



The Stream

September 2023

Dear family


Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. James 1:12 NIV

We have now completed our month of prayer for the future direction of New Barn Christian Fellowship and a new Pastor and we hope that you have drawn closer to God during this period. Please let the Leadership know if you feel God has spoken to you in words, pictures or dreams about the future of the church.

New Pastor

Please continue to pray that the Lord will raise up someone to take on the Pastoral role for our church. We have one interested candidate at present in Mike Collins. Please pray for guidance for Mike and his family as they continue to pray about this position.

Other prayer opportunities

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- **Individual prayer.** If you would like prayer for something specific and you are unable to speak to one of the Leadership Team at a service, then please contact a member of the Team who will be happy to pray with you. As Christians, **prayer** is our most powerful asset. Please also remember in your prayers our fellowship of believers and those who may need God's peace, guidance and healing at this time.
 - **Emergency Prayer Line**
Please pray for this much needed prayer support line which has been reintroduced. (Further details below)
 - **Junior Lending Library.** Please can you continue to pray for this new outreach to the youth of the local community and for God's rich blessing on the project. The post box should be fixed to the portacabin this month with a view to launch the library at the beginning of October.

Emergency Prayer Line

The emergency prayer line has been busy over the Summer period. If you, a family member or friend needs immediate or emergency prayer please call or text Jenny (07531 752663) or email malcandjennykelly@btinternet.com who will pass your prayer request onto the team for immediate prayer. We particularly praise God for his faithfulness to Chris Troy this month who has had a miraculous improvement in her condition.

Finance

We praise God for his continued blessing and provision on our church. The financial position for August is set out below. The surplus each month is due to us currently having no Pastor's salary, National Insurance and pension commitments.

Income / Expenditure for **August 2023**

Income £1680.01

Expenses £823.12

Net Credit £856.89

If you would like to give to the church, please speak to Paul Bishop or any of the Leadership Team.

Sunday service details

Date	Leader	Speaker	Comments
September			
3 rd	Ron	Dorothy Hutchinson	I AM The Bread of Life <i>Communion</i>
10 th	Rowan	Ron	I AM The Gate
17 th	Ron	Mike Collins	I AM The Light of the World <i>Communion</i>
24 th	Rowan	Jos Downey	Mission Without Borders

Current groups at NBCF – for further details please call Ron Owen (07850 004696)

Group	Day	Time	Details
Bible Study	Tuesday 5 th (1 st Tuesday of the month)	1.45 pm	Janet's home Matthew 6 - The Sermon on the Mount
Dartford Life Group	Tuesdays	7.45pm	Edna's home The Fruits of the Spirit
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesdays	1-3pm	Scout Hall / Community Hall A friendly get together with refreshments, board games, talks and demonstrations.
Gravesend Life Group	Thursdays	7.30pm	Ann and Jenny's homes (alternating) 7 th & 21 st – Jenny's 14 th & 28 th – Ann's Reflections on Genesis
New Barn Life Group	Thursdays	7.45pm	At Eve's home (21st at Nigel's) 7 th The Chosen 14 th Bible Study the Church at Ephesus 21 st Bible Study the Church at Smyrna (at Nigel's) 28 th Prayer and Share (Care Group)

All groups are open to everyone. Please feel free to attend. For further details, please contact the organiser or email newbarncf@outlook.com.

Dates for your diary: -

- September 20th** **Alpha Course begins** (please speak to Ron or Jenny if you wish to join the group)
September 27th **Macmillan Coffee Morning @ Scout Hall / Community Centre** (see WW below)
October 26th Church Social at the Hall. Quiz and Supper.
October 28th A Concert for Ukraine (see below)

With grateful thanks to the New Barn House group for providing the social events during August. They were all great fun and good to see them well attended. Next social event due in October during the half term week.

Welcome Wednesday

We continue to see God's rich blessing on our group as new people continue to join us. As requested by our guests there are some interesting activities being held over the next few months and, of course, these are all open to everyone to come along and join in. The main event this month is our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** and we hope that many will join us and maybe bring friends and neighbours, or if you can offer some help that would be much appreciated. Please get in touch with Jenny or Ann Mills if you wish to bake a cake or contribute in some way to this event.

Future events at Welcome Wednesday:

- September 27th** **Macmillan Coffee Morning (11am – 1pm) Open to all.**
October Preparing shoeboxes for AMEN
October 18th Birthday Party (Welcome Wednesday's 2nd birthday)

Harvest Festival – Sunday 8th October - Gravesham Food Bank

Ron and Jenny recently visited the Gravesham Food Bank to learn more about the charity and the valuable work they are doing within the community and, on the day of their visit, they were advised of the current shortfall in a lot of everyday items. This is a very worthwhile charity which we would like to support as a church this coming Harvest Festival by donating any produce donated at our Harvest Service to the foodbank. We understand that long-life items are best and we would ask you to please be guided by the list below as to the items they most require. A longer list is also available on the church noticeboard.



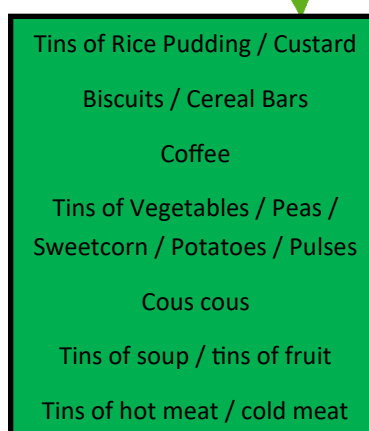
'We are the hands and feet of Jesus' - St Teresa of Avila

We are all called to share and give to others on behalf of God.

Not right now 



Yes please 



Alpha

Curious about Christianity? What's it all about?

For those who are new to church or maybe if you have been coming a while but have questions to ask about Christianity, our 2023 Alpha Course will run from **September 20th** for 10 weeks. As previously it will be held at Jenny's home in Gravesend. The course will run from **7-9pm ever Wednesday**. The course is presently over-subscribed and if you are thinking of attending bringing a friend or neighbour and have not signed up yet, please speak to Ron or Jenny as it may be necessary to run two courses this year. Sign-up forms are available at the back of the church and on the church noticeboard.

A concert for Ukraine

A concert will be hosted by Mission Without Borders at All Soul's Langham Place, London W1B 3DA on Saturday 28th October at 6.30pm. With music from pianist Sasha Grynyuk and Alexia Mankovskaya, come and hear more about the work being carried out in Eastern Europe and especially in the Ukraine. Tickets are £8, for further details please speak to Janet or information is also available from www.mwbuk.org.

Blessings,

The Leadership Team

Keep in touch ...

Pastor: -
Trustees: Paul Bishop, Ron Owen, Jenny Kelly
Leadership Team : Lynne Bishop, Paul Bishop, Ron Owen and Jenny Kelly
Safeguarding Lead : Nigel Bennett

Please contact any of the above on newbarncf@outlook.com

If you have something that you would like to be included in the next copy of The Stream, please speak to any of the Leadership Team, or email newbarncf@outlook.com with your article.