

Future Events

PEOPLE'S PASSION – TUESDAY 16 APRIL, 7PM – ST MARY'S CHURCH

From the roaring crowd at the entry into Jerusalem to the moving drama of the crucifixion – this is where you get to be part of the Easter story! *The People's Passion* is a powerful piece of community storytelling that combines theatre and worship, bringing people together to re-create the events of Holy Week. There's a part for everyone and no rehearsal or acting experience needed. Simply turn up on the day and join in!

THE BARE TREE HOPE FESTIVAL - 16 TO 28 APRIL - ST MARY'S CHURCH

This Festival is a celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, celebrating Conservation, Schools and Charities: the abolition of modern day slavery, Fairtrade, Sustainable farming and more.

It's a great way to interest and inform people young and old.

The themes will be created on bare branches or similar.

If you or your organisation would like to get involved, please contact Sue Gowans, as below.

Ideally 2 Stewards will be needed each day from Tuesday 16th, 10.30 to 12.30 and 12.30 to 2.30. But no Stewards needed on Easter Day. Offers of help with this will be so appreciated.

Contact: Sue Gowans for further details or to offer your support
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WALK OF WITNESS – FRIDAY 19 APRIL, 10AM – TOWN CENTRE

The Good Friday Walk of Witness is an opportunity to join with other Christians in the town in honouring Jesus. Beginning at 10am at the King's Head, Nottingham Street, the Walk includes a short open air service in the market place, after which refreshments will be served in St Mary's Church.

Officers:

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What Next for CTiMM?

Back in September, I asked the question, "What next"? It was a challenge to all of us to ask the Lord what He wants us to engage in, in partnership with Him, to impact our community in life enhancing ways. I'm looking forward to hearing some of your thoughts at our next meeting on 13th February.

For myself, I've been stirred both by reading a challenging Christian book—*Scattered Servants* by Alan Scott—and by conversations with Ross Levy, an impassioned Neighbourhood Support Officer at Melton Borough Council, who has lots of ideas.



Neighbourhood Support Officers

These words from Alan's book, stirred my soul, "*The dream of God over your life is not that you become a believer and help out the local church. The dream of God over your life is that you come alive in His presence and bring life to every environment, spilling contagious hope into hurting humanity.*"



This caused me to proactively look for ways to let His light shine and see His Kingdom come into our streets. Jesus is the light of the world (John 8v12), but He also said that we are to be the light of the world (Mat 5v14).

As we continue to pray for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done, let's also continue looking for ways to enable His light to shine through us into our neighbourhoods.

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If you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

Isaiah 58: 10

Making a Difference

I'm often struck by the simplicity of some of Jesus' words of truth:

1st Commandment—Love God with all your being (Matt 22v37)

2nd Commandment—Love your neighbour as yourself (Matt 22v39)

A New Commandment—Love one another as I have loved you (John 13v34)

As we ask ourselves what we can do to bring light and life into our neighbourhoods, I'm pretty sure that these three relationships that we are strongly encouraged to participate in, show us the way.

Most of us pursue our relationship with God, every day, every week every month, through worship, Bible study and prayer.

Most of us live in and around the Borough of Melton, so Melton is the logical focus for our neighbourliness.

So all that remains is for us to develop our "one another" relationships to the point where we are naturally working together as Christians to achieve all that God has in store for us in our neighbourhoods, and that is where Churches Together comes in.

Being Good Neighbours

Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10 v25-37) in order to describe and illustrate the role of a good neighbour.

Firstly, the good neighbour stops to

help somebody who is in need. Secondly the good neighbour walks with that person to a place of safety and thirdly the good neighbour makes a contribution towards their ongoing care.

If you knew that somebody in your street was in need and you had the ability to meet that need in one or more of the above types of ways, which of us wouldn't want to say to Jesus, "I can be their good neighbour"

E.g. I could do some shopping for that person who has just come out of hospital, or I could run the lawnmower over their grass until they are back on their feet, or I could be there for them for a few weeks if that would help.

The problem of course is that beyond our immediate neighbours, we typically have no idea of the challenges faced by people just a few doors further down the street, let alone those at the opposite end to us.

BUT what if it were possible to create a GDPR compliant map of all the willing potential good neighbours (Christians) living within the Borough of Melton, with the data only available to a couple of key church coordinators, who would contact you if or when a person living near you needed some time limited help . . .

Would this count as "*bring life to every environment, spilling contagious hope into hurting humanity.*"? What do you think?

storehouse
at The Fox

Latest News:

Phil Johnson has been appointed to cover the Storehouse Coordinator role whilst Caroline Stannard takes maternity leave.

Phil comes from a background of 18 years in the construction industry. He said, "I'm very excited to be moving into a more vocational role and am looking forward to building on the excellent work that is already happening.



MADMAC

Latest News:

Melton and District Money Advice, has become a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), with 3 local trustees to support Amanda in her amazing work with MADMAC.

Last year finished with 164 local people being helped with their debt and that was with the service only being part funded for 9 months.

They are really excited about the possibilities for 2019 and the future if successful with a significant grant application.

Please pray for them in this regard.

In the mean time, it's business as usual with new referrals coming in every other day on average, with debts large and small and with all the associated mental health, stress and anxiety issues that accompany them.

Just until the end of February, Tesco in Melton Mowbray has MADMAC featured in it's support a local charity, blue disc initiative! Can you help them?

Amanda has a great team of volunteers, helping in a wide variety of ways. If anyone else would like to get involved in this work in whatever capacity, please do get in touch by emailing:

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Bare Tree ideas

As described on the back page, this amazing new idea of having a Bare Tree Hope Festival in St Mary's Church at Easter is just beginning. Be inspired by these picture of what can be done:

