

Mottram Evangelical Church

*"...Behold, I have set before you an open door,
which no one is able to shut. ..."* Revelation 3:8

Insight

March 2014

Hattersley
COMMUNITY CHURCH

*I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came
into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an
exceedingly great army.* Ezekiel 37:10



Insight

Mottram Evangelical Church
and

Hattersley Community Church

are interdependent churches who seek to be evangelical in their understanding and charismatic in their experience. Together *we live to glorify God, serve his church and reach his world.*

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Jim Solomon

The nation is talking about floods.

Is it a coincidence that as people struggle to clear up from the recent floods that have devastated much of our nation the cinemas are advertising a Hollywood blockbuster of the life of Noah? It makes me wonder whether God is trying to speak to us.

In the reporting of the tragic events I've noticed 2 main responses.

Firstly the politicians talk much about lessons that we can learn for the future so that it doesn't happen again. There are of course measures we can take in terms of flood defences and building away from flood plains, etc. but no matter how hard we try we can't control the weather.

The other response is that of the victims who have talked much about "God" or "the gods". For example, one lady living in the Hampshire village of Hambledon which at the time had been under water for 40 days, commented "We can't do much about it; it's an act of God".

The first response fights and the second response accepts.

But is there another response that we can take?

The story of Noah is found in Genesis, the first book in the Bible. It's a classic theme for decorating children's nurseries. We all love the colours of the rainbow and the diversity of all the different animals. But despite all this and its happy ending, the account is deeply harrowing. The morality of the people of the day had sunk so low that the Bible describes them as having evil in their hearts continually. For this reason God is recorded as being sorry that He had made mankind and resolved to destroy the whole human race. This He did by sending a flood to cover the entire world. Only

Pastor, Hattersley Community Church

Surviving



the Flood

8 people survived!

The story surrounding Noah is clearly a picture of God's judgement and it raises all sorts of questions. "Is God judging our nation at this time?", "Are the people whose homes were flooded worse people than those whose weren't?", etc. There are no simple answers but there are two truths that can shed some light and that we must proclaim: judgement is coming and Jesus saves.

God is slow to anger and compassionate but He is also holy and just and so will eventually punish wrongdoing. If He didn't then He would cease to be just. Writers of the New Testament and Jesus Himself cite the account of the flood during Noah's time as an example of the swiftness and inescapable nature of Jesus' return to earth as judge of the whole world.

God's over-arching characteristic is love. Even in the terrifying account of the flood in Genesis, we see that God in His love and mercy provided a way of escape. Everyone and everything that boarded the ark were saved. In many ways the

ark is a picture of Jesus who will save us from the final judgement.

So what is the third response to the recent floods? Call on the Lord.

In Acts 2 having just described the coming day of judgement, Peter says these words "everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved".

Let the recent flooding be used to wake us up to preach the good news. Martyn reminded us last month of the vital role of praying for salvation. Prayer is like the rain that softens the soil and causes the seed to grow. This month I feel to remind us of the need to sow the seed of the gospel. Every farmer knows that without sowing seed there will be no harvest.

May the Lord give us grace to warn people of the coming judgement and point them to Jesus, the only one who can save!

Jim

The Message

Be prepared.

You're up against far more than you can handle on your own.

Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet.

Ephesians ch6 v10&11
Gwen Taylor

**When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply.
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine**

From "How firm a foundation."
Words: From A Selection of Hymns from the Best Authors,
Edited by John Rip-pon, 1787
Gwen Taylor

Mighty March Morning Munch



Calling the mighty men of
Mottram.

The next men's breakfast
date

March 8th

We begin at 8 am and finish by 10 am on
each of these occasions.

If you could let Martyn Catterall know
you are breakfasting, it will help with the
sausage count



Prayer 4 Vision and Mission

The elders would like to call all regular members of the MEC congregation to join together from 8.00 to 9.30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month for evenings of prayer, of sharing our vision and mission and of ministry to one another.



Our small group meetings will not run on these evenings in order to enable as many as possible to be available to gather together.

Please put the date of the first of these meetings in your diary: 8 pm on Wednesday 12th March 2014. We look forward to seeing you there!

