



Welcome to all at the CBC Fellowship.

Website: www.calne-baptist.org.uk

Here is the CBC Newsletter/diary for April 2024. If you have any comments or contributions, feel free to contact me, Jenny Woods – secretary@calne-baptist.org.uk Telephone – 01249 814499

Jesus is risen, he is risen indeed – Alleluia

I trust you can join in with this 'Alleluia' in praise of our risen Lord. The celebration of Easter at this time of the year is so very special with new life bursting forth all around us after the dormancy of winter. As a gardener, I am always encouraged if not amazed that what seemed to be barren land so quickly begins to sprout growth with warmth, light and rain – and we have had plenty of the latter! Perhaps, during the interregnum we at CBC have been rather like that soil, waiting for new growth to appear and now with our new Minister at the helm, we see signs of how God is working and leading us forward. Wayne has certainly got going since joining us, visiting many of you and introducing some new ideas on Sunday mornings including a self-deluded donkey! However, we do not sit on our proverbial laurels and leave it all to Wayne. God could do it all on his own of course, but has chosen us to be his disciples, to live and work to his glory and honour. Everyone has a special place in his Kingdom work, so come and join the celebration that cost him so dearly to make possible for us. Is Jesus calling us into deep waters that we may find unfamiliar or uncomfortable? If he is, then perhaps it is there where a rich harvest will be found.

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour. (Hillsong 'Oceans')

Our Easter services begin on Maundy Thursday at 7.30 pm with a simple meal of communion. On Good Friday, we join with our Methodist friends in Silver Street at 10.00 and in the afternoon between 2.00 – 4.00pm CBC will be open for quiet reflection. Sunday at 10.30am is a time of celebration for all as we rejoice in Jesus' power over death. This will also be a baptismal service followed by a shared lunch. Please pray for Sep who is to be baptised, that he will know without doubt, the presence of the risen King in his life and continue to grow in his discipleship.

Lent Course - During Lent we have been looking at our approach and attitude towards those who experience poverty and what form our response might take. Hopefully, it has broadened our understanding of those less fortunate than ourselves and inspired us to follow Jesus' example of acceptance, love and care.

At the church AGM last Sunday, Imogen was re-elected to serve on the Diaconate for a further three years and I am delighted to say that we now have two new Deacons – Therese Walker and David Witchell – hooray. Terry was elected to continue as Treasurer and Jenny as Secretary.

Toddler Group – Wayne has proposed starting a Toddler Group at CBC in order to broaden our outreach to the community. This is an exciting opportunity to reach families in the area. It needs people to help run it so please let Wayne know if you are interested – he is waiting to hear from you.

20/20 Vision

Progress continues in preparing the plans to submit Tenders to building companies hopefully within the next two months. The Manse is now empty – our long-standing tenant having moved out recently. Continue to pray for all that needs to be done, for the team including our Architect David Beresford-Smith and Project Manager Stefan Jones. Also, building costs have been rising for some time now, so we are trusting God for his provision.

Regular activities during March

Living Room - every Monday 10.30 am – 2.00 pm (not Easter Monday)
Coffee Morning - every Wednesday 10.30 am – 12 noon
Evening Prayer - 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 6.00 pm.

April Dates for your information and for prayer

9th April - 20/20 Meeting
13th April - Heart for Calne prayer, Evangelical Church, Oxford Road, 9.00 am
14th April - Messy Church – Methodist Church 3.00 pm
17th April - Deacons' Meeting
18th April - Calne Partnership of Churches Meeting
26th April - Joint Evening Service at Methodist Church, Silver Street, 6.00 pm

Check out our website and facebook pages for all the latest information:

www.calne-baptist.org.uk; <https://www.facebook.com/calnebaptistchurch/>

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

“To you alone, O Lord, to you alone, and not to us, must glory be given because of your constant love and faithfulness.” Psalm 115:1