



The Stream

November 2024

Dear family,

Welcome to the November edition of The Stream and a time when we remember those who have gone before us and made sacrifices for our sakes, just as Jesus did on the cross to save us. We hope you enjoy this edition.



Message from Mike...

Hi Church,

How blessed we were to have Martin Chapman with us the weekend of the 26th & 27th of October. It was not only good to learn about evangelism but also to spend time together over the lovely tea we shared. Thank you to all involved in making Saturday afternoon a great time.

There is little point learning all we did on Saturday and Sunday without applying it to our lives. As Martin said, 'our relationship with Jesus is our starting point'. If we don't have a living, loving relationship with Jesus, our lives won't show Jesus to the world around us. Jesus' relationship with the Father was of vital importance to Jesus, and our relationship with Jesus should be just as important to us.

The question we are left with is, how do I develop and improve my relationship with Jesus? The obvious answers are to pray and read the Bible, but I can't help thinking that there must be more to it than this. Our prayers need to be more than just a list of requests and wants. Our Bible reading more than just reading a chapter and then forgetting what we have read.

Prayer is a conversation between us and Jesus just as it was between the Father and the Son. Conversation is a two-way thing with both contributing, both talking and both listening. It involves us being honest with Jesus, being obedient to what he tells us to do, not just involving Him in the good but in the bad, the difficult and the painful. To Him we confess our faults and failures, our fears and disappointments and He reassures us that He loves us, accepts us and wants to continue the relationship however we have failed to trust Him.

Bible reading is one way of walking with Him. It is not just reading words but should impact our lives as we apply what He said to our daily actions. Seeing the whole of His word in the light of Jesus's sacrifice, His death and resurrection and being fully dependent on Jesus. He is not just a nice idea, a crutch but is the whole focus of our love and life.

Of course, all that depends on us actually having started that relationship with Him. We need to acknowledge our sin, our wrongdoing against the standard set by His word. We need to realise that we are God's enemies until we accept Jesus's forgiveness and His death on the cross. We have to welcome Him into our lives and accept Him as Saviour and Lord. That is where a true relationship with Jesus begins, at the foot of the cross, confessing our failures and accepting His forgiveness and starting a new life with Him.

I encourage you to make this decision if you haven't already. To make a clear change and then commit fully to follow Him wherever He leads you.

Then we can have that relationship and show Jesus in everything we say and do.

God bless, Mike



November's Sunday Service Details

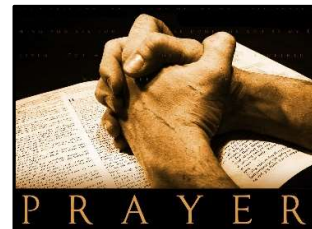
Date	Leader	Speaker	Comments
3 rd November	Mike Collins	Abi Pike	The Body of Christ - Children and Youth workers Matt 19 - v13-15
10 th November	Rowan Troy	Mike Collins	The Body of Christ - Prophets and Teachers - 1 Cor 12 v27-31
17 th November	Mike Collins	Ron Owen	The Body of Christ - Singers, Musicians 2 Chron 5 v11-14
24 th November	Rowan Troy	Mike Collins	The Body of Christ - Conclusion When it Doesn't Work - Jude v17-23

Prayer

We pray for those facing challenges at this time – *"I can do all this through Him who gives me strength"* Phil 4 v13:

Tom Barnett – Please can we pray for Tom who is going through a very difficult time at the moment and is in hospital. Also for Sarah, Chloe and Andrew as they support him.

Dorothy & Ian Hutchinson's Son – Although Dot and Ian's son is being moved into rehabilitation following his illness, he remains very poorly and we pray for him and his family for strength and support during these difficult times



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.

Update from George and Eileen

We have continued to hold George, Eileen and their family in our prayers this year after they lost some close family members and have had their daughter, Esther, move in with them after problems with her own home. Sadly George suffered a stroke last Christmas and this has been a difficult time for them. George has worked hard to regain his strength and, although it has sometimes felt that progress has been slower than he would like, George knows and very much acknowledges that God has been there with him every step of the way and he wants to give God the glory for this. Thank you from George, Eileen for everyone's prayers and support throughout this time and we hope to see them back with us soon.

Mission Without Borders



Many thanks to all who donated so generously towards Mission Without Borders Christmas hampers and thanks for Janet for her hard work in making all the chutney's, curds etc. Janet was able to send £90, enabling 3 families living in poverty in Eastern Europe to be blessed with Christmas food parcels and gospel messages.

