



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

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

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Welcome to CBC's August Newsletter.

Schools are finished for the holidays and many families will be taking a well-earned rest. However, this can be a stressful time for parents having to fit in work and child-care. Also, it can be a very expensive when children are not receiving the benefit of school meals and families are having to use more electricity at home. With many off on holiday, there will be some who cannot afford such luxuries or even a day out with the children. The Rise Trust (which CBC has supported) works with families in Calne who have particular needs, offering advice, training and practical help. Calne Food Bank has seen an increase in the number of people asking for food/everyday items and is always in need of supplies. Please pray for these two essential organisations which both have the Christian faith underpinning their work. If you can contribute towards the Food Bank, most supermarkets have a donation box for items or you can take in-date, non-perishable supplies to 1 Oxford Road (old Chilvester premises) Monday or Friday 12.30 – 3.00 or Wednesday 10.00 – 12.30. Check out their website www.calnefoodbank.co.uk for what items are most needed. "Defend the rights of the poor and orphans, be fair to the needy and the helpless" Psalm 82:3

CBC's Church Anniversary proved to be a great occasion. Some of the Church's historical documents plus photographs etc, were on show and we were joined by visitors, some of whom had known the church from years gone by. Gary Woodall led the Service and his talk was as usual, encouraging and a challenge to us as we move forward into the future. Fellowship continued as we shared lunch together. Thanks to those involved in any way.

At the July Church Meeting, Richard was able to give us the latest news regarding the re-building plans. To comply with Wiltshire Council's requirements, an archaeological survey of the church artifacts has been carried out and later in the year, archaeological excavations will take place around the building and Manse. It is hoped to send out tenders for the work in the autumn with a possible start date for the work early in the New Year. We will not be looking for alternative accommodation during the building time until dates are clearer. We thank God that the relationship with our Church neighbours has considerably improved and we are working closely with them as the plans begin to take shape. We seek God's path in all these things - please pray for the 20/20 Vision group and for the Deacons, for wisdom in every decision made and that His name will be glorified.

Alpha Course at Station Hill Baptist Church, Chippenham – This begins on Wednesday 6th September with a taster session. The evening 7.00 – 9.00pm – includes a hot meal, a video session with following discussion. Do you have questions about the Christian faith or have a friend/relative who might be interested in finding out more? Jenny and Rita will leading CBC's group – contact them for more information or look on the CBC and Station Hill Baptist Church website. Lifts to Chippenham can be arranged.

Prayer Needs

Ministerial Vacancy – We have had no replies to date. The Deacons are re-visiting the Church profile and work is being done on the church website which should improve our image. Continue to pray – God has a plan.

Re-building plans - 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. Also, pray for Lindy, Manse tenant, that she will find alternative accommodation in good time.

Young People - Pray for God's protection during the school holidays.

Adrian and Julie Bray – Continue to pray for their protection in difficult situations.

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 1st and 3rd Sunday – Evening Prayer times, 6.00 pm

Home Groups every Monday and Thursday evening (suspended during August)

Speakers during July:

6th August – Martin Smith

13th August - Steven Colby

20th August – David Morrell

27th August – Helen Paynter