

MICKLEOVER METHODIST CHURCH
MANY GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES,
BUT ONE CHURCH



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This booklet has been prepared to give an overview of Mickleover Methodist Church and its many groups and activities. It is not definitive, but intended to give an indication of what each group or activity does. To find out more, please see the weekly notices, the monthly magazine, the website, the church TV screens or the notice boards or contact the Church Office or Minister.

OUR MISSION AS A CHURCH IS TO DEVELOP A CHURCH FAMILY WHICH IS CONTINUALLY GROWING IN CHRISTIAN FAITH, WORSHIP AND OUTREACH SO THAT ALL MAY KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD THROUGH CHRIST.

HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES

Church Council - has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the church, including the management of its property. They are the legal Trustees of the church and since the church is a charity they are also legally responsible to the Charity Commission. They are mainly Church members, some there because of the post they hold and others elected by the General Church Meeting.

Minister – has the Pastoral Oversight of the church and joint leadership with the Leadership Team

Children and Families Worker – is responsible for developing and coordinating the Children and Families activities in the church. Their support team is appointed by the Church Council.

Local Preachers and Worship Leaders - are trained and authorised to plan and lead our Sunday Worship together with Presbyteral and Diaconal Ministers.

Leadership Stewards – are appointed by the Annual General Church Meeting and, with the Minister, are responsible to the Church Council for giving leadership and help over the whole range of the church's life and activity. .

Pastoral Team – is responsible to the Church Council for providing Pastoral Care for all members and others linked to the church. This is mainly done through Pastoral visitors who each have responsibility for nominated individuals.

Vestry Stewards – make arrangements for church services, ensure that the church building is always a welcoming place for all and that all rooms and facilities are properly prepared to meet the needs of services and other church meetings.

Business Team – is responsible to the Church Council for the management of all aspects of the church's finance, buildings, furnishings and equipment.

Navigating Change - was an initiative that reviewed the church activities and organisation and prepared the basis for the new church organisation and strategy.

SERVICES, PRAYER AND TEACHING

Sunday Morning Worship – is held at 10.00am and has a congregation of around 100 including the children who usually go to Sunday school for the first part of the service, joining the congregation near the end of their service. Holy Communion is held on one Sunday of the month and all age worship on another.

Sunday Evening Worship – is held at 6.30 pm and has a congregation of around 25. A service of Holy Communion is held on one Sunday of the month.

Spark to a Flame – is a service of alternative worship which is held in the Large Hall, concurrently with the Morning Worship in the Chapel at 10am on the third Sunday of the month. It is an interactive service catering for people of all ages, developing a Bible based theme with a mix of modern and traditional worship songs, videos, drama, dance, discussion, music, art, crafts, games, cooking, something for everyone to relate to.

Messy Church – is held from 4pm to 6pm on the first Tuesday of the month. It is a time of fun, learning and a large choice of activities, mainly aimed at families, but all are welcome to join in. The event ends with a time of fellowship over a meal, when other members of families join in as they return from work. There are usually about 60 people there.

Wednesday Morning Devotions – Holy Communion at 12 noon on the first Wednesday of the month, followed by a soup and roll lunch . All are welcome. This replaces the previous 9.30 prayers.

Saturday Morning Prayers – Prayers for the church and its future are held on alternate Saturday mornings at 8am in the Minister's office. These were originally structured to support the Navigating Change initiative. All are welcome to join in when they are available.

Thursday Morning House Group – meet for prayer and bible study and fellowship together, always open to new members.

Thursday Evening House Group - meet for prayer and bible study and fellowship together, always open to new members.

Prayer Team - compiles a list of prayer topics for distribution with the weekly notices.

ACTIVITIES MAINLY FOR ADULTS

Women's Fellowship – meets on Tuesdays at 2.30pm in the Wesley Room for a time of fellowship together and enjoys a variety of speakers – serious and humorous, spiritual and secular. All Ladies will find a warm welcome here.

Wesley Guild - is a long standing national Methodist organisation which our Wesley Guild is part of. If you would like an entertaining and informative evening with a large variety of speakers, come along and join in the fellowship of the Guild on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm.

