



The Stream

October 2024



Dear family,

Welcome to October's edition of The Stream where we are looking forward to our Harvest Festival Service and taking the opportunity to give thanks for not only the harvesting of crops but also for God's fruitfulness in our lives and the harvest of new Christians and the roles that are involved in running of God's church.

We hope you enjoy this edition.

Message from Mike...

Hi Church,

We have come to the end of our series on the Miracles of Jesus. It is always good at the end of a series to remind ourselves of what we have learnt.

Miracles are wonderful happenings that reveal aspects of Jesus and hence also the Father. Those who were miraculously healed, or rescued from disaster, raised from the dead or even fed saw Jesus in a whole new light. He was not just a prophet but Lord of creation, the conqueror of death, sickness, master over evil spirits and so very much the Messiah.

They should also have learnt that Jesus was not just about the miracles but was also about relationship with Him. So we learnt about faith, obedience and relying on Jesus, that He was there for us, a constant companion whose presence meant far more than a miracle. We discovered that we didn't need the miracles for the mighty acts themselves, but that often, Jesus presence in the miracles was sufficient and that His ability to lift us above our circumstances while the storm still raged was greater than even the miracles themselves.

I hope you have learnt all this too and started to apply it to your lives.

So, we begin a new series. We are going to study The Body of Christ, and the roles and responsibilities found in the Bible. We will look at what part each of us plays in the local church. Do we have a role or are we just consumers? Are some jobs more important than others and how do Jesus and the Bible see these roles. What roles have we created that we cannot find in the Bible? Why have they been created and are they biblical?

The church, locally, nationally and internationally is described as The Body of Christ but a lot of us are just left attending churches with no real focus, no recognised title or role. What have we been called to do and why are we not able or allowed to carry out that role? If the Church is to speed Jesus' return by preaching the Good News of Jesus we surely must all play a part in this however small and seemingly insignificant that part is.

We hope to discover our own part in this great commission and serve Jesus so we deserve the words in Matthew 5 v 21 - His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Have a great month and may God richly bless you, Mike



Prayer

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

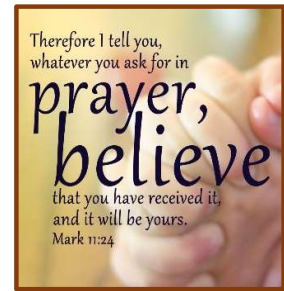
Bruce's sister – We continue to hold Bruce's sister in our prayers following her illness and thank God that she is now recovering at home. We also pray for Bruce as he continues to support her

Julie Willingham – Julie continues to undergo tests which will be reviewed by her consultant in mid-October. We pray for good outcomes that put her mind at rest and enable Julie to have peace.

Jenny Kelly – We lift Jenny to the Lord as she continues in her recovery following her cancer treatment.

George Britton – We thank God for the continued improvement that George is making following his spell in hospital last month and pray for Eileen and their family in supporting him.

Dorothy & Ian Hutchinson's Son – We are aware and encourage prayer for Ian & Dot's son who is currently very ill in King's College Hospital and for strength for the whole family at this time.



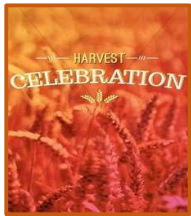
If you have an emergency or particular prayer need please speak to any of the Leadership Team who will be happy to pray with you, or contact Janet for inclusion on the Emergency Prayer Line.

New Monthly Prayer Meeting



Prayer is the lifeblood of the Church and we know from scripture that Jesus regularly prayed both alone and with others. We already have a weekly Zoom prayer group arranged by Janet and this is now supplemented with a monthly meeting. Please join us at our prayer meeting at the Community Hall at 9am on the 19th October. All are very welcome to join and for those who are unable to get to the hall there is a Zoom link which will be emailed to the Church nearer the time.

Harvest Festival Service and Gravesham Foodbank



On the 6th October NBCF will hold its Harvest Festival Service at 10:15am. This will be a traditional harvest service and we hope that, having leafleted the Longfield Hill and New Barn area, that some of our local community will join us to celebrate God's goodness to us.

We have Abraham Babalola from the Gravesham Foodbank will join us to speak and tell us more about the Foodbank's work. Please feel free to bring non-perishable consumables (please see list below for most urgent needs – particularly those in red and please remember no baby food or baby milk) which will be donated to the Gravesham Foodbank and help those who are facing difficulties.