Strengthening the MEC Eldership

At the members meeting on Wednesday 12th February, Andy Peyton was overwhelmingly affirmed as an elder of MEC.

Please pray for Andy and Jan, that they will be empowered to serve the body of Christ here in MEC with wisdom and faith, and that they will be filled with joy in serving.

Please also pray for the eldership team (Andy, Peter, Tim and Martyn) and our elder in training (David) as they build the relationships needed to work effectively as servants of the church.



All Age Worship

Do you have a passion for developing all age worship in MEC perhaps 3-4 times a year?

At present a family service at MEC involves the children staying in for an normal adult-focused service.

If you are interested in exploring ways of involving children in worship and feel that you would like to make a contribution to the development of a team to work on this please would you let me know? I would love to see the children fully engaged in corporate worship on Sundays and see this as a small step to encourage this. They have a lot that they can teach us. We need creative, energetic and enthusiastic people with a heart for communicating God's truths in a way that is accessible to children.



I look forward to hearing from you,
Susan Cooling



Vacancy

We have an immediate and important vacancy for helpers in the Sunday morning children's ministry, Kids Church, working with the 5-11 year olds.

**Now it is time to ask God to provide new workers in this harvest field!
Could that be you?**

If you feel that God may be stirring your heart for this area of ministry, please speak with Jim Towell.

MEC Weekend Away 9th to 11th May

Book Now!



Our next church weekend away is to be held again at Cloverley Hall in Shropshire.

It would be good if as many regular attenders of MEC were able to attend this weekend as possible!

We plan to arrive for an early evening meal on Friday 9th May and to depart after lunch on Sunday 11th May.

Booking forms have been circulated. A deposit will be required to confirm your attendance with full settlement of the balance by the end of March.

We need to confirm numbers by 7th April at the latest, so please book as soon as you can

If the cost of the weekend is prohibitive for you, please discuss this with Martyn or Susan. We do not want anyone to feel that they are unable to attend because of finances!

Cloverley Hall, Calverhall, Nr. Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 4PH

Tanzania Mission Memo



- Did you know that Tanzania has the worst ratio of Doctors to population in the world? In the UK there is 1 Doctor for every 400 people. In Tanzania there is 1 Doctor for every 50,000 people!
- Did you know, that in Tanzania, all treatments have to be paid for, except for children's immunisations, TB and HIV? Some other conditions the Government should pay for, but can't, as they just don't have enough money to do so.
- Did you know that you are kept in hospital until you have paid your bill? So the cost increases until you borrow money to pay the bill.
- Did you know, that in Tanzania, there are so many rogue drugs about, that you could be swallowing chalk and not your antibiotic?
- Did you know that we have a God of Justice and Righteousness, who wants to reverse these facts, and care for His people?

I am going out with a medical team in April to start the new Tanzanian vision of reaching those with chronic health conditions in Dodoma, Tanzania.

With the blessing of the Archbishop, we are training a group of Church volunteers to understand how their bodies work, how chronic ill health affects them and how to care for and "treat" those with chronic conditions in their community. We will be working with the local Doctor and Nurse and visiting those who are ill in their homes. The volunteers will then carry on caring for their community and the Tanzanians' vision is to build a dispensary where good medicines can be bought at an affordable price. So please pray for this venture. Three nurses (Jim Solomon's mum Liz, Adele from Hope Citadel and Ruth) are going, and a prayer warrior: Carole.

So please pray for us as we go 11-25th April. We are preparing the training this month and collecting any equipment and items we need. We have a God of Righteousness and Justice and it is a privilege to serve Him in an area where there is wonderful Spiritual Revival which overflows into the community.

We are expecting great things, **Ruth**

Pastor Zephaniah Writes

PRAYER We thank God so much, that since December we have had a big prayer revival. Up to 50 people come to early morning prayers at 5 am onwards, until the small children go to school. We also have prayers overnight, combining with 4 churches whom we celebrate with. These are very powerful prayer times. Over 200 people attend these joint prayer meetings every first Friday of the month, with a service of Praise and Worship once a month. This month we have a Revival meeting. Last year we had really good fruit from this. Even the early morning prayer revival is the result of this.

