
29 th	Iris	Anthony	Sue O & Jason			Faye & Wendy	

We like to celebrate and give thanks to God with each other
If you have any news to share or items to be included in the newsletter
please let me know

January Birthdays
14th Jady Sam,
16th Jo Clarke,
24th Danae Chinnery



Mountsorrel Baptist Church

loving living listening learning

for copies of newsletter or recordings of services see website
www.mountsorrelbaptistchurch.org