



Feb 2026 News
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baptist church
It doesn't just happen

Doesn't the church look nice – the garden and the welcoming lights? The grass is always cut and trimmed, - the lights and toys and furniture always well maintained – Who pays for all that electricity?

It doesn't Just happen.

Isn't the church always warm, clean and comfortable? – everything always works when needed. Lovely clean kitchen; carpets great considering the footfall – toilets really nice too – never seems to run out of paper or towels!

It Doesn't Just Happen!

The church itself is unassuming – but fully functioning. Technology and screens that 'Lighten our Darkness' and help spread the Word right into our own homes too. The chairs are upholstered, some with arms – and a balcony for overflows and Special Services. – small rooms for prayers and debates – and ... its own pool for total immersion!

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At the moment we are without a Minister, but our 6 leaders are amazing. They all hold down a professional job -but somehow they manage the church; prepare and take some services, each having their own responsibilities. The secretary finds and books other speakers and leaders and the readers and prayer writers for the services, rotas for Junior Church, coffee etc etc

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The finances are secure in the hands of the Treasurer - hirings, covenanted givings, donations, banking, insurance and maintenance bills etc all correct and fully up to date.

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All this and more especially in terms of out-reach ,both home and abroad, all done with love and prayers and a lot of guidance from above

So no, it doesn't just happen - thank you everyone – we are indeed blessed.

Jo Betts

What's On—February 2026

Sunday 1st

10.30am Communion Service
With Mark Buckley

10.30am All age service
With Danny Smith

Monday 2nd

MBC Café—open to all
10.30am—12pm

Monday 23rd

MBC Café—open to all
10.30am—12pm

Friday 6th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Tuesday 24th

Faith, Family & Fellowship
19 Bartholomew Green 7.30pm—
9.30pm

Saturday 7th

Prayer meeting in Church
9.30am—10.30am

Thursday 26th

Leadership Team Meeting
7.45pm

Sunday 8th

10.30am Morning Service
Diane Norton

Friday 27th

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

Monday 9th

MBC Café—open to all
10.30am—12pm

Saturday 28th

Prayer meeting in Church

Friday 13th

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

Sunday 15th

10.30am Morning Service
With Mary Moody

Monday 16th

MBC Café—open to all
10.30am—12pm

Friday 20th

MBC Café—open to all
10am—12pm

Sunday 22nd

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Our Vision Statement:

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