

## Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

Here is the CBC Newsletter/diary for July 2023. If you have any comments or contributions, feel free to contact me,

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Welcome to CBC's July Newsletter. Half way through 2023 already! Any feedback or contributions for future issues would be very welcome.

The annual Baptist Union Assembly took place in June and the theme was 'Mission is...' It was an inspirational and encouraging couple of days and good to share with other churches. There are some videos from the event which have been emailed to the fellowship and I would encourage you to view these. Others may arrive from the BU which will be passed on.

One thing evident from the weekend was that God is on the move across the country and surely, we at CBC want to be on the move with him. It may involve taking risks and making mistakes but being static is not an option if we want to see God at work. Last Sunday we sang the hymn 'May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day'. One of the verses goes — 'May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe, looking only unto Jesus, as I onward go'. Let us run the race together.

What do you think our 'mission' is at CBC? How do we as a fellowship go about sharing the good news of God's love in restoring a relationship with him through Jesus to those around us? Do you have ideas? If you do, please share them with a Deacon.

It was a joy to share with Luke and Terese in their wedding ceremony over the internet on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. We pray for them both as they settle into married life. Many congratulations to you both.

Alpha Course at Station Hill Baptist Church, Chippenham – We have had some interest in this course taking place on Wednesday evenings in the Autumn and there are still places available. This is a great opportunity to explore more about life, faith and meaning in a relaxed and informal setting and food is included! If you or you know of someone who would be interested, please let me know. Transport to Chippenham can be arranged.

**Church Anniversary – Sunday 9**<sup>th</sup> **July –** There is still time to let Stan have any photographs/stories about CBC from past years that we can put on display for the Anniversary but please <u>do so early this coming week</u>. There will be a shared lunch following the morning service – feel free to bring a friend.

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**Church Meeting – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July –** Following the Morning Service. We hope to have some news of the building plans to share so please make every effort to attend.

## **Prayer Needs**

Ministerial Vacancy – We continue to pray for God's person to apply.

Re-building plans – Things are beginning to take shape. Please pray for God's guidance in decisions to be made and for all those involved to be sustained and strengthened as the work-load increases.

Young People – With the end of the school year in sight, offer to God our schools and pupils. Particularly, we pray for those leaving Junior school and moving on to Senior School in September and older pupils advancing into further education. Also pray God's protection on the children during the school holidays.

Blue Bus – Open to Youth every Friday evening in Calne. There is a need for more helpers – please pray concerning this.

Adrian and Julie Bray – recovering from covid.

If you have a particular prayer need, please let me know. All prayer requests are treated confidentially.

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## **Future dates for your diary**

Every Monday apart from Bank Holidays – 'The Living Room', 10.30 am – 2.00 pm

Every Wednesday - Coffee Morning, 10.30 – 12.00

Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Evening Prayer times, 6.00 pm

Home Groups every Monday and Thursday evening

Sunday 9th July – Church Anniversary followed by shared lunch

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 3.00 pm – Messy Church at Methodist Church

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00 Heart for Calne (venue tbc)

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Church Meeting following Morning Service

## **Speakers during July:**

David Radford, Gary Woodall, Chris Smith, Todd Nightingale, Andrew Caplin.