



## The Stream

August 2024

Dear family,

We hope that you are enjoying the summer and all of God's creation that this brings to us in our gardens and countryside.

NBCF have a packed calendar with lots going on over the summer and into the autumn and it would be great for us all to join together as a fellowship to enjoy these events and get together.

### Message from Mike...

Hello Church,

*As this month's issue of The Stream is sent to you, Nicky and I will be living in a tent in the Devon countryside. There we will attend worship and teaching services everyday and fellowshiping with Christian friends from churches from other parts of the UK. We will also be resting, relaxing and enjoying the sunshine, praying that God gives us rest and refreshment.*

*In the OT there seems to be a whole load of holy days and feasts set out for the children of Israel. Some were times to feast, others were for getting themselves right with God as a nation or for reminding them of God's mercy in particular situations.*

*Passover remembers their miraculous release from slavery in Egypt. The Feast of Tabernacles reminds the Israelites of their time in the wilderness. The Day of Atonement was a time to repent for the nation and to offer the once a year sacrifice to God.*

*From creation, God rested on the seventh day and so set the sabbath in place for the Israelites. One day of the week set apart for rest and worship of God. It seems that God knew we would need times of rest and relaxation away from the pressures and hassles of normal life. Even more importantly for us, Sunday is a day of rest to dedicate to worshipping our God.*

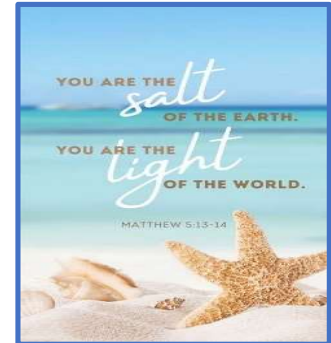
*Even after the disciples had been out preaching and praying for people Jesus said to them; Mark 6 v 30-32: The apostles returned to Jesus and told Him all that they had done and taught. And He said to them "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.*

*I pray that during this summer time when some activities cease you will find time to come aside and rest a while but even more importantly that you will learn to live as Jesus commands;*

*Matthew 11 v 28-30, <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

*Have a blessed and refreshing month,*

*God bless, Mike*



## July's Sunday Service Details

| Date                    | Leader       | Speaker        | Comments   |
|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|--|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> August  | Beth Collins | Rowan Troy     | Miracles - 10 Lepers - Luke 17 vs 11-18  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> August | Mike Collins | Church Meeting | Miracles - Gadarene demons - Mark 5 vs 1-10<br>- incorporating our Church Meeting and followed by a fellowship BBQ lunch |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> August | Mike Collins | Ron Owen       | Miracles - pool of Siloam - John 5 vs 1-17   |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> August | Rowan Troy   | Sarah Green    | Miracles - Jairus' Daughter - Mark 5 vs 21-43  |

## Prayer

We raise our prayers for those who are facing poor health or challenging times:

**George Britton** – George is now home and settling in well. He and Eileen are grateful for everyone's prayers and feel that although George has worked hard on his recovery that it is also due to God's goodness. We continue to pray for continued healing.

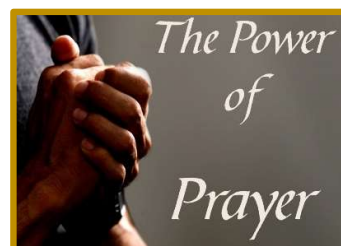
**Nicky's Dad** – We continue to pray for Nicky's Dad as he continues to recover from his cancer procedure and for Nicky and her family as they continue to support him.

**Jenny Kelly** – We thank God for Jenny's news that she is cancer free and pray for her strength following her final treatment.

**Julianna Hanson's Brother-in-Law** – We lift Julianna's brother-in-law to the Lord following a recent terminal cancer diagnosis. We pray for Julianna and her family as they support each other through this sad time.

**Chris Troy** – Rowan's Mum, Chris, has been suffering with pneumonia and is weak and unable to eat. We pray for her swift recovery, for strength and improvement in her appetite.

**Tiger** – We continue to remember Tiger who has had a long period of illness and pray that the hip replacement that he needs is a success.



*If you have an emergency or 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.*

## Harvest Festival Service



We will give thanks for and praise God's bounty when we come together to celebrate a traditional Harvest Festival on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October. This will be aligned to our links with the Gravesham Foodbank and we are hoping for someone from the foodbank to come and speak to us about their work. Any donations of food/consumables will be passed onto the Foodbank.

