



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

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

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Welcome to November's Newsletter. Darker days, stormy weather, winter creeping on, and a world in chaos. At Marden Vale School Assemblies a candle is lit and a teacher says 'Jesus is the light of the World', the children responding 'shine Jesus shine'. Let's join with them and claim the light of Jesus to shine into the darkness.

This is a message from Lynn Green, General Secretary of BUGB, followed by her prayer:
"I am certain, like me, many of you will have been watching the news, overwhelmed with emotion at what is unfolding in Israel and the Palestinian territories. At times like this my hope is that those of us who put our faith in God will see past the politics and history and have the courage to stare into the eyes of all those who suffer, seeing both their humanity and the reflection of Christ who knows both the land and the suffering".

Her prayer: *"Lord God, with shock and horror we witness the devastating violence and loss of life in Israel-Palestine.*

We come to you the source of all comfort asking that you send your Spirit to surround and uphold those in fear and captivity. May arms of comfort and compassion overwhelm the arms of war.

We come to you the source of peace, asking that you send your Spirit to strengthen those with a heart for truth and justice and amplify the voices of wisdom and restraint. May the light of peace and reconciliation overwhelm the darkness of destruction.

We come to you the source of hope, asking that you send your Spirit to bring a future where neighbours embrace despite their differences, where love conquers hate, humility surpasses pride, and forgiveness is treasured as a fundamental strength. May the hope of a day when weapons of conflict will be transformed into tools of reconciliation be realised soon so there will be no more death, mourning, crying or pain for the old order of things will have passed away" Let us say 'Amen' to this and do all we can with God's guidance to work for His peace and justice.

We are grateful to Todd and Danelle Nightingale who led Prayer Ministry training for us last month. It was a very helpful session. Prayer Ministry is available after the Morning Service and open to all. We have a small team and would welcome others to take part in this important ministry. Have a word with me if you would like to be included on the rota.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend Geoff Cooks's thanksgiving service in October but it sounds like it was a fitting tribute to a much loved member of the church.

Our November Film Night is on Friday 10th November “The unlikely story of Harold Fry”. Food as usual but Imogen is having a rest from this with her Australian trip on the horizon so let me know if you would like to come and how about bringing a friend?

As you will probably know, Imogen will be jetting off to sunny Australia this month. No doubt she will have a great time and return refreshed and bronzed in February.

Christmas is coming! Calne Partnership of Churches have booked a stall for the Town’s Lantern Parade on Saturday 25th November. Nativity costumes will be available for members of the public to wear and take pictures and children will be given Christmas books. **Volunteers will be needed to run the stall so please let me know asap if you can spare an hour in the afternoon/early evening to help on the stall.**

Sharing the Alpha course with Station Hill Baptist church continues. It has been a blessing and we are grateful for Station Hill’s hospitality and friendship; God has certainly been at work. There will be an Alpha Reunion on February 24th, an opportunity for anyone wishing to know about the Alpha course to find out more. Feel free to speak to me or Rita.

November dates for your diaries:

10 th November	Film Night, 6.45 pm
12 th November	Messy Church at Methodist Church, 3.00 pm
18 th November	Heart for Calne, venue and time tbc
25 th November	Calne Lantern Parade, Partnership stall
26 th November	Church Meeting

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, our 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 November:

5th – Gary Woodall, 12th – Chris Smith, 19th – Nigel Coles, 26th – Graham Warmington