



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

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

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Welcome to CBC's October Newsletter. Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness – October can be a beautiful month with the changing of season through autumn, November perhaps too close to winter!

We are saddened to lose our dear friend Geoff Cook, who died on 17th September. Geoff and his dear wife Margaret who died in 2020, were part of CBC for many, many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Geoff's funeral is to be on Friday 27th October and a Celebration of Geoff's life will be held at CBC at 12.30 with Sam King officiating.

Last week at CBC, we celebrated Harvest, concentrating on the BMS World Mission material on Gulu in Uganda. Recovering from drought, conflict and fire, farmers there have had a tough time but with the help of BMS's Partners, there are hopeful signs for recovery. Farmers, like Barbara with a family to support, are being helped to buy seed, join training programmes and harvest crops, receiving a fair reward to their hard work. Barbara is now able to pay for her children to attend school, something that has been very difficult for her in the past. Reminded of her and many other farmers in her situation, let us be thankful that although the economic situation in the UK is a strain for many, we do not have to rely on crop success in order for our children to receive a decent education. Go to the BMS Harvest 2023 website for more information and if you can, give to their appeal either directly or through Terry.

Thank you to all those who contributed to Food Bank supplies last week. As the weather changes, energy bills will rise and some in our town will struggle buying food for their families. The Food Bank will always be grateful for donations which can be taken to their premises (see Calne Food Bank website) or Sainsburys have a donation point.

It looks like the church re-build will be slightly delayed. Much is progressing with necessary preparations but it may not be until March/April that the actual work will begin. Continue to pray for the 20/20 Vision Committee, Architect, David Beresford-Smith and Project Manager, Stefan Jones. We are looking to establish a physical building but more importantly, to extend God's Kingdom in Calne. 'Unless the Lord builds the house, the workers labour in vain' – Psalm 127:1.

Some of us from CBC attended the Licensing of Revd. Caspar Bush at St. Mary's last Sunday. It was a lovely, joyful and encouraging service. The Bishop spoke from Matthew 20:1-16 –

Jesus' parable of the labourers in the vineyard: Labourers were hired at various times during the day with all receiving the same wage at the end of work. The Bishop emphasised Jesus' teaching that no matter who is working for God or for how long, we all receive the same reward – 'The first shall be last and the last shall be first'. Everyone has a meaningful part to play in bringing about God's Kingdom.

We at CBC are looking forward to working with Caspar and his wife Alice through the Calne Partnership of Churches.

The Alpha course has been running for four weeks and much appreciated it seems by those attending. We are grateful to Station Hill Baptist Church for their hospitality and thank God for what He is doing in many lives. The sessions continue through October and into November. Please pray many will be led to put their trust in Jesus and journey with God.

Following the Special Church Meeting to consider the BU Survey, the Deacons will meet to submit the completed survey with consideration to the views expressed at the meeting. Thanks to Todd for his wise counsel and to Ros for co-leading the meeting.

Some dates for your diaries:

8 th October	Messy Church at Methodist Church, 3.00 pm
10 th October	Calne Partnership of Churches Meeting at CBC, 7.30 pm.
11 th October	Games Evening at Methodist Church, 7.00 pm. Open to all
14 th October	Heart for Calne, 10 Mill Street, Calne, 9.00 am
14 th October	Prayer Ministry Training, CBC, 2.00 – 5.00 pm. Led by Todd and Danelle

Prayer Needs

Ministerial Vacancy – Please pray for wisdom as we move forward.

Re-building plans – Continue to 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.

Adrian and Julie Bray – For good health and God's strength in their work in Kyrgyzstan.

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

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Regular church activities

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

Speakers during October

1st Oct-David Radford, 8th Oct-Martin Smith, 15th Oct-Todd Nightingale, 22nd Oct-David Radford, 29th Oct-David Morrell