Harvest Festival Service and Foodbank

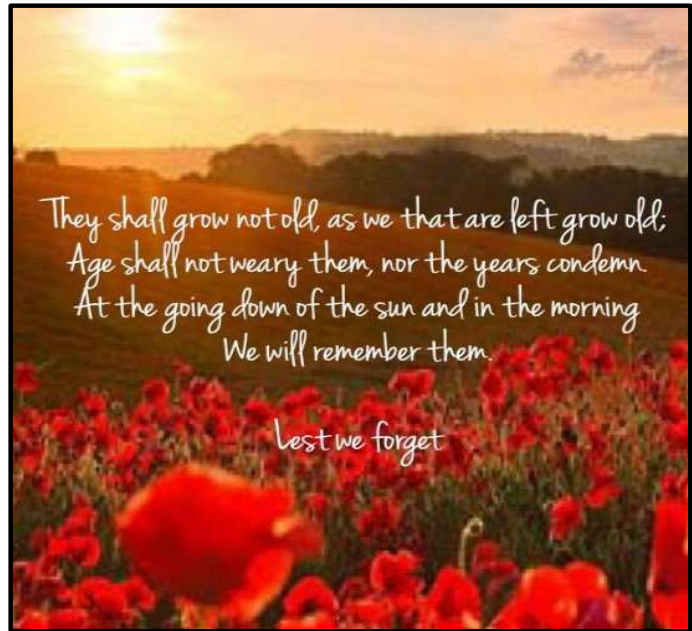


The NBCF harvest festival service took place on the 6th October. A big thank you to all who brought donations of food and added to our harvest display. We are pleased to let you know that we collected an amazing 33 kilos of food which was donated to the Gravesham Foodbank and will help to feed many people in our area. Sadly the need doesn't go away and please see below this month's most urgent needs (particularly those in red) and please remember no baby food or baby milk.



Bottles of Squash	Coffee	Peanut Butter
Honey	Hot Chocolate	Tinned Cold Meat
Long Life Milk	Non-Bio washing tabs	Bleach
Toothpaste	Anti Bac Wipes/Spray	Baby Toiletries

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



NBCF Evangelism Weekend

We had a wonderful time with Martin Chapman from Jesus for Europe, hearing and learning from his experiences in evangelism and with tips on the best way to encourage others in accepting God into their lives. Afterwards many stayed for a fellowship meal (thanks to Eve for organising). Martin then joined us to speak at the Sunday service.

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	Wednesday evening	7pm	Edna's home – Varied themes looking at Faith (please check with Edna for further details and dates)
Welcome Wednesday	Wednesday	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	Thursday	2pm	Mike and Nicky's home – The Bible Course
New Barn Life Group	Thursday	7.30pm	At Eve and Richard's home: 7 th Nov – 4 Gospel Comparison Bible Story Study 14 th Nov – The Chosen: Series 3, Episode 8 with Ron 21 st Nov – Random evening, these are a few of my favourite things with Eve 28 th Nov – Bible study, pick ay Bible story and review 4 ways! With Annette & Andrew
Weekly Prayer Group	Friday	5pm	Via Zoom – please contact Janet for joining instructions
Monthly Prayer Meeting	Saturday 23 rd Nov	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

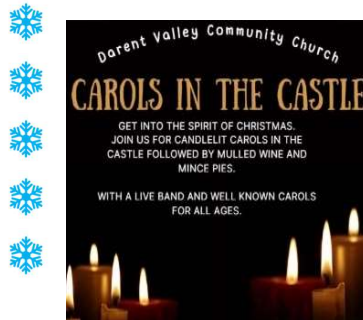
❄️ Dates for your Diary – Christmas Preview ❄️

23rd November between 11am – 3pm – Christmas Craft Market at Wilmington Community Church, Broad Lane, Wilmington. There will be over 20 artisan stalls and children can book to visit Father Christmas. For tickets and further information please visit wilmingtoncommunitychurch.co.uk

7th December – 7–9pm – The Big Sing
At Wilmington Community Church, The BIG Sing Choir bring a groundbreaking modern twist to Christmas carols that we all know and love. For tickets and further information please visit wilmingtoncommunitychurch.co.uk



11th December – 7 – 9.30pm – Christmas Quiz Night - For tickets and further information please visit wilmingtoncommunitychurch.co.uk



15th December - DVCC Open Air Carol Service at Eynsford Castle – 4.30pm
- Join with Darent Valley Community Church for Carols in the Castle followed by mulled wine and mince pies at Eynsford Castle, High Street, Eynsford, DA4 0AA



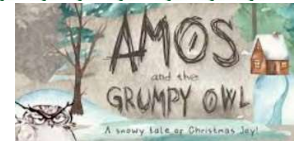
14th December – Carol singing in Gravesend with Churches Together in



Gravesham. Join with other local churches to sing and encourages shoppers in Gravesend town centre. Further details to follow.

14th December – Treasure Hunt in Gravesend town centre with Churches together in Gravesham. Join the fun of the annual treasure hunt for children and shoppers as they search for characters from the nativity story through Gravesend town centre. Further details to follow.

21st December – 6 – 8pm – Amos and the Grumpy Owl At Wilmington Community Church a full scale theatrical feast with lighting effects and puppetry. For tickets and further information please visit wilmingtoncommunitychurch.co.uk



22nd December – NBCF Traditional Carol Service by candlelight at the Longfield Community Hall followed by mince pies, refreshments and fellowship.



Community carol singing on the Green, Longfield Hill – further details to follow.



The Leadership Team

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

Pastor: Mike Collins
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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 ideas 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