

# An insiders guide to MELTON MOWBRAY BAPTIST CHURCH



or

## ...what to expect on a Sunday morning!

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## Welcome to Melton Mowbray Baptist Church!

*We know it's not easy visiting a new church for the first time, and for some it can be a very nerveing experience. So we have put this leaflet together to help the visitor feel at home and to explain some of things that will happen on a typical Sunday morning.*

*The first thing to say is that there is much more to the Church than simply our Sunday morning service – but having a focus, where we join together for worship and Bible study, forms an important part of our cooperate life together – if you want further details of weekly activities, please see our bulletin.*

*When you arrived at the Church you should have been met by one of our 'Welcome Team' (they probably gave you this leaflet) – they can answer any immediate questions you might have.*

*You will notice that the people are dressed 'comfortably' in anything from 'office casual' to jeans and trainers – there is no strict dress code.*

*The service will begin at 10am, and the first 25 minutes of our time is family focused and usually quite lively, after this time children and young people head off to their own activities in the building. If you have kids, they will be more than welcome to join the various age specific groups. If your kids are shy, or just don't want to, they can remain with you for the adult service, but most children really enjoy the kids' program.*

*All of our team who work in the youth department do so having been appropriately checked and trained in accordance with government policies and those adopted by the Baptist Union of Great Britain – so your children are in safe hands. If there is a major problem, the workers will come and get you.*

*During this opening worship we will take up a monetary offering. As a Baptist church we receive no external funding – we fund ourselves and the work we undertake. As a visitor, please to not feel obliged to contribute, unless you want to.*

*Once the younger members have left, those remaining sing some more reflective songs. If you don't know the songs, you are more than welcome to sit back and listen. Most people stand to sing, but you don't have to. We all worship God in different ways: some sit, some kneel, and some stand.*

*At some point during the service we have a talk. The aim is to help us study the Bible in a way that is interesting and relevant to our daily lives. If you want to follow the story in the Bible, there are church Bibles in the foyer – ask one of the 'Welcome Team' or just step outside and get one.*

*Throughout the service we also use prayers and readings – some have been in use since the birth of the church 2000 years ago. These remind us that the Christian faith has a sense of history, tradition and a family story that we want to retell and be part of.*

*Our intention is to finish our service round about 11.30am (90 minutes) – sometimes we finish a little before this, occasionally a little after.*

*After the service, if you have them, you'll pick up your kids from their activities. We hope that you will stay and have a cup of tea or coffee and introduce yourselves to us.*

*You will also find our minister (or in his absence one of the other leaders) at the door, saying goodbye to people - do come and say hello (or goodbye!).*

*Church is about God and worship, but it is also about community and friendship, so we hope that people will really experience warmth and friendship at MMBC. If you would like any further information about the church and its activities please ask.*

*Thank you for your interest.*