



The Stream

May 2024

Dear family,

A very warm welcome to the May edition of The Stream. We hope that you are all enjoying reading the articles and updates and if you would like to contribute or make any suggestions for ideas to be included please let Lynne or any of the Leadership Team know – all are most welcome.



Message from Mike...

Hello Church,

During this coming month we celebrate 2 seemingly lesser Christian Festivals. We celebrate Jesus' ascension in heaven on the 9th May, Ascension Sunday being the 12th May. We celebrate Pentecost on the 19th May. Although these events are not as celebrated as Christmas and Easter they have their own wonderful importance. Jesus' ascension holds wonderful promises and our standing instructions as disciples of Jesus. Matthew 28 v 16 - 20

"¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw Him they worshipped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[b] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Acts 1 v 8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

If Jesus hadn't ascended into heaven the Holy Spirit wouldn't have been given. If the Holy Spirit been given we would be like the disciples, hiding away in locked rooms in fear of the Jewish and Roman authorities. They would have liked to have finished the job they thought they had begun by killing Jesus by eradicating His troublesome followers.

The Holy Spirit was given and is all the things Jesus had said He would be, Helper, Spirit of Truth, the one who convicts of sin, Advocate and Comforter. One of His greatest works though is to empower us to be witnesses throughout the world.

I wonder how seriously we take this? Do we tell everyone what Jesus means to us as the Apostles did in the book of Acts?

We have all the benefits promised with the giving of the Holy Spirit but have we let the Holy Spirit do the full work in us promised in the scripture? Something to think about.

God bless you all,

Mike



Sunday Service Details

Date	Leader	Speaker	Comments
5 th May	Rowan Troy	Ron Owen	Sanctification - Intro - John 17 v13-19
12 th May	Mike Collins	Mike Collins	Sanctification - God who sanctifies - Leviticus 22 v21-23
19 th May	Rowan Troy	Dorothy Hutchinson	Sanctification - Jesus the example - 1 Corinthians 1 v26-31
26 th May	Steve Rogers	Rowan Troy	Sanctification - Holy Spirits work in us - 1 Thessalonians 4 v1-8

A Message from the Care Group



We recognise and give thanks for the love and care we have for one another in our family at New Barn and would encourage everyone in doing this. Also, as a reminder, there is a care group so if anyone has a need, would like a listening ear, or have ideas on how care could be improved, please speak to or contact any of the below:

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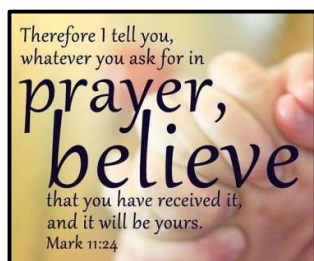
Those Who NBCF Support

As you may be aware, New Barn Christian Fellowship support a number of Christian organisations both locally and across the world who are all engaged in bringing God's love and care to others. For further details please see the NBCF website at www.newbarncf.org.uk or ask any of the Leadership Team.



Prayer

We remember in our prayers those going through difficult times:



Jenny Kelly – We thank God for the progress that Jenny is seeing as she continues with her chemotherapy. We continue to pray for strength and healing as Jenny along with peace and comfort for Jenny and her family.

George Britton – Continuing with his rehab following his stroke, George is making good progress, is becoming stronger and is starting to be able to eat and drink small amounts. We pray that his progress continues and for the comfort that this brings to Eileen, Georgina and Esther.

Edna – We pray for Edna and that the support that she has been promised is quickly put into place and for her continued health, strength and for her family.

Steph Cassidy – We pray for Steph following a recent medical procedure, that this has been successful and she is feeling better.

Julie Willingham's Aunt - Julie asks for prayer for her aged aunt who is in hospital with pneumonia and sepsis.

Pat Hall – Please continue to pray for Pat after her recent loss of her husband, Dave.

Ann Owen – Ann is making good progress following her hip replacement operation. We continue to hold her and Ron in our prayers as she becomes more mobile.

Nicky's Dad – We thank God for answered prayer that Nicky's Dad has been told that his operation to remove cancer from his head has been successful.

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.



Gravesham Foodbank

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 Tuna/Mackerel
Small bottles of Squash
Sweets & Treats
Tins of Rice Pudding
Tins of Mixed Beans/Pulses
Tins of Cold Meat
Cream Crackers
Toothpaste

Tins of Soup
Chocolate Spread
Tins of Custard
Meat Pies
Tins of Mixed Beans/Pulses
Ready Made Jelly's
Men's/Ladies Shower Gel
Deodorant

Dates for Your Diary:

The Care of the Family Team - 1st May 7.30pm-10pm: City Praise Centre is hosting "The Care of the Family Team" focusing on helping parents to come alongside their children. For further information please speak to one of the Leadership Team

Teenagers and Young Adults Group - 11th May 12.30pm to 5.30pm: a free event at the City Praise Centre for teenagers and young adults to encourage our youth to make Godly choices and why our choices matter. For further details please click on the link -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/smartchoice-yp-event-tickets-842404212677>



Christian Aid Quiz Nite – 18th May 7pm: Christ Church, Gravesend is holding a Quiz Nite to raise funds for Christian Aid. Teams of 6-8 are welcome but others will be able to join teams on the night. Tickets are £5 per person, bring your own refreshments and email office@christchurchgravesend.com to book your place.

Churches Together in Gravesham Open Air Service - 9th June 12.30pm to 3pm: Joining together in open air worship with Churches Together in Gravesham in the Fort Gardens, Riverside Leisure Area, Gravesend. Noel Robinson will be leading the time of worship and there will be testimonies and prayer focusing on healing and bringing people to the Lord.

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
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesdays	1-3pm	Longfield Hill Community Hall - a friendly 'pop up' club with refreshments, board games, talks, demonstrations and activities
New Barn Life Group	Thursdays	7.30pm	2nd May at Eve & Richard's home – Bible Study pick any NT letter and what can we learn from it – Andrew & Annette 9th May at Eve & Richard's home – Random One – bring along a song and what it means to you – Eve 16th May at Eve & Richard's home – The Chosen (Series 3, Episode 2) – Ron 23rd May at Eve & Richard's home - Bible Study pick any NT letter and what can we learn from it – Mike 30th May – Half Term holiday no meeting
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



NBCF Day Out at the Seaside

Don't forget to let the Leadership Team have your ideas and suggestions for the NBCF day out at the seaside, or if you would like to help organise this please us know.



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.

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 by the 25th of the month.