



The Stream

June 2026

Message from Mike...

'Living Water'

Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit 50 days after Easter. It is significant that Judaism also celebrates Pentecost as 50 days after Passover. It is also known as the Feast of weeks and First Fruits. Also known as the day of the giving of the Torah, 50 days after the Israelites left Egypt. We also know it as the birth of the church and this is where our Pentecost meets most clearly with First Fruits, the coming of the Holy Spirit and Peter's preaching, adding 3000 new believers to the number of the disciples.

Acts 2 v 41 "So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls".

The celebration of special days comes to mean very little if we don't engage fully in what those days represent. Before Acts 2, the Holy Spirit had only been poured out on special people on special occasions. There was no baptism or filling of the Holy Spirit that remained constant on those to whom it was given. As Peter preached, the prophecy in Joel 2 v 28 - 29:

28 [d] "And it shall come to pass afterwards, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit".

Again this is great to experience but do we fully understand what it means to be full of the Spirit or to be baptized in the Spirit. John gives us a clue in chapter 4 v 37 - 39:

"37 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as[f] the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified".

So if these 'rivers of living water' are just one effect of the Holy Spirit upon believers, I have to ask, is this true of me? Do rivers of living water flow out of my heart? Or do trickles or streams flow out of my heart. Do other things that are not living water come out of me. When someone has upset me and I respond in the wrong way, is that rivers of living water or rivers of condemnation, judgement, discouragement, criticism or even cynicism?

This leads me to consider the state of my heart. When Jesus is challenging the ritual washing before meals that the leaders of the Jews insisted upon, he said this. Matthew 15 v 17 - 20:

"17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone".

So I can see that it is really important to keep my heart right. I would much rather that rivers of living water come out of me than all the other things Jesus mentions here. That is why we must guard our hearts. We must also let the Holy Spirit highlight things about us that are not rivers of living water and

then we must allow the Holy Spirit to deal with them. This is not necessarily an immediate thing or even a constant in our lives even though, perhaps it should be. As Paul says in Ephesians 5 v 18, and I make no apology for using the Amplified version:

"18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but ever be filled and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit".

'Ever be filled with' means there is no room for anything else. Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, please bring to our attention anything that is not rivers of living water flowing out of my heart. May I be so constantly filled with You that there is not room in my heart of anything else especially those listed by Jesus and Paul. I let you have free reign to do what you must to transform me into being like Jesus to everyone around me. Amen.

God bless you all, Mike



June Sunday Service Details

Date	Leader	Speaker	Comments
7 th June	Beth Collins	Ron Owen	1 Thessalonians 5
14 th June	Nicky Collins	Mike Collins	Why Do We Have Series - "Sung Worship"
21 st June	Richard Braund	Naomi Collins	2 Thessalonians 1
28 th June	Mike Collins	Mike Collins	Why Do We Have Series - "Homegroups"

Community Fun Day (Organised by New Barn Christian Fellowship)

Following last year's Community Fun Day, we have our second on the 4th July at the Longfield Hill Community Hall.

There will be many activities including facepainting, bouncy castle (weather permitting), penalty goals, table tennis, refreshments, games, craft table, School and Street Pastors craft goods and bric-a-brac and boules.

Join us as we pray for better weather than last year and bring along your family, friends, children and grandchildren for a fun and great time.



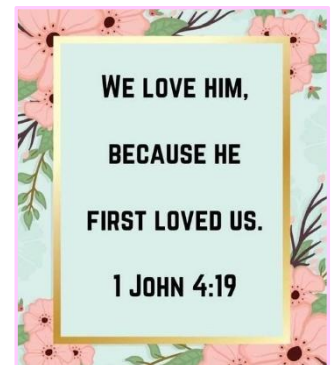
Prayer

Prayer is fundamentally a form of communication with Go, akin to a child speaking with a loving parent. It allows us to converse with God personally, sharing thoughts, gratitude, concerns and desires whilst also listening for His guidance. We particularly pray for:

Sarah Barnett – We give thanks that Sarah's divorce settlement is moving towards resolution and that Sarah has felt so uplifted in prayer throughout the course of this. We pray that this is soon concluded and lift Sarah to the Lord.

Pat Hall – We continue to pray for Pat as she continues to recover from her fall. We thank God for Pat and pray that she continues to grow stronger day by day.

Community Funday – We pray all the arrangements for the Community Funday on the 4th July, that many people attend, all goes smoothly and that the sun shines brightly as we engage with our local community and pray that they can see God's love through us.



Prayer is vital for us all, if you would like prayer, either after a service or at any other time, please speak to Mike (or whoever you feel comfortable with) to request this. Mike can also be contacted at 07599 833151 or emailed at mikecollins69@hotmail.co.uk and he is happy to meet with you. If you have an urgent prayer request, please contact any of the Leadership Team for this to be included on the NBCF Emergency Prayer Line.

