

BRADMORE
METHODIST CHURCH
@ THE LABYRINTH



Sep - Nov 2017



Great blessings belong to the humble,
the meek, the patient, the unselfish, and
those who are not driven by anger, for they
will be able to feel the presence of God. We
pray that we may find strength and peace
with God.

(Matthew ch.5 v.5)

Family matters: This month has been eventful. August is usually a month full of celebration for our family, we have two birthdays and a wedding anniversary. But the biggest celebration for me was when our daughter Alice took her first steps walking. She now tentatively takes a few steps each day and is learning quickly. It makes me feel like we are doing something right as parents.

To be honest, I think being a father often can bring the worst out of me and it gives me a new perspective on anyone else trying to succeed in this parenting business. It can be frustrating and exhausting at times.

When it comes to children Jesus was quite clear about not denying them access to him. I keep reminding myself of the passage whenever Alice squeals out loud in the middle of a period of quiet during a service (even the minister gets embarrassed!): *Some people brought their children to Jesus so that he could bless them by placing his hands on them. But his disciples told the people to stop bothering him. When Jesus saw this, he became angry and said, "Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. People who are like these little children belong to the kingdom of God."* Mark 10:13-14

I almost want to add that Jesus wanted to give the parents a five minute rest! I am so thankful for the many groups that happen and the support available in the churches I am part of. The mutual support I have received is fantastic. To learn that temper tantrums at 15 months old do happen! To realise actually sometimes it is ok to just survive a day with your child.

At Ruddington, I help to lead our First Steps toddler group. In Keyworth, our Toddler Praise on a Friday morning is always popular and Alice loves the singing. At Bradmore we are starting a monthly Super Saturday morning group to provide a welcome and space to any families with babies and toddlers who wish to come, starting on the 16th of September.

I hope it can continue. I hope people from the churches can continue to support what happens. I hope people from the community can know our church is a space where they are welcome no matter how terrifying their children can be (they may even give Alice some competition.)

Every blessing,
Simon

This is a busy three months for your Community Hall. First off, we have a brand new **monthly toddler group, SUPER SATURDAY, starting on 16th September** from 9:30am. An ideal opportunity for folk who can't get to a weekday group, admission just £1 includes refreshments. See enclosed details for more information.

Then join us for a **TRADITIONAL HARVEST FESTIVAL** on Sunday 24th September, 10:15, when Simon Rose will lead our celebrations. Bring gifts of flowers, fruit and veg to the church on Saturday 23rd, 1-2pm, or bring them with you to the service. Then on Monday 25th there is the **supper and auction, fund-raising for the Friary in West Bridgford**, at 6:45pm on Monday 26th – booking essential, before 6 Sept with Jean Pooley, tel 9213123, or no later than 18th Sept with John Randall, tel 9212647. £6/£4.

BEAT THE DRUMS WITH BEATFEET - FAMILY DRUMMING FUN!

On Saturday 7th October from 2:00pm Jude Winwod of BeatFeet leads us again in another popular session of **drumming for ALL ages, 1 to 90+**, drums provided. Also time to create your own musical instruments. This is a free family event (donations welcome), but please contact Andy Proffitt before 27 September to book (andy.w.proffitt@gmail.com, tel 01159377176, mobile 07942943118).

And finally, on Remembrance Day Saturday 11th November at 7:30pm come along to **BYGONE BRADMORE**, an evening of tales and memories of former times and people in our village. £5 incl. refreshments, proceeds for chapel window repairs.

Bradmore Church calendar

September

- Saturday 2nd 9:45 Prayer fellowship (requests to John Randall).
10:30 Coffee, Chat & (optional) Crafts.
- Sunday 3rd 10:30 Family worship at St Mary's Bunny.
- Sunday 10th 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Roger Johnson.
7:00 Youth Alpha at Bradmore Methodist Church.
- Saturday 16th 8:30am Prayer fellowship. 9:30-11.00 Toddler Group
- Sunday 17th 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Rev Simon Rose.
7:00 Youth Alpha at Bradmore Methodist Church.
- Sunday 24th 10:15 Harvest Festival** Family Worship & Communion, all welcome, service led by Circuit Supt Rev Mark Roberts.
7:00 Youth Alpha at Bradmore Methodist Church.
- Monday 25th 6:45 Harvest Supper and Auction of produce.

October

- Sunday 1st 10:30 Family worship at St Mary's Bunny.
7:00 Youth Alpha at Bradmore Methodist Church.
- Saturday 7th 9:45 Prayer fellowship. 10:30 Coffee, Chat & (optional) Crafts.
2-4:30 Family Fun with Beatfeet drumming.**
- Sunday 8th 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Roger Wilcockson.
7:00 Youth Alpha at Bradmore Methodist Church.
- Sunday 15th 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Dave Morley.
- Saturday 21st 8:30am Prayer fellowship.
- Sunday 22nd 10:15 Worship & Sunday School, service led by Jean Smith.
7:00 Youth Alpha at Bradmore Methodist Church.
- Saturday 28th 9:30-11.00 Toddler Group.
- Sunday 29th 10:15 Chapel Anniversary** Family Worship, Communion & recognition of new members, service led by Rev Simon Rose.

November

- Saturday 4th 9:45 Prayer Fellowship. 10:30 Coffee, Chat & (optional) Crafts.
- Sunday 5th 10:30 Family worship at St Mary's Bunny.
7:00 Youth Alpha at Bradmore Methodist Church.
- Saturday 11th 7:30 Bygone Bradmore, memories and remembrance.
- Sunday 12th 10:15 Remembrance Sunday**, Worship & Sunday School, service led by Douglas Kerr.
- Saturday 18th 8:30am Prayer Fellowship.
- Sunday 19th 10:15 at Keyworth Methodist Church**, Worship and Dedication of William Proffitt, service led by Rev Simon Rose.
7:00 Youth Alpha at Bradmore Methodist Church.
- Sunday 26th 10:15 Worship, Sunday School, & Communion, service led by Rev Simon Rose. 7:00 Youth Alpha, Bradmore Methodist Ch