



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

Here is the CBC Newsletter/diary for February 2024. If you have any comments or contributions, feel free to contact me,

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Most of you will know that we have appointed Wayne Lawther to be Minister of the church and he will be starting his Ministry with us on March 1st. We are of course, delighted that Wayne is to join us and we look forward to working with him in the town to bring God's message of hope and reconciliation. Wayne will remain living in Chippenham with his wife, Inno, her daughter and their two teenage sons. He has already made lots of encouraging suggestions and we are excited to be part of what God has in store in the future.

On March 1st, the church will be open from 10.00 am for anyone to meet Wayne and have an informal chat – refreshments too of course. His first service with us as Minister will be on Sunday 3rd March which will also be a Covenant service including communion. Following this we welcome all to stay for a shared lunch.

Please pray for Wayne and his family as he prepares for this next step for him and for us.

Since Sam's departure 18 months ago, we have been blessed with excellent teaching from visiting Speakers and many have become our friends. We are grateful to God for his leading through this time which has been one of learning for us all. The Deacons and many others have worked hard to keep things going and we have certainly learnt a lot about our own capabilities but more especially, about the goodness and faithfulness of our God. We praise him for his provision, care and protection. We have been greatly helped by the wisdom of Gary and Todd who have carefully led us through the months. Thank you, Todd and Gary, for sharing your time and talents with us.

Nigel Coles, Regional Minister, spoke last Sunday with the heading – 'Blossoms in the desert', taking the text from Isaiah 35:1-2 *"Wilderness and desert will sing joyously, the badlands will celebrate and flower – like the crocus in spring, bursting into blossoms, a symphony of song and colour. Mountain glories of Lebanon – a gift. Awesome Carmel, stunning Sharon – gifts. God's resplendent glory, fully on display. God awesome, God majestic."* With continued evidence of a despairing and sad World, we as God's people can hold on to this promise and shine for Him in dark times to bring his message of hope. May we all share together in working for the Kingdom of God in Calne. Look out for the crocuses!

Easter is early this year. Lent begins on 14th February and we plan to run a Lent course on Monday evenings at the church from 19th February at 7.30 pm. The 6 week course is 'Act on Poverty'. All are welcome, especially anyone outside the fellowship who might like to join us so please spread the word. This will replace Home Groups during Lent.

20/20 Vision

Although we are likely to be in the building for the next few months, things are progressing with the building project. Much preparatory work and surveys have been carried out and there are regular progress meetings with the Project Manager who is proving to be a real asset. It is hoped that full specifications will go to tender to building companies by end March/April and when returned, we will be in a position to know the costs of the project. Premises will need to be found for Sunday Services and hopefully somewhere from where we can maintain serving the Calne community. Please pray for wise decisions to be made with God focussed minds and for protection on all those involved. Also pray for Lindy, our Manse tenant who leave in March, so is looking for alternative accommodation.

Regular activities during February

- Living Room - every Monday 10.30 am – 2.00 pm
- Coffee Morning - every Wednesday 10.30 am – 12 noon
- Evening Prayer - 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 6.00 pm.
- Home Groups - every Monday & Thursday evening. Lent course begins Thursday 15th

February Dates for your information and for prayer

- 10th February, 10.00 am - Heart for Calne, CBC
- 11th February 3.00 pm - Joint Messy Church at Methodist Church
- 13th February - Deacon's Meeting
- 26th February - 20/20 group Meeting

Advance Notice

- 1st March 10.00 am - Open House with Wayne at CBC
- 3rd March 10.30 am - Covenant Service followed by shared lunch
- 24th March - Church Meeting & AGM following Morning Service
(Deacon/Church Officers' nomination forms from Jenny)
- 28th March 7.00 pm - Maundy Thursday communion meal at CBC
- 29th March 10.30 am - Joint Good Friday service, Methodist Church
- 31st March 10.30 am - Easter Sunday All Age Worship, CBC

Please continue to pray for all aspects of the work at CBC, we move forward under the banner of Christ.

Speakers during February: David Morrell, Norman Fuggle, Nigel Coles, Graham Warmington