



New Barn

Christian Fellowship

July 2024

The Stream

Dear family,

Welcome to the July edition of The Stream with (hopefully) some warm and sunny weather.

There is a lot going on in New Barn Christian Fellowship over the summer and we encourage as many of our members as possible to take part in events and enjoy coming together in Jesus.



Message from Mike...

Hello church,

We have come to the end of our series on Salvation, Justification, Sanctification and Glorification. I trust and pray that you have enjoyed the series and that the sermons have increased your knowledge and helped you grow in your love of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We now launch into a series on the Miracles of Jesus. Some of the miracles can be found in every one of the Gospels, some of them are just in one Gospel. It may surprise you to learn that each author had a specific target audience in the early church. Matthew, for example, was written to the Jews.

If we study each miracle in the context of the target audience, the culture and the thinking of the time we discover that there was much more to these miracles than what is obvious.

Just because not all the miracles are in all the Gospels is not a contradiction. As the Gospel of John states, "Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." John 21:25 ESV.

So let us look at these miracles with fresh eyes and an expectant heart to learn all that we can about Jesus and his disciples and what the writers of the Gospels were saying to their readers. May what we learn grow us in grace, love and understanding, making us more able to give an account of our faith in Jesus Christ.

God bless you all, Mike



July's Sunday Service Details

Date	Leader	Speaker	Comments
7 th July	Mike Collins	Rowan Troy	Miracles – Wedding at Cana (John 2 v1-12)
14 th July	TBC	Mike Collins	Miracles – Calms a Storm (Mark 4 v35-41)
21 st July	Rowan Troy	Graeme Baldwin	Miracles – Feeding of 5,000 (Matthew 14 v13-21)
28 th July	Steve Rogers	Ron Owen	Miracles – Healing Paralytic (Mark 2 v1-12)

Thank You New Barn Christian Fellowship...

Thank you to everyone for your continued prayer support over the past five months since the cancer recurrence in February. On 13th June 2024, despite needing a further two rounds of chemotherapy, I have been given the 'All-clear'. I find it beyond words to explain what it means to me to be prayed over, anointed with oil, receive your text messages and telephone calls and cards and even receiving prayers from Kenya (Leah's mother). I am so very grateful for the support of some in the Fellowship who have gone above and beyond the call of duty with dog walking and visits at this most difficult time.

As Christians, prayer is our most valuable asset. I believe God has heard the prayers of the saints with this exceptionally good result. I would like to express how God has met me in the solitude which I have so enjoyed. How waiting on God for the healing brings such peace. I found that waiting is not doing nothing, it is doing the most important thing there is ... waiting for my soul to mature. Somehow, we need to look beyond our losses to find the one who holds all things together in His love for us. May God richly bless you all. Jenny xx



Alpha

We will be running an Alpha Course from July. This will be a rerun of last year's course as we unfortunately had to postpone the completion of the last one. If you are interested in joining please contact Ron to book a place. We are currently looking to run on a Wednesday morning at 10.30am at the Longfield Hill Community Hall.

Prayer

We pray for those who are currently facing ill health or difficulties:

George Britton – We continue to pray that George makes good progress and may soon be able to return home and for Eileen and their daughters as they continue to support him.

Nicky's Dad – We continue to pray for Nicky's Dad as he continues to recover from his cancer procedure and for Nicky and her family as they continue to support him.

Jenny Kelly – We give thanks for Jennys great news and answer to prayer. We continue to hold Jenny in our prayers as she completes her treatment.

Richard (CPC) – our prayers are with Richard from CPC who has joined us to lead service recently after the recent loss of his father.



If you have an emergency/particular prayer need please speak to any of the Leadership Team who will be happy to pray with you, or contact Janet for inclusion on the Emergency Prayer Line.



NBCF Day Out at the Seaside

Please remember to let the Leadership Team know if you would like to join a church day out at the seaside and let them have your ideas and suggestions. A decision will be made at the Leadership Team Meeting on the 13th July about the day, more news will follow.



Gravesham Foodbank



During the last financial year the Foodbank distributed 5,603 food parcels this is 1,000 more than the previous year. During 1 week they received 688kg of stock and gave out 951kgs of stock. These figures really highlight the constant and growing need within our community. The Foodbank would very much appreciate the following items (particularly those in red but please remember no baby food or baby milk) – thank you.



Tins of mixed vegetables/sweetcorn

Crackers

Mackerel

Custard

Marmite

Tins of hot meat

Cereal bars

Evaporated milk

Baked beans

Biscuits

Wrapped chocolate biscuits

Coffee

Shower Gel

Bleach

Anti bac wipes

Churches Together in Gravesham – Summer Picnic and Praise



A great time was enjoyed by some NBCF members at the Churches Together in Gravesham Summer Picnic and Praise event in the Fort Gardens, Gravesend on the 9th June.

Christians from churches around the area came together in the sunshine to share prayer, fellowship and worship with worship leader Noel Robinson and a great time was had by all.



Dates for Your Diary:

NBCF Alpha Course – Wednesdays at 10.30am - Starting in July at the Longfield Hill Community Hall, please contact Ron for further details.

So Loved, Women's Conference - 28th September 9.30am to 4.30pm – Wilmington Community Church are hosting a Women's Conference with inspiring worship, hearing from God and teaching from inspirational speakers. The theme this year is "Having a story to tell". Please scan the QR code or speak to Janet for details and tickets.



Cool Tots - every Thursday during term time 10-11.30am – Cool Tots is a Church service for children from birth to school age held at St George's Church, Gravesend. Perhaps you have family or friends who may like to join this easy introduction to the Bible.

Current Groups at NBCF (for further details please call Ron Owen - 07850 004696)

Group	Day	Time	Details
Bible Study	1 st Tuesday of the month	1.45pm	Janet's home – Sermon on the Mount – Matthew Chapter 6
Dartford Life Group	Wednesday	7pm	Edna's home – Varied themes as befits the attendees and evening
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesdays	1-3pm	Longfield Hill Community Hall - a friendly 'pop up' club with refreshments, board games, talks, demonstrations and activities, open to all
Northfleet Life Group	Wednesday	7pm	Mike and Nicky's home – The Bible Course
New Barn Life Group	Thursdays	7.30pm	At Eve and Richard's home: 4th July – Random 2 – Hot Potato with Rupert 11th July – The Chosen – Series 3 episode 4 with Ron 18th July – Bible Study – Pick and NT letter and what we can learn from it with Nicky 25th July – Summer Social – end of term revelry with Eve/Rupert
Prayer Group	Fridays	5pm	Via Zoom , please contact Janet for joining instructions

All groups are open to everyone and all are most welcome

For further details, please contact the organiser or email newbarncf@outlook.com

The Leadership Team

Keep in touch and please contact any of the below at newbarncf@outlook.com:

Pastor: Mike Collins

Leadership Team : Lynne Bishop, Paul Bishop and Ron Owen

Safeguarding Lead : Nicky Collins

*For further details on any of the above, please see our website at newbarncf.org.uk.
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 please speak to any of the Leadership Team, or email newbarncf@outlook.com
 with your article by the 25th of the month.*