REVIVAL People continue to be saved and 50 more have been saved since 2013. On the first of the month, members had a thanksgiving for all that God has done. God has healed many, others have found work, others have been able to buy plots to get a home and also to study... ..It was a big blessing to see people forgiving and to leave the pain Satan gave them and to press forward with the Lord Jesus.

CHURCH PLANTING Last year we trained 5 pastors and now they have finished studying for a year and already 3 have opened new churches which continue well. 2 are in the process of preparing... ..We are still supporting 4 pastors in the Kondoa region, where the churches need help and strength to grow.

HEALTH We are thankful that many people have been helped with spectacles and now they can read well (Jenny's Vision Mission)...



& Pastor Zephaniah Writes

Stellaand her husband, say a very big THANKYOU to God and the Tanzania (UK) Trust... We thank you for Stella's treatment: she is doing well...

We also thank you for your help with Elia, who died, and his parents (pic opposite) thank you for his help (with the funeral). Elia had TB, but he died of Leukaemia... ..Elia's brother Imanuel who is 1 1/2 years old with club feet (untreated). We are looking to treat him too as a Trust so that he will be able to walk.



When Ruth visited, she visited and advised people about health and this has been a big success – many say the advice works and their health problems are reducing. We continue to pray a lot for the Health Vision to be a great benefit, as many Tanzanians are sick. We have started to ask those with a mind to, to prepare themselves for health training this April, including receiving teaching. Dr Motto, Nurse Hilda and 20 volunteers are ready to attend, so far.

WELLS The church well continues to pump water up very well. We thank God there are no problems. We still harvest vegetables and greens and people collect water.

NURSERY We thank God that the nursery class has increased to over 30. The parents have started to respond well in bringing the children and slowly the number is increasing of those who pay: which helps in providing porridge and school uniforms. We are preparing to start another class this month, to match the numbers.

Loveness has started to study for 6 months. We thank the Tanzania (UK) Trust for paying her fees She will finish in July and get her Certificate.

KNOWLEDGE It is amazing that this year in June, Shakwa will finish her Diploma. Thank you for helping her. I am continuing well in my studies for a degree – it is difficult, but God is helping me so much. We study until 10pm in preparations for the course and lectures... Senya (Blessing) continues well in his studies in this new year.... ..Lightness continues well with her studies.



Pastor Zephaniah Mkuyu
(CCC Dodoma News extracts February 2014)

MEN at M&C

Wednesday 12th March from 10 am to 11.30 (ish)

A time for **all** men to meet, pray, read and discuss the word of God.



Tea and coffee will be available.

For more details see Paul B or Andy P.

Brylcreem and tank tops optional

What, Where, When and Who

*What happens in and around our Churches,
When it happens,
Where it takes place and Who to contact for
more details and to volunteer.*

Sundays (see Diary Dates for full details)

10.30 am **Mottram Morning Worship**
MEC, Stalybridge Road
Martyn Cooling 01457 238016
martyn@motrframec.co.uk

10.30 am **Hattersley Morning Worship**
Pinfold Primary School,
Hattersley
Jim Solomon 07985 029115

6.30 pm **'Ish (18-25's)**
To 8.00 pm Debs F 07446 893445

Monday
2.00 pm **Mottram Monday Matinee**
To 4.00 pm MEC
Debs F 07446 893445

7.45 pm **Tearfund Prayer Meeting**
(2nd Mon of Month)
Venue varies.
Shirley Brierley 01457 764700

Tuesdays
11.15 am **Tuesday Café**
to 12.45 pm MEC
School term Linda Winson 01457 764225

4.30 pm **The Girlee Crew**
To 6.00 pm MEC
School Term Louise Lee 01457 762173

6.30 pm to 8.00 pm **Church Aloud**
MEC
Louise Lee 01457 762173

Wednesdays

9.30 am **HCC Prayer**
to 11.00 am 4 Worthington Close,
Hattersley.
Sylvia Garry 0161 368 0952