Funtime - is a drop-in group that meets from 10 am on alternate Wednesday mornings. There are quizzes and a wide range of games to be played, or you can simply sit and chat over a cup of coffee and a biscuit or contribute to completing the current jigsaw puzzle.

Walking Group - usually meets at church at 9:30 am on the second Saturday of the month. Walks are usually up to about 5 miles, are led by a number of different people and visit many interesting places.

Scrabble Group - meets at 9.30 am on the fourth Friday of the month. Come along and join in the fellowship.

Fair Trade Coffee Bar - We are a fair trade church and try to promote the purchase and use of fair trade goods. On some Saturdays from 10 to 12 am a fair trade coffee bar is open selling coffee and cakes made with fair trade products. A Fair trade stall is also open at this time and after some Sunday morning services.

Friday Morning Coffee - Every Friday morning the social area is open for coffee and cakes between 9.30 and 12 noon. Come and join in the fellowship.

Community Lunches - on the first Saturday of the month lunches are served from 12 noon to anyone from the church and community. Come and have a jacket potato with a tuna or cheese filling and salad, followed by a selection of delicious home-made puddings and a cup of tea or coffee.

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Sunday School - usually meets in groups, appropriate for all ages of children for the first part of the morning service before joining the chapel congregation for the end of the morning service. There is also a creche for babies and preschool children.

Mickleover Methodist Preschool - is an OFSTED accredited preschool group, responsible to the Church Council and meeting every weekday morning and on Friday afternoon. It accommodates around 30 children and is highly respected in the community.

Little Micklers - is a very popular mother and baby and group for children under preschool age. It meets at 1.30 pm on a Monday afternoon during term time for a range of play and learning activities and a story.

JMA – our Junior Mission for All group is part of a national Methodist organisation that encourages children to raise money for missions in the UK and overseas. Ours is a small group but normally raises around £1500 a year.

Chat 'n' Play - A time to have a chat with a cuppa while the children play on Mondays at 12.15pm after Preschool and before Little Micklers

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Fusion - is a group of young people who meet at the same time as the Sunday Morning service to grow together in their faith.

Girls' Brigade - the Mickleover Methodist, 10th Derby Girls Brigade Company was set up by the Methodist Church over 50 years ago and provides Christian-based training, fun and team experience for girls aged 4 to 18 year. It meets on Wednesday evening with four different age groups meeting at different times.

Scouts - the Derby 149 (Mickleover Methodist) Scout group is affiliated to the Methodist Church and was set up in 1960. The Kinder Scouts meet on a Friday evening.

Cubs - there are two Cub packs, Red Fox and Brown Bear, which meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for children aged 8 to 10 ½.

Beavers - the two beaver colonies, Derwent and the Dove, meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings respectively and are for children aged 6 to 8.

Pathfinders - is a Christian youth group organised by the Anglican and Methodist churches for children from school year five upwards. It usually meets at the Methodist Church at 7 pm on alternate Saturdays.

The Hangout —is an Anglican/Methodist youth group for older teenagers. It meets fortnightly at All Saints Church at 7pm on the Saturdays between the Pathfinders meetings.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS WE WORK CLOSELY WITH

Live at Home - the Mickleover Live at Home Scheme is part of a Methodist initiative run by MHA which provides support for elderly people who live alone. The Mickleover Scheme was set up jointly by the Mickleover churches with an office at our Church, but is now administered from an office at Spondon. It has around 50 volunteers support around a hundred older people in Mickleover. LAH is in many ways very much part of the church.

Derby Methodist Circuit – Mickleover Methodist church is part of the Derby Methodist circuit which has 21 churches and employs the ministers in the circuit. Our Minister is also the Minister of Dean Street Methodist church. Events organised by the Circuit are also part of our programme. We are also involved in circuit initiatives such as the Derby Churches Night Shelter and Susanna Wesley House, the new Pioneer Ministry project in the City Centre.

Churches Together in Mickleover - we have a covenant with the All Saints and St John's Anglican churches, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church and the small Russian Orthodox Church in Mickleover. The principle of the covenant is that we do not do separately anything that we could better do together, so activities such as discussion groups, prayer meetings, services and community activities that are arranged with CTM are an integral part of the Methodist Church program. There is also Ecumenical outreach to the Mickleover Schools through Open the Book teams which lead school assemblies, Christmas events for Schools and Holiday Clubs promoted through the Schools.

