



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

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

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With Advent Sunday on 30th November, we can now begin to put our minds toward the celebration of our Saviour's birth.

The thing I love particularly about the Christmas season is the singing of Carols. Right from school days, I have had the joy of being part of a choir performing Carols and Christmas music in many places – Trafalgar Square, train stations, hospitals, care homes, supermarkets, as well as in churches and on the street. With such a rich variety of music on offer, it is difficult to single out any piece but this one sticks in my mind, always sung to introduce the Carol concert at school - the church in darkness and then flooded with light as we sang –

*'Break forth, O beauteous, heavenly light and usher in the morning.
O shepherds shrink not with affright, but hear the angels warning.
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be.
The Power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.*

*Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light to herald our salvation.
He stoops to earth, the God of might, our hope and expectation.
He comes in human flesh to dwell, our God with us, Immanuel,
The night of darkness ending, our fallen race befriending.'*

May you experience the joy of Christ, Immanuel - God with us.

With this being the last Newsletter of 2025, let us give thanks for all that God has blessed us with during the year and remember those who are no longer with us.

The Boys Brigade and Girls Association started at Easter and is going strong thanks to Esther Reeve who heads this up and the lovely volunteers.

The Toddler group continues to thrive, with a second group on Friday mornings. With an influx of young babies recently, it looks like we shall be kept going for some time to come.

We have had numerous Baptisms this year, evidence that God is at work in many hearts.

The Worship Group has grown and we are ever thankful to those who lead our worship in a sensitive and encouraging way. Monthly Praise and Worship evening sessions (now to be called 'Encounter') began in October and we look forward to more of these next year.

Sadly, we remember those who have died this year – Lettice Mills, John Watkins, Elizabeth Vinden and Rosemary George.

We give thanks for all that God has done throughout this year, to Wayne for strongly leading us forward and to all those who continue to serve our Lord in whatever way.

The second monthly Sunday evening Praise and Worship session was much appreciated as a time to do just that – praise and worship. These will be repeated in the New Year.

Jamie and Emily were married on 15th November and we rejoice with them and their family as they begin their lives together under the banner of God's love.

Thanks to Ros Patterson who organised the production of 'Beauty & the Beast' with her drama students at CBC, raising funds towards the CBC building fund.

To begin the New Year:

Vision Sunday, January 4th – Wayne will be sharing some thoughts on the year ahead.

'Christianity Explored' – does what it says on the tin! This seven week course is on Monday evenings beginning in January including a meal. We already have a list of those wishing to attend. If you are interested, please speak to Wayne.

Another wedding – Shirley Thomas and John Bray will be married during the service at CBC on **January 11th** after which we will celebrate with them in sharing lunch together.

January 18th sees the Baptism of George Buckland (another shared lunch too)

There is a full programme as we approach Christmas as follows:

29th November – Calne Lights Festival. The Partnership of churches will have a stall with the opportunity for people to dress up for the Nativity scene and take photos. We will also be giving out Christmas books to the children.

30th November – Advent Sunday. Dedication of Daniel and Hannah Grey, followed by a shared lunch.

7th December – Big Family Church Christmas special – we are expecting a crowd!

14th December – Nativity Service.

17th December – 6.00 pm-Memorial Service with Carols.

21st December – 10.30 am– Boys Brigade & Girls Association Christmas service.

21st December – 6.00 pm-Carol Service with refreshments.

24th December – 11.30pm at CBC-Midnight Communion with Methodist Church.

25th December – 10.30am-Christmas Day Service

Regular activities

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| Living Room | - Mondays 10.30am – 2.00pm. (Not on 22 nd Dec or 29 th Dec) |
| Coffee Morning | - Every Wednesday 10.30am – 12noon. |
| Toddler Group | - Thursdays 9.15am – 11.15am (not 25 th Dec or 8 th Jan) |
| Toddler Group | - Fridays 9.15am – 11.15am (not 26 th Dec or 9 th Jan) |
| Boys & Girls Brigade | - 6.00pm to 7.00pm (not 25 th Dec or 8 th Jan) |
| Evening Prayer | - 1 st and 3 rd Sunday of each month at 6.00pm |
| Big Family Church | - 1 st Sunday of the month (plus short 'Traditional' service) |
| 'Encounter' | - Fourth Sunday evening of the month, 6.00pm (Praise and Worship) |
| Home Groups | - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. |
| Car Wash | - Every second Saturday of the month |

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