9.30 am to 11.30 am **Mum's Bible Study**
MEC
Susan Cooling 01457 238016

6.00 pm to 7.30 pm **MEC/HCC Lads Cell**
MEC (13 to 17's)
Simon Davidson 07770 427313

8.00 pm to 10.00 pm **Small Groups**
Various locations.
MEC Martyn Cooling
01457 238016

Thursdays

10.00 am **MEC Womans Prayer & Bible Group.**
MEC
Alison Fewster 01457 762676

6.30 pm to 8.00 pm **Kids 4 Christ**
School term MEC (Junior school age)
Jim Towell 0161 330 9058.
jim@towells.info

8.00 pm **MEC Worship Group**
MEC
Alan Kendrick 01457 853747

Fridays

7.30 pm to 9.00 pm **Young People's Group**
School Term MEC (Secondary Age)
Debs F 07446 893445

9.30 pm to 11.00 pm **Late Lounge**
MEC (16 to 21 years)
Debs F 07446 893445
Simon Davidson 07770 427313



Miscellany

Church Aloud want to be even **louder.**

After the success of our recent performances we have decided to carry on meeting together **but we need more members!**

We meet on Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm at M.E.C.

Everyone is welcome for fun and fellowship. See Vicky or Louise Lee for more details.



HOLIDAY ALERT

This is just a quick note to let you know that Martyn and Susan will be on

holiday from 22-29 March and so will not be available to take calls or arrange appointments during that week. If you require pastoral support during this week, please contact your small group leader in the first instance (or one of the elders if this proves difficult).



It's the date for this year's Church in the Park

Please set it aside in your diary and if you want to become part of the team that makes it happen, speak to Jim or Martyn



The **deadline for the April issue of Insight is Sunday 23rd March**



Articles for Insight—Sorry! We can't be everywhere!

If you have photos or reports on Mottram or Hattersley church events, please send them to us for including in *Insight*
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See the Diary Dates for the copy deadline.

Stephen & Margaret Winfield

Insight March Diary Dates



Sun 2nd	HCC	9.45 am	Hattersley Sunday Prayer
	MEC	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	MEC	10.30 am	Mottram Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
	HCC	10.30 am	Hattersley Morning Worship
Mon 3rd	MEC	7.00 pm	Christianity Explored. Week 6. Sin: How can God accept us?
Wed 5th	HCC	7.00 pm	HCC Whole Church Prayer and Praise Evening
Sat 8th	MEC	8.00 am	Mottram Mighty Men's Breakfast
Sun 9th	HCC	9.45 am	Hattersley Sunday Prayer
	MEC	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	MEC	10.30 am	Mottram Morning Worship
	HCC	10.30 am	Hattersley Morning Worship
	MEC	4.30 pm	Prayer 4 Youth
Mon 10th	MEC	7.00 pm	Christianity Explored. Week 7. What does it mean to follow Jesus?
Wed 12th	MEC	10.00 am	Men's Meeting
	HCC	8.00 pm	HCC Whole Church Bible Study
	MEC	8.00 pm	Prayer 4 Vision and Mission (no Groups)
Small			
Sun 16th	HCC	9.45 am	Hattersley Sunday Prayer
	MEC	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	MEC	10.30 am	Mottram Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
	HCC	10.30 am	Hattersley Morning Worship and Lord's Supper
Tue 18th	MEC	7.45 pm	Prayer 4 Prodigals
Wed 19th	HCC	7.00 pm	HCC Whole Church Prayer Gathering
Sun 23rd	April Insight Deadline		
	HCC	9.45 am	Hattersley Sunday Prayer
	MEC	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	MEC	10.30 am	Mottram Morning Worship
Sun 30th	HCC	10.30 am	Hattersley Morning Worship
	April Insight		
Wed 26th	HCC	8.00 pm	HCC Whole Church Bible Study
	HCC	9.45 am	Hattersley Sunday Prayer
	MEC	10.10 am	Prayer 4 Church
	MEC	10.30 am	Mottram Morning Worship
Sun 30th	HCC	10.30 am	Hattersley Morning Worship



It's on June 22nd!



MEC = Mottram Evangelical Church. HCC = Hattersley Community Church
UTD = United Meetings (at MEC unless stated)



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