



Balderton

Methodist Church

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AN AMAZING
FAITH AND
FRIENDSHIP

BALDERTON METHODIST CHURCH



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Introduction

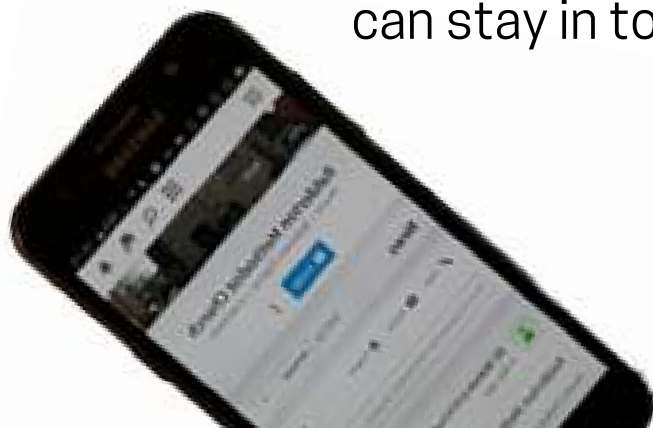


We wholeheartedly welcome you to our church – it is great to have you here. We trust that you received a warm welcome and want to find out more about joining us.

This booklet hopefully gives you a flavour of what we are about and the opportunities that are here to explore and deepen your faith. If you feel that our church is right for you, we would love you to join us on a regular basis.

We believe that we are here to deepen our faith, to love one another and to be a loyal and loving partner to the community around us. That is why we emphasise worship, learning and serving.

A pastoral leader will be assigned to you to help you settle in and look out for you. You will be enrolled into our Whatsapp groups so that you can stay in touch with the church 24/7.

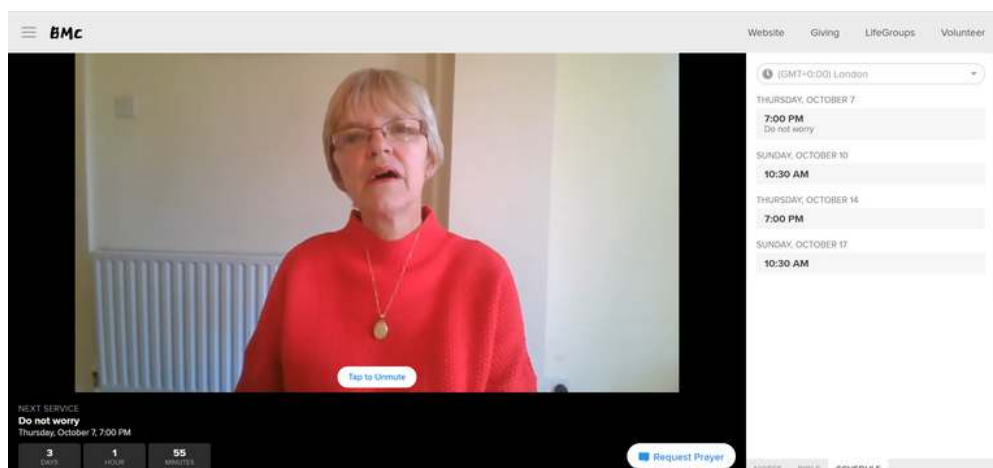


Worship

We meet together for Worship every Sunday at 10.30am offering love and support to all. Both traditional and modern hymns are sung and we have both local and visiting preachers. After our service on Sundays we meet for coffee and catch up, and everyone is welcome to join us.



We have an online platform (***balderton.online.church***) where we show the service at the same time as in church. If you want to, you can log in and chat with others who are watching. This is a good way for you to join in when you are not able to come to the service, you choose to just watch the service online or you want to get a taste for what we are like.



Join a Group



We encourage everyone to deepen their faith. Clearly, this is a very individual and personal thing between you and God. However, we provide opportunities for you to develop a greater understanding of what it is to be a Christian. We would be delighted for you to join at least one of our groups.

Sunday by Sunday at 9.30am there is a **prayer meeting**. This is for spoken prayer or, if you prefer, a time of quiet prayer. Whatever is right for you.

On the 3rd Friday of each month a **Bible Study** group meets at 7.00pm on Zoom. This is to read and discuss what the Bible has to say for us.

