



The Stream

September 2024

Dear family,

It has been great that we have been able to get together and enjoy fellowship at a number of events over the summer and these continue into the autumn and we start to look towards the autumn and celebrating the Harvest and God's bounty.



Message from Mike...

Hello church,

How has summer been for you? Have you had a refreshing holiday? Or have you avoided the holiday season because of the prices going up during this time?

Perhaps now is the time to re-assess, to ask what does God want of me in the next few months? Do I continue as before or do I want to know God better, follow Him more closely or become more like Jesus?

For me, I am challenged by the need to establish prayer as a foundational focus of NBCF. We are already grateful for the weekly prayer meeting hosted on Zoom by Janet. I would encourage all who can to join as often as possible. We will also try to establish a once a month in person prayer meeting on a Saturday morning. Please let me know if you would like to host the prayer meeting at your home occasionally.

Secondly, I am challenged by how huge the need is for people to hear about Jesus. The Second Coming of Jesus is often the subject on the information I receive from various Christian groups I am in contact with. We don't know though when this is going to be. As Christians we have nothing to fear from death or the Second Coming but every day our friends, neighbours and relatives are going to hell because they don't know Jesus. This life is their only chance to make the decision between choosing to know Jesus or reject Him completely. There are no second chances after death according to the Bible. This is our job as defined by Jesus.

Matthew 28 verses 19 and 20; "19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in 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".

This is a huge job, but we are often distracted from it by life both within and without the church. We need to view our lives from the perspective of this challenge and perhaps reassess our priorities. Jesus says the following about this encapsulating both the need for prayer and the need for people to bring in the harvest of souls.

Luke 10 verse 2; "2 And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest".

So, to help with this, on 26th and 27th of October, Martin Chapman is going to help us with this. Put the dates in your diary so you don't miss it but there is no need to wait until then. Ask God to give you opportunities and the courage to take them.

God bless you all,

Mike



September's Sunday Service Details

Date	Leader	Speaker	Comments
1 st September	Mike Collins	Emma Ho	Miracles - Centurion's Servant - Luke 7 v1-10
8 th September	Beth Collins	Mike Collins	Miracles - Lots of Fish - Luke 5 v1-11
15 th September	Mike Collins	Ron Owen	Miracles - Canaanite Woman - Matthew 15 v21-28
22 nd September	Mike Collins	Mike Collins	Miracles - Walks on Water - Matthew 14 v22-33
29 th September	Rowan Troy	Rowan Troy	Miracles - Lazarus - John 11 v1-44

Harvest Festival Service



It would be lovely to have as many people as possible joining together with NBCF to celebrate this year's Harvest Festival on the 6th October. Although a traditional harvest service, this will also learn more about our links with the Gravesham Foodbank with Abraham Babalola from the Foodbank joining us to tell us more about their work. Any good collected will be donated to the Foodbank.

Prayer

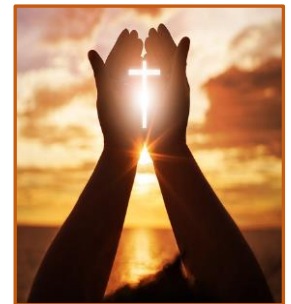
We lift our prayers for those who are facing poor health or challenging times:

Bruce's Sister – Bruce's Sister has been very ill in hospital with septicaemia and has only recently been moved from the Intensive Care Unit to a high dependency ward. We Pray for her and for healing and recovery and also for Bruce and their family as they support her.

Julie Willingham – Julie has been undergoing tests for burning mouth syndrome during which a scan revealed a mark on her brain. She is naturally very concerned and would welcome everyone's prayers.

George Britton – George has recently gone back into hospital with a suspected infection. We pray for his swift recovery and for Eileen and their daughters as they support him.

Julianna Hanson's Brother-in-Law – We continue to pray for Julianna and her family following the death of her brother-in-law and that they may have strength during this sad and difficult 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.

Darent Valley Community Church Baptism Service

We have been invited to join DVCC at their Baptism Service at Wilmington Community Church on the 8th September at 4pm. There will be a joint NBCF/DVCC music group and it would be great to see as many of NBCF there as possible to support and celebrate new Christians being baptised.



