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Sunday 8th November



WHAT'S ON?



Remembrance Sunday



9.45 am Prayerfield @ manse



10.30 am Morning service

With James Vaughton leading and preaching on John 21 v 1-19

MID-WEEK

Wednesday 11th November



9.15 am Mid-week Prayerfield

10.30 am Oasis Coffee Morning



1.30 pm Bearcubs toddler group

7 pm '@ no 19' Evening Homegroup



7.45 pm Ladies Evening Homegroup

Friday 13th November

6 pm TGI



NEXT WEEK

Sunday 15th November

9.45 am Prayerfield @ manse



10.30 am Morning service

With Neil Loescher leading and Michael Leat preaching on Joshua

2.30 pm Welcome, refreshments & flowers team meeting

7 pm Choir practises begin –

weekly choir practices at 7pm until Carol service



Tuesday 17th November

10.30 am Morning Homegroup



Wednesday 18th November

9.15 am Mid-week Prayerfield



1.30 pm Bearcubs toddler group



7 pm '@ no 19' Evening Homegroup



7.45 pm Ladies Evening Homegroup

Thursday 19th November

7.30 pm 'Top of town' Evening Homegroup



7.30 pm BACT Prayer Meeting @ United Church



Friday 20th November

6 pm TGI



Sunday 22nd November

9.45 am Prayerfield @ manse



10.30 am Morning service

With Sue Glanville leading and Dave Parr preaching Judges 3 v 7-11 'God our Deliverer'

7 pm Choir practise







Pray for

- Those within our church who are struggling with health.
- Paul Weymouth, Jane Mbanacele and Gisela Leat
- Our mission partners

Dates for the diary



Sunday 15th November

2.30 pm Welcome, refreshments & flowers team meeting

7 pm Choir practises begin –
weekly choir practices at 7pm until Carol service



Thursday 19th November

7.30 pm BACT Prayer Meeting @ United Church

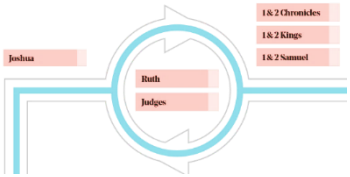


Thursday 26th November

7 pm People's Emergency Briefing *(See poster)*

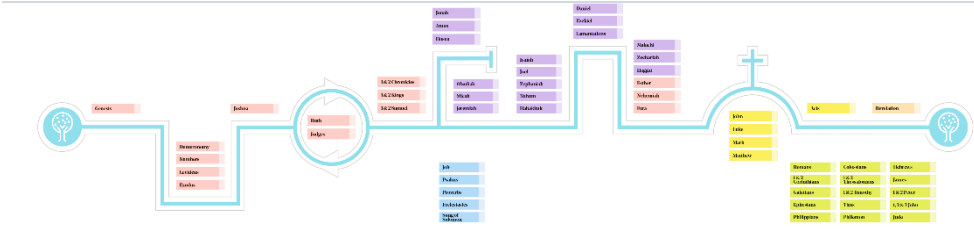


The Bible Course Readings



This month's readings -

1	Joshua, the call and the promise – be strong and courageous	Joshua 1:1–18
2	The judges, the cycles of rebellion and the warning – Israel stuck in a loop	Judges 2:1–23
3	Ruth, Boaz and Bethlehem – there is a redeemer	Ruth 1:1–22; 4:13–22
4	Samuel, the voice and the vision – hear the word of the Lord	1 Samuel 3:1–21
5	David, the giant and the stones – God's servant brings victory	1 Samuel 17:1–58
6	The king, the dream and the baby – the wisdom of Solomon	1 Kings 3:1–28
7	Judges, kings and Jesus – the ultimate judge	Judges 3:7–11; Romans 8:1



Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2026

Make a difference this Christmas and give someone a gift of hope!

Deadline - Sunday 15th November - for your shoe box/gifts.
We ask for £4 per box to cover increased travel costs.







- Wrapped sweets & chocolate,
- toiletries,
- stationary, hats,
- gloves, scarves
- cuddly toys,
- age appropriate gifts for ages 0 - 18 years
- We also do boxes for the parents.







Deadline : Sunday 15th November!