On the 2nd Friday of each month we have **Set up and Sing** at 7.00pm. This is an opportunity to learn songs from our Sunday morning worship hymn book 'Singing the Faith'. Hear the words come alive on the page!

At regular intervals we run a series of sessions that develop your faith. One is **Alpha** which is an 11-week course that creates a space where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God.

Another is **Christianity Explored** which is distinguished from the Alpha Course by shorter videos in less formal settings, less charismatic emphasis on the Holy Spirit and by an expositional study of scripture – in this case Mark's Gospel. An online version is available in our website.

Join the Mission

We encourage all who come to our church to serve on a team. It is a great way to get know other people. We believe that serving is an important part of church.

Opportunities to serve include:

- Messy Church
- 10-minute Ministry
- Bubble Group Team
- Boys' Brigade
- Baldertots Team
- Pastoral Team
- Bible Study Team
- Prayer Team
- Monday Morning Coffee Team
- Breakfast Team
- Catering Team
- Film Club Team
- Social Media Team
- Video production Team
- Fundraising Team
- Property Team



If there isn't one where you feel you can serve, then we are always open to new ideas.

How to join us

Joining our church

We would love for you to come to our church and be involved in what we do.

If you would like to be a member, we would encourage you to embrace five basic building blocks.

1 Come along on a Sunday

Our main service in church or online starts at 10.30am. We encourage you to regularly attend this service.

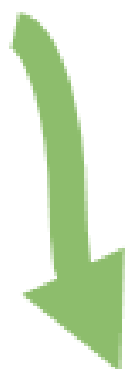


2 Join a group

Being in a group is a good way to get to know others and be known. A group will, also, help to develop your faith.

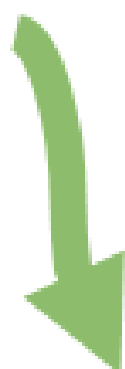
3 Join the mission

We would love you to use your gifts and talents to make a difference through serving on a team.



4 Give a portion of your income

The Bible teaches us to be generous. Giving money is one way to demonstrate a generosity of heart.



5 Become a member

We understand that joining our church is about involvement, but we would love you to take a step further and take part in a formal membership process.

What we Believe

All need to be saved
All can be saved
All can know they are saved
All can be saved completely

We believe in a culture without automatic negative thought (ANT) and one with a can and try (CAT) attitude and everyone is a doer of God (DOG). We look forward to the day when the ANT is banished, and it is raining CATs and DOGs!

We work and pray for:



A JUST ECONOMY
THAT ENABLES
THE FLOURISHING
OF ALL LIFE



A PLANET WHERE
OUR ENVIRONMENT
IS RENEWED



A SOCIETY WHERE
THE POOREST AND
MOST MARGINALISED
ARE AT THE CENTRE



A WORLD WHICH
ACTIVELY
WORKS FOR PEACE



A POLITICS
CHARACTERISED BY
LISTENING, KINDNESS
AND TRUTHFULNESS



A SOCIETY THAT
WELCOMES
THE STRANGER

Our Calling

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission

It does this through



Worship



Learning and Caring



Service



Evangelism

Generous Giving

We are really grateful for the generosity of those who give to Balderton Methodist Church. This enables us to maintain the church, provide resources for worship and learning, and to be a witness to the community around.

2 Corinthians 9 v 6-8

Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop. You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause.

Two ways to give:

1. Monthly standing order

Our details are: TSB account number 00039880

Sort code 30-95-88

Reference as [your name]/offering

2. You can give during worship via cash

If you are a UK taxpayer, please let us know if you would like to Gift Aid your giving. This allows us to claim an extra 25p from HMRC for every £1 donated.



Activities

You are encouraged to join in as many activities as you would like. The more you join, the easier it is to make friends and become a part of our church.

After lockdown, we are gradually introducing more of the activities that we ran . Some that have already begun include:

- Monday coffee morning 9.30am - 11.30am
- Baldertots playgroup Tuesday 9.30am - 11.30am
- Boys' Brigade Tuesday 6.15pm - 7.30pm
- Bubble Group Wednesday 2:00pm
- Community Breakfast 2nd Saturday 9.30am – noon