New Barn Christian Fellowship Church Meeting and BBQ



The NBCF Church Meeting was held on the 11th August incorporated within our Sunday service to encourage prayer and worship through the different areas covered. A number of interesting questions were raised and responded to and if you have a question but was not able to attend the meeting or you did not wish to raise it in front of others please feel free to speak to any of the Leadership Team. The meeting/service was followed by a time of fellowship and a BBQ which was enjoyed by all who stayed.



NBCF Outing to Hall Place

A lovely time was had by our fellowship when we met at Hall Place, Bexley for a bring and share picnic fun and fellowship together. It thankfully stayed dry for us and there were a number of rather lively games of Boules.



New Church Trustee

We are pleased to welcome Stephen Paddock as a new Church Trustee for NBCF following Jenny's request to step down earlier this year. We look forward to working with Stephen.

Dates for Your Diary:

7th September at 7.30pm – Man of Straw Musical – At Gravesend Methodist Church, doors open at 7pm and refreshments are available during the interval. No need to book, a donation will be taken on the evening.

8th September at 4pm – DVCC Baptism Service at Wilmington Community Church – Darent Valley Community Church have invited NBCF to join them at their Baptism Service and celebrate new Christians coming to Christ.

12th September, 12 – 1.15pm - Churches Together in Gravesham Networking Meeting at St Boltoph's Church The Hill, Northfleet – An opportunity to meet with other local Christians.



21st September 2024 at 7.30pm - Synchronia Charity Concert in aid of the Aortic Dissection Charitable Trust, Gravesend Grammer School, Church Walk, Gravesend – an evening of music with the Synchronia Ensemble, Singers and fellow musical groups. Tickets £10 (plus booking fee) from www.ticketsource.co.uk/synchronia or speak to Lynne for further details.

28th September 9.30am to 4.30pm – So Loved, Women's Conference – with inspiring worship, hearing from God and teaching from inspirational speakers at this conference. The theme this year is "Having a story to tell". Please scan the QR code or speak to Janet for details and tickets.



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.

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 from Isaiah 61 v10. Please ask the Leadership Team for further details or see the City Praise Centre Website.

Gravesham Foodbank



Thank you to everyone who contributes to the Foodbank, it is much appreciated. The following items are especially needed but please remember no baby food or baby milk.



Tins of Cold Meat Biscuits
Tins of Hot Meat/Meat Pies
Cereals/Porridge
Sweets/Chocolate
Pasta N Sauce
Coffee/tea/hot chocolate
Jars of Pasta Sauce

Pasta/Egg Noodles
Cous Cous
Crackers/Savoury Biscuits
Bleach and Anti-Bac wipes
Washing up liquid
Non-Bio washing tabs
Shower Gel

Baked Beans
Tin Potatoes/Smash
Tins of Mixed Vegetables/Sweetcorn
Bottles of Squash/Long life fruit juice
Tins Custard/Tins Rice Pudding
Tins of Fish (not Anchovies)
Jam/Honey/Chocolate Spread/Peanut Butter

NBCF Summer Events



We have enjoyed a busy summer of events at NBCF bringing us together for fun and fellowship. These have included the Church BBQ, a picnic at Hall Place, a quiz evening and late afternoon tea and a big thank you goes to Eve and Richard for organising many of these and all others who have helped.

A gentle reminder that Life Groups will start again in September along with Welcome Wednesday.

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 – Exploring discipleship
Dartford Life Group	Wednesday	7pm	Edna's home – Varied themes as befits the attendees and evening
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: 5 th Sept – Evening of prayer with Janet 12 th Sept – The Chosen, Series 3, Episode 6 – Ron 19 th Sept – NO MEETING THIS WEEK 26 th Sept – Bible study, pick Bible story and review 4 ways with Eve
Prayer Group	Fridays	5pm	Via Zoom – please contact Janet for joining instructions - NB No meeting on the 20 th Sept

All groups are open to everyone and all are most welcome

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

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.
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