If you have anything for the newsletter, please email Sarah-Ann by Wednesday on admin@bearfield.org

Mission Partner Update



Paul and Bethanie Eaton

Even the sparrow finds a home! Psalm 84:1-7



Hello! Today we'd like to share a blog Paul recently wrote summing up some of our journey exploring Psalm 84:1-7 as MHOP since the start of the term. Many of these insights came from the wider MHOP community as we have met weekly to study, discuss, sing and pray this passage. We hope this encourages you!

It's been a wonderful start to the term at MHOP. This academic year, we have sensed the Lord inviting us to sing and pray through foundational scriptures that shape our vision: becoming a people of worship, intercession and missions. As you can imagine, there are a lot of scriptures to choose from within these themes! One of these is Psalm 84. It's a beautiful passage that captures the heart of a house of prayer.

This Psalm is most likely associated with the Sons of Korah, who were worshippers and musicians who wrote and sang Psalms. It may have been written at a time when Israel was making a pilgrimage towards Jerusalem to worship at the temple.

I want to draw your attention to a few aspects of Psalm 84:1–7 that God has highlighted as we've meditated, sung and prayed through these verses over the last few months.

"How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, LORD Almighty, my King and my God."

— Psalm 84:1–3 (NIV)

Finding Our Home in the Lord

The psalmist refers to the Lord Almighty's dwelling place. God is almighty; He is the Lord of hosts, the commander of the heavenly armies, and a God of immeasurable power, authority and majesty. Yet He also creates a dwelling place where we can experience security, home and belonging. These two facets of God coming together are a stunning reality. Jesus is the all-powerful Creator, and He is also the One in whom we find rest for our souls and an eternal home.

Welcoming the Ordinary and Birthing New Things

The psalmist describes a sparrow finding a home. Imagine the scene. The writer looks towards the temple in great anticipation, longing to meet with God. As they look, they spot a small bird nesting in the crevices of the temple roof. As they come closer, they realise it's a sparrow nesting with its little chicks.

A sparrow is a small, somewhat insignificant and common creature, yet it finds itself at the centre of Psalm 84! The sparrow reminds us that God welcomes the ordinary and cares deeply about all He has made. We are ordinary people with ordinary lives, families and stories. Yet we can find a place in God's house, just like the sparrow.

The swallow nests and has her young. I believe this speaks of birthing new things in God's presence. As we find our place in Christ, He wants to bring forth new gifts, calling and destiny in our lives to build His kingdom on the earth.

"Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion."

— Psalm 84:4–7 (NIV)

Discovering the Highways in Our Hearts

Psalm 84 introduces the theme of pilgrimage, which fits with the idea of the Psalm being written at a time when Israel was travelling to the temple in Jerusalem. A more literal translation of verse 5 is: "*Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts contain the highways.*"

I love the idea that God has placed highways in our hearts that lead to Him. To me, these highways symbolise how God has created us to follow Him. He has placed desires and inclinations deep within our hearts, meaning that we ultimately long for a pilgrimage towards Jesus. Nothing else will satisfy our souls. We will only find true rest, satisfaction and purpose as we discover the highways within us that lead to Jesus and take us on the extraordinary journey of following Him.

Finding Springs in the Valley of Tears

Lastly, the journey of pilgrimage inevitably involves hardship. The Valley of Baka is often understood as the valley of tears. It represents suffering, pain, loneliness and grief. The Hebrew imagery of "making it a place of springs" paints a picture of discovering pools or wells in the valley. In the valley of tears, there is an invitation to discover a place of refreshment, life and transformation. The psalmist describes how God can use suffering to change us, form us and make us more Christ-like as we continue to trust Him.

We hope these reflections encourage you and give an insight into what God is doing through MHOP in this season.

Thank you for reading and for your ongoing support! Paul

People's Emergency Briefing - Thursday 26th Nov @ 7pm

At the end of November, Bearfield will hosting a showing of the National Emergency Briefing, which brings together leading UK experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature.

It presents a calm, evidence-based overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life in Britain - and what the science says about risks and responses.

The initiative is explicitly non-partisan and supported by a wide range of organisations, including the Church of England, National Trust, WWF, the Royal Meteorological Society and many others.

Faith communities have long traditions of stewardship, care for the vulnerable, and intergenerational responsibility. We believe this is an important moment for thoughtful, compassionate local dialogue.

To book a place, please visit our eventbrite page

Community Events