Our Mickleover - is a Mickleover community organisation which was set up to try to maintain a village atmosphere in Mickleover as it grows in size to major suburb. As a church which is concerned about the community in which we live, we try to get involved as much as possible in the planning and operation of its activities.

Mickleover Primary Schools – We try to keep contact with the primary schools in Mickleover both through Churches Together activities and direct contact; ministers speaking in assemblies and making the church available for school services.

Other Users of the Premises - There are organisations and individual who hire rooms for regular activities for special events. We welcome our contact with them and the opportunity for relationship which they provide.

VOLUNTEER TEAMS THAT MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

Communion Stewards - a group of people on Rota who prepare for the communion services and provide support during the service.

Door Stewards - a group of people on the Rota who welcome the congregation as they come into church and provide them with information and any books they need for the service.

Flower Arrangers, Donors and Stewards - a group of people on a rota provide and arrange flowers for the Sunday services, and take them out after the services to people who are sick or have particular needs.

Maintenance Team - a group of people who are part of the business team who keep the building in good condition through their own work or contracting others.

Gardening Team - a group of people who maintain the church garden to provide a pleasant, welcoming display for those coming into the church.

Kitchen Teams - there are several teams which provide refreshments and meals for regular events such as coffee after the morning service, Messy Church meals and the Saturday Community lunches, and for special events such as celebrations and funerals. The kitchen is maintained to a five-star standard.

Office Team - the church office is open every morning from 10 am to noon. The volunteer office staff deal with the administration of the church, producing printed documents, answering queries and many other things.

Organists and other Musicians - the church is fortunate to have three organists and many other talented musicians who get together to form music groups for regular services (e.g. Spark to a Flame and All Age Worship) and for special occasions

Audio Visual Team - maintain and operate the audiovisual systems that are used throughout the building for services and meetings. This includes managing microphones, speakers and hearing aid loops, playing music etc. and projecting pictures, videos and PowerPoint presentations. Some events are also recorded for the use of people who are housebound.

Publicity, Communications and Advertising Teams - there are many ways in which the church tries to communicate with individuals and the community to advertise events and activities. Various individuals and teams provide the weekly notices, monthly magazines, the websites, the internal and external posters, flyers and other publicity material and arrange for distribution in the community and in the circuit.

Church Cleaning Team - although the cleaning of the building is carried out by contractors, some parts such as the chapel are cleaned by volunteers on a Rota.

Safeguarding Team - is responsible for managing the policy and procedures for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults in the building.

Church Unlocking and Locking Team - open and close the buildings when rooms are let to outside individuals and organisations. They also ensure that the church is returned to its normal state after such an event.

MAIN CHARITIES THAT WE REGULARLY SUPPORT

MHA - Originally called Methodist Homes for the Aged, this charity which provides care homes, dementia homes, nursing homes and sheltered accommodation for older people and also projects in the community such as the live at home scheme.

Action For Children - is the children's charity of the Methodist Church.

All We Can - is the Methodist overseas aid charity, previously called the Methodist Relief and Development Fund.

Christian Aid - is the major UK Christian charity which both provides aid to those in need around the world and also campaigns on issues of concern to Christians.

Nigerian Health Care Project - is a project set up originally by the Wesley Guild movement of the Methodist Church and provides healthcare in many places around Nigeria. We support this charity by giving 5p pieces and by special events.

Padley Centre - a charity which supports the homeless in Derby.

Basics Bank - provides essential food and other consumables to those in need.

Derby Churches Night Shelter - provides night accommodation in city centre churches for homeless people during the winter months.

World Church and Mission in the UK Funds - support Methodist Mission work around the world and in the UK.

Church of North India - part of the link with the Derbyshire churches.

Leprosy Mission - preventing and treating the effects of Leprosy around the world

LWP Trust - Supports Local Preachers and Worship Leaders.

Love in a Box - providing shoeboxes of Christmas gifts for poor children around the world. We previously did this via Operation Christmas Child.

Presbyters and Deacons fund - supports the training of Methodist Ministers.

There are other charities that are supported occasionally by individual groups.

Through Churches Together, we also support selected charities by purchasing gifts at our annual Alternative Christmas Gift Market.