NBCF Annual Church Meeting



NBCF's annual Church Meeting will be held on Sunday, 6th September following the service over a fellowship lunch. This will be an opportunity to see what has been going on at the Church over the past 12 months, check in on the Church's financial position, see how NBCF is supporting Christian organisations both locally and across the world and future plans for NBCF. A really strong attendance would be very much appreciated for the Leadership Team to share with everyone and also enjoy fellowship together over lunch.



Gravesham Foodbank

A big and continual thank you to all our regular contributors to the Gravesham Foodbank it is very much appreciated and supports our local community. This month the Foodbank would appreciate the following items (particularly those in **red**).



Cous cous	Biscuits/crackers	Tinned sardines
Pasta N sauce	Rice pudding	Tinned custard
Small packets Mashed Potato	Peanut butter	Shampoo/conditioner
Cold meat	chocolate spread	Men's/ladies deodorant
Tins ravioli	Fruit Juice	Anti bac wipes & spray bleach
Tins mac and cheese	Long life milk	Washing up liquid
Tins chicken in white sauce	Tinned pilchards	Bio washing tabs
Baked Beans	Tinned mackerel	Non bio washing tabs
Instant Noodles (not Pot Noodles)	Tinned mixed vegetables (No peas or sweetcorn)	

Please don't forget no baby food, baby milk, water or fizzy drinks – thank you ☺

Mission Without Borders

Janet Hall joined NBCF on the 31st May to sell home baked good and crafts in aid of Mission Without Borders Summer Camp. NBCF has supported MWB for many years,



it is a Christian charity that has been operating for over 60 years and is dedicated to helping vulnerable children and families in Eastern Europe break the cycle of poverty and help them find hope. Funds from Janet's sales on the 31st will help to fund sending young people to Christian summer camps and rediscover the joy of being a child.



MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS

Current Groups at NBCF

Group	Day	Time	Details
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesdays	1-3pm	Longfield Hill Community Hall – a friendly club with refreshments, board games, talks, demonstrations & activities - open to all.
New Barn House Group	Wednesday	7.30pm	At Eve and Richard's home: 3 rd June: Study on the book of Romans 5 – Freedom – with Rupert 10 th June: Study on the book of Romans 6 – Hope – with Eve 17 th June: Study on the book of Romans 7 – Mystery – with Mike/Nicky 24 th June: Study on the book of Romans 8 – Devotion – with Naomi
Chalk House Group	Thursdays	7pm	At Beth and Naomi's home: Looking at Acts
Monthly Prayer Meeting	Saturday 20 th June	9am	Via Zoom (Joining details nearer the time)

All groups are open to everyone and all are most welcome - For further details, please contact the organiser, Ron Owen on 07850 004696 or email newbarncf@outlook.com

Dates for Your diary ...



4th July - New Barn Community Fun Day (organised by NBCF) 2-4pm – Come and join us along with your family, friends, children and grandchildren. Many activities organised for fun and fellowship with our local community.

16th August – Churches Together in Gravesend Event at the, Fort Gardens, Gravesend.

22nd August – A fun summer bring and share picnic at Camer Park, Meopham. Further details and times to follow.


6th September – NBCF Church Meeting with fellowship lunch. Come and hear all the updates about NBCF along with plans for the future over a fellowship lunch together after our Sunday service.



A Modern Day Psalm - 'Praise the Lord'

Praise the Lord for all His goodness, His wisdom, might and power,

For His gift of a world to enjoy.

 For the rain watering the earth, bringing forth crops,

For the warmth of the sun and the brilliance of blue skies above

For the gentle moon and myriads of stars.



Praise the Lord for the intricacies of plant life, trees and flowers,

For the variety of animals and birds and the uniqueness of each one.



Praise the Lord for creating man and woman, each one individual, but made in God's image;

He cares for each one of us.

When we are young life is carefree, but as we age, the cares increase.

Sharing them with you, Oh Lord, helps the burdens become bearable.

Praise the Lord, for you invite us to share our troubles with you;

we know you are always listening and will bring us comfort.

Your outstretched arms are wide enough to embrace us all.

When we stray, you are ready to forgive and give us another chance,

Oh Lord it is too great to comprehend, what a loving God you are.

You pick us up when we fall and set us on the right path again, if we trust in you.

We glorify your name, bless you and praise you, for there is no one else as great as you.

Hallelujah!

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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, Stephen Paddock & Mary Bourne (external Trustee from CPC)

Leadership Team: Lynne Bishop, Paul Bishop & 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.