## 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.



**FOOD BANK**  
So that no-one goes hungry

Custard  
Tins of Mixed Vegetables/Sweetcorn  
Crackers  
Hot Meat  
Meat Pies  
Bottles of Squash  
Sweets/Treats  
Pasta N Sauce

Noodles  
Rice Pudding  
Jam/Honey  
Fruit Juice  
Washing up liquid  
Non-Bio washing tabs  
Shower Gel  
Anti Bac Wipes/Spray Bleach

## NBCF Outing



NBCF are having a day out on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August to Hall Place at Bexley Kent. This is a good location as it is easy to find (just off the A2), caters for those with mobility concerns, is dog friendly with lovely gardens and has a nice café. All are very welcome and should anyone need assistance with

travel please let a member of the Leadership Team know. Further details will following in the coming weeks.



## Welcome Wednesday

Please note that the team at Welcome Wednesday will be taking a break from running the club this year for the first time during the month of August. We will close on Wednesday 31st July until Wednesday 4th September. As you would expect, many of the team will be taking holidays during this month and it would make it very difficult for us to keep providing the excellent hospitality we do provide all year, with essential staff away. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible on the 4th September when we re-open. The numbers for the club continue to grow weekly and we are so grateful for God's rich blessing on this club. A big THANK YOU to all the team for all your hard work and all you have done this year to keep the club so successful. Every blessing Jenny



## Dates for Your Diary:

**Welcome Wednesday in August** – please note that as mentioned above that Welcome Wednesday will not be meeting in August.



**Games Night (fun but not difficult!) – 1<sup>st</sup> August, 7.30pm at Eve & Richard's home** – enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. Drinks and nibbles provided - £1 donation to cover costs.

**Church Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> August at 10.15am** – Incorporated with in our Sunday morning service join together to hear what is happening at NBCF, followed by a fellowship BBQ - £3 donation to cover costs

**Late Afternoon Tea & Entertainment – 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 5.30pm at Eve & Richard's home** – appreciate the treat of afternoon tea - £2 donation to cover costs.



**NBCF Day Out – 31<sup>st</sup> August at Hall Place, Bexley** – please see above, further details to follow.

**Churches Together in Gravesham Networking Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> September, 12 – 1.15pm at St Boltoph's Church The Hill, Northfleet** – Spend time with other Christians from across our area.



**Synchronia Charity Concert in aid of the Aortic Dissection Charitable Trust – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm, Gravesend Grammar School, Church Walk, Gravesend**

– come and enjoy an evening of music with the Synchronia Ensemble, Singers and fellow musical groups. Tickets £10 (plus booking fee) from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/synchronia](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/synchronia) or speak to Lynne 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.



**NBCF Harvest Festival Service – 6<sup>th</sup> October – 10.15am at the Longfield Hill**

**Community Hall** – join us to celebrate and give thanks for God's bounty and goodness.

**NBCF Evangelism Weekend – End of October** – We have arranged for a visitor to NBCF on a Saturday afternoon and for the service the following morning – further details to follow!

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

| Group                        | Day                                  | Time   | Details   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|---|
| <b>Bible Study</b>           | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month | 1.45pm | Suspended during August, recommencing in September  |
| <b>Dartford Life Group</b>   | Wednesday                            | 7pm    | <b>Edna's home</b> – Varied themes as befits the attendees and evening  |
| <b>Welcome Wednesday</b>     | Wednesdays                           | 1-3pm  | <b>Longfield Hill Community Hall</b> – not meeting during August, recommencing on the 4 <sup>th</sup> September |
| <b>Northfleet Life Group</b> | Wednesday                            | 7pm    | <b>Mike and Nicky's home</b> – Not meeting during August  |
| <b>New Barn Life Group</b>   | Thursdays                            | 7.30pm | <b>At Eve and Richard's home</b> – not meeting during August  |
| <b>Prayer Group</b>          | Fridays                              | 5pm    | <b>Via Zoom – no meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> August</b> - 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](mailto:newbarncf@outlook.com)

## **The Leadership Team**

Keep in touch and please contact any of the below at [newbarncf@outlook.com](mailto: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](http://newbarncf.org.uk).  
If you have something that you would like to be included in the next copy of The Stream,  
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with your article by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.*