

An Insiders Guide



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Melton Mowbray
BAPTIST CHURCH

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 here a Melton Mowbray Baptist Church.

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 news sheet, read our other leaflets or find us on Facebook.

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 30 minutes of our time is all-age focused and usually quite lively. 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 do not feel obliged to contribute – unless you want to.

After this time children and young people head off to their own activities in the building. If you have children, they will be more than welcome to join the various age specific groups. If your children are shy, or just don't want to, they can remain with you in the main hall, but most children really enjoy their own 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.

Usually at this point we have a talk. The aim of the sermon 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 at the back of the main hall – ask one of the ‘Welcome Team’ or just step over and grab one.

Our talk lasts for 25-30 minutes, after which we take some time to respond to what we have heard and we ask the question ‘what has God been saying to us?’, some members of the congregation may get up and contribute at this point. This time is also interspersed with more worship and prayers.

Our intention is to finish our worship gathering round about 11.30am (90 minutes) – sometimes we finish a little before this, occasionally a little after – if you need to leave before this, then please feel free to do so). After worship, if you have children, please pick them up from their activities. We hope that you will stay and have some refreshments with us and introduce yourself.

Our minister (or in his absence one of the other leaders) usually stands at the door to say goodbye - so come and say hello (and then 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 when they come to visit Melton Mowbray Baptist Church

If you would like any further information about the church and its activities please ask.

We pray that you enjoyed your visit with us, and that God spoke with you during your time here.

Thank you for your interest in Melton Mowbray Baptist Church.

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