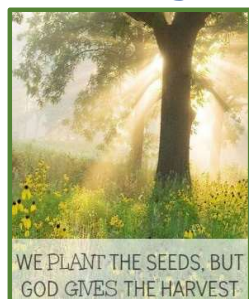
Tinned Meat Pies
Tinned Vegetables/Peas/Sweetcorn/Potatoes
Sardines/Mackerel/Pilchards
Tins of Kidney Beans/Chickpeas
Jars of Pasta Sauce/Cooking sauce
Instant Noodles
Tinned Soup
Baked Beans
Couscous

Cereal Bars
Jam/Peanut Butter
Coffee
Squash
Crackers
Long Life Milk
Tinned Spaghetti
Sweets/Chocolate Bars
Rice Pudding

Washing up liquid
Baby Toiletries
Shower Gel
Anti bac Spray & Wipes
Non Bio Laundry Tablets
Shampoo/Conditioner
Deodorant

A big thank you for all who regularly contribute to the Foodbank it is very much appreciated.

NBCF Evangelism Weekend



You are very warmly invited to an Evangelism weekend at New Barn Christian Fellowship with Martin Chapman from Jesus for Europe. Starting at 1pm on Saturday 26th October, Martin Chapman from Jesus in Europe will join us teach us how to be better evangelists and learn us how to reach out and share our faith with others. This will be followed by a Church tea and fellowship. Martin will again join us at our Sunday Service on the 27th October please join us and share in Martin's teachings.



Dates for Your Diary:

1st & 3rd Tuesday Monthly between 1.30 – 3.30pm – Oasis

Community Wellbeing Café with Riverview Park Baptist Church

meeting at the Christopher Centre, Leander Drive for a cuppa, a chat, board games, jigsaws, or just to sit and be. For further info please call 07749 512820 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or email riverviewparkbaptist@gmail.com.



6th October at 10.15am - NBCF Harvest Festival Service at the Longfield Hill Community Hall – join us to celebrate and give thanks for God's bounty and goodness.



16th October at 12.15-1.45pm – Christian Aid invites you to a 'Soupa' Meal at the St George's Church Hall, Gravesend, £3.



18th October at 7.30pm – If Prison Walls Could Speak at Wilmington CC

– telling the true story of Petr Jasek, a Czech National and Christian Aid Worker who was imprisoned in the Sudan for his work with the persecuted church. For further info/tickets go to wilmingtoncommunitychurch.co.uk, scan the QR code or email becs@wilmingtoncommunitychurch.co.uk.



19th October at 9am – NBCF monthly prayer meeting in the room adjacent to the Longfield Hill Community Hall with Zoom link also available.

26th/27th October at 1pm - NBCF Evangelism Weekend – Martin Chapman will be visiting NBCF on Saturday 26th for an afternoon of evangelism training followed by a Church tea. He will then join us for the Sunday service on the 27th October.

8th - 10th November – Women's Retreat – At High Leigh Conference Centre – with a theme of 'Clothed' (Isaiah 61 v10). Please ask the Leadership Team for further details or see the City Praise Centre Website.



 **15th December - DVCC Open Air Carol Service at Eynsford Castle** – further details to follow.

22nd December – NBCF Traditional Carol Service – at the Longfield Community Hall – further details to follow. 

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	At Janet's home – Discipleship through the lens of Peter.
Dartford Life Group	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday monthly	7pm	Edna's home – Varied themes looking at Faith
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: 3 rd Oct - Prayer evening - Our missionaries, AMEN plus the Persecuted Church with Andrew & Annette 10 th Oct - The Chosen, Series 3, Episode 7 with Ron 17 th Oct - Random evening - topic to be confirmed with Rupert 24 th Oct - Bible Study - Pick any Bible Story and review four ways with Janet
Weekly Prayer Group	Fridays	5pm	Via Zoom – please contact Janet for joining instructions - NB No meeting on the 20 th Sept
Monthly Prayer Meeting	Saturday 19 th October	9am	Meeting in the building adjacent to Community Hall and Zoom link also available.

All groups are open to everyone and all are most welcome

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

Welcome Wednesday



Well done to all at Welcome Wednesday who raised £387 at their MacMillan Coffee Morning, the club are rounding this up to £400 for such a great cause.

During October the group will be running a shoebox appeal, please speak to one of the Leadership Team for further information.



October's Sunday Service Details

Date	Leader	Speaker	Comments
6 th October	Mike Collins	Abraham Babalola	Harvest Festival - Miracles - Man born blind - John 9 v1-41
13 th October	Beth Collins	Mike Collins	The Body of Christ - Introduction - 1 Cor 12 v14-20
20 th October	Tunde	Ron Owen	The Body of Christ - Missionaries - Acts 1 v6-11
27 th October	Steve Rogers	Martin Chapman	Evangelism Weekend - The Body of Christ - Evangelists

The Leadership Team

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

Pastor: Mike Collins

Trustees: Paul Bishop, Ron Owen and Stephen Paddock

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.*