



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

Here is the CBC Newsletter/diary for May. If you have any comments or contributions, feel free to contact me,

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Welcome to this month's Newsletter. This is a time of transition for Calne Baptist Church with Sam moving on at the end of July and the building plans proceeding. As we look to the future, we trust in and pray to our faithful God. May we be as one in Christ as we move forward.

Special Church Meeting

The meeting on 27th April was to approve the building plans to go to Wiltshire Council. Minutes will soon be available but here is a precis of the meeting.

David Beresford-Smith (Architect) presented the latest plans and Adrian Male (Advisor) gave us encouragement regarding the way forward. There was a time of questions which were answered by David and Adrian with input from Richard and Terry. The proposal *"We the membership of Calne Baptist Church, instruct our architect, David Beresford-Smith, to submit the agreed plans for redevelopment to Wiltshire Planning Authority on our behalf"* was unanimously agreed to. Sam read from Paul's prayer in Ephesians emphasising the need to have our roots and foundation in Christ's love.

Thanks were expressed to all those who have worked hard to bring us to this point in the Church's history. We **all** have a part to play in the months ahead and the need for prayer is great. We do not look on this as a time of stagnation but of learning and growth both within the Fellowship and in Calne Community.

The Prayer Calendar I mentioned in last month's newsletter is now up in the Church. There are still some slots to fill so please consider your response and fill in a slot or let me know when you would be able to commit to regular prayer (day of the week – morning, afternoon or evening) and I will add you to it.

Please hold in your prayers –

Sam, *in these last few months with us*

The 20/20 Vision group (Richard, Sam, Adrian Bray, Imogen, Stan, Terry plus Adrian Male and David Beresford-Smith) *for wisdom as the building plans proceed*

The Deacons (Imogen, Jenny, Ros) *for clarity in decisions to be made especially during the interregnum*

Please also pray for unity and cohesion within the CBC fellowship, that we will all feel part of the work God has in mind.

Lastly, prayer is listening to God as well as speaking with him. If during your prayers, you feel God has something for the fellowship, please share it with Sam or one of the Deacons. *“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us” 1 John 5:14*

May Church Meeting and AGMS

These will take place on Sunday May 22nd following the Morning Service. There will be two AGMS – one under the ‘old’ constitution and one for the new Charity Incorporated Organisation.

Community Lunch – Sunday 5th June

Plans for this will soon be taking shape. Help is needed beforehand and on the day – please speak to Stan or Jenny.

Sam’s last service with us will be on Sunday 24th July and his Induction at Tyndale Baptist Church in Bristol is to be on Saturday 24th September. We are all invited and we may hire a mini bus for the trip.

Dates for your Diary

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| 7th May | Wedding of William and Sarah, 12.30 |
| 8th May | Church Anniversary with Picnic lunch |
| 8th May | Evening Prayer meeting by zoom, 6.00 pm |
| 10th May | Deacon’s Meeting |
| 13th May | Film Night |
| 14th-15th May | BU Assembly, Bournemouth |
| 22nd May | Church Meeting and AGMs following morning service |
| 22nd May | Evening Prayer Meeting by zoom 6.00 pm |
| 5th June | Community Lunch (Speak to Stan/Jenny if you can help) |
| 2nd July | Fairtrade Event – Pocket Park, Calne |
| 24th July | Sam’s last Service with us |
| 24th Sept. | Sam’s Induction at Tyndale Baptist Church, Bristol. |