



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

Here is the CBC Newsletter/diary for August 2025. If you have any comments or contributions, feel free to contact me,

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August has arrived and perhaps with it, a little extra time to be refreshed or catch up with some jobs – I have quite a list!

I was asked recently by one of our 'Living Room' folk – 'What happens when God sleeps?' well, of course we know that our Heavenly Father neither slumbers nor sleeps and is always attentive to our situation. Praise be to God.

I'm writing this on the day the English Ladies football team are being honoured in London for their amazing achievement in winning the European trophy for the second time in a row. Did you see the match? – quite a cliff hanger and not good for the nerves.

A few things stand out to me from the tournament. The fans are very family orientated with many young supporters both girls and boys; they all seem to be good humoured and respectful of opposing teams, also borne out on the pitch with the players showing friendship and being gracious to the defeated team, whilst still playing with grit and determination. When interviewed subsequent to the match, most of the players commented on how proud they were to play for their country. Pride is not always thought of a good thing in the Christian life – many references in the Bible warn against having an inflated self-importance. However, to acknowledge the gifts given to us by God and to practice them with wisdom, could be alluded to as being proud of what God has done in our lives? These ladies have used their gifts in becoming skillful and dedicated footballers involving a great deal of hard work and perseverance, working as a team under the inspirational leadership of their Manager. I think they deserve to be proud of what they have achieved together. As a church, we work together as a team with Wayne under the leadership of God to demonstrate his love in our community.

And another thing..... Michelle Agyemang, the 19 year old who kept us in the tournament with her thrilling late goals in two matches, gave praise to **God** at her interviews for the team's achievements and during the penalty shoot-out in the final, knelt in prayer – a wonderful witness broadcast across the World.

Eden Bridge at Bremhill – a Christian Festival on Saturday August 23rd with a service on Sunday August 24th – more information on the website, www.edenbridge.love

A reminder that Wayne is now on holiday for three weeks so please refrain from contacting him. We are grateful to David Radford who will be taking the services.

To those who will also be going away, may you have a safe and refreshing time.

We are delighted that Graham and Sheila are now back at the helm on Wednesdays at the 'Coffee Morning' which will continue during August as will the 'Living Room' – apart from the August Bank holiday Monday.

It was great to welcome families of the Boys Brigade and Girls Association youngsters to the service on Sunday 20th July when their awards were given out. We had a packed church! Thanks to those who help on Thursday evenings and especially to Esther for her leadership.

Another lovely occasion was our annual outreach to the Bikers at the town Bike Meet. Many, many cups of tea and coffee with delicious cakes, good conversations and the love and generosity of God shown in a very practical way. Once again, we are grateful to Linda for all her hard work in organising the day – such a lot of cakes!

For those at the July Church Meeting, you will know that we await news from the Builders, Gaigers, as to whether the Tender can be reduced. When we have the information, the 20/20 Vison committee will meet as will the Deacons to put forward a recommendation to the church at a Special Church Meeting concerning the way forward. Please pray for God's direction and wisdom in all decisions to be made.

Also at the CM, some fund-raising opportunities were highlighted – monthly car washing days, suggestions to donate regular amounts (in lieu of a weekly coffee perhaps), and lovely decorated jars and bookmarks, created by Grace which are for sale in the church.

Toddler Groups, Boys Brigade and Girls Association and Big Family Church will close for the Summer break and resume again in September.

Regular activities

- Living Room** - Mondays 10.30am – 2.00pm. (Not August Bank Holiday)
- Coffee Morning** - Every Wednesday 10.30am – 12noon.
- Toddler Group** - Thursdays 9.30am – 11.30am (Term Time only)
- Toddler Group** - Fridays 9.30am – 11.30am (Term Time only)
- Boys & Girls Brigade** - Thursdays 6.00pm to 7.30pm (Term Time only)
- Evening Prayer** - 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 6.00pm
- Big Family Church** - 1st Sunday of the month (short 'Traditional' service)
but there will be a normal service on 1st of August.
- Home Groups** - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. (not in August)

Future dates for your information and prayer

Sunday 24th August - **Baptism Service**

Continue to pray, as 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