



GOD AND STRAWBERRIES

It's primary school Harvest Festival. A just 5yr old with a box of strawberries. A mic gets passed along the front row to her 'Thank God for Strawberries' rings out in a sweet clear voice. That night at bedtime kiss, the same little voice pipes up 'Mum, does God live in Aldi?' Spur of the moment answer- 'Yes, and any other shop you can think of!' - Phew!

We can learn a lot from strawberries. They grow in sunny glades and have a mature plant that flowers early in summer. The fruit ripens into small intensely flavoured berries containing little seeds which are spread by birds and sticky little fingers!. The also send out runners with baby plants at intervals which put down roots and thrive.

Our church too sets seeds of love and learning at our services every Sunday at 10.30am – but also sends out 'runners' to reach out to the community. We have coffee mornings for everyone complete with homemade cakes and sometimes pancakes too!; Jack and Jills sessions for parents and toddlers to make friends and share tips on growing up in Markyate; a meeting place for refugees away from the hotel, with coffee, advice and jigsaw puzzles to share across the nationalities; youth work in local schools; prayer meetings and counselling; and of course missionary work abroad. The list goes on - many have really strong roots – others need nurturing – just like the strawberries!

So in answer to the question – 'Yes, God helps the strawberries grow and seeds them EVERYWHERE!'

Come and join us 10.30am and celebrate God's love for us all.

Jo Betts—October 2025

What's On—October 2025

Friday 3rd

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Sunday 5th

10.30am Communion Service
With Andy Godfrey

Monday 6th

MBC Café—open to all
10.30am—12pm

Friday 10th

Jack & Jill's baby & toddler
10am—11.30am

Saturday 11th

09.30am Prayer Meeting
At MBC with Jeremy Bottrill

Sunday 12th

10.30am Morning Service
With Jeremy Bottrill
Followed by Members meeting

Monday 13th

MBC Café—open to all
10.30am—12pm

Thursday 16th

Leadership Team Meeting
7.45pm

Friday 17th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Sunday 19th

10.30am Morning Service
With Claire Banham

Monday 20th

MBC Café—open to all
10.30am—12pm

Friday 24th

Jack & Jill's baby & toddler
10am—11.30am

Sunday 26th

10.30am All Age Service
With Danny Smith

Monday 27th

MBC Café—open to all
10.30am—12pm

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Our Vision Statment:

Growing Together by loving God, loving others & serving our community