



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

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

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Welcome to the month of July which seems to have arrived all too quickly. With the months racing by, we are nearing the school summer holidays. Do you remember the feeling at the end of the school year? On the last day of term, we would be allowed to take in a game (no electronic games then) to share and asked to bring a piece of furniture polish and a duster to clean our wooden desks etc. At home time, the room looked bare and we went home laden with our 'masterpieces' worked on during the term, plus our yearly reports. The long 6 weeks stretched out before us, promising freedom to spend time with friends in the street, the park or public library and perhaps, a family holiday. Although living in South London, I was fortunate to have a large garden so spent many happy hours there with family and friends. Now the 6 weeks seems to disappear before I know it and each day/week is much the same as usual. For many young people the end of term means saying goodbye to primary school and moving on in September to Secondary school and for others, transitioning to College or University. It will be an exciting if not scary time, so please pray for those moving on, that not only their educational needs will be met but, perhaps more importantly, care will be given to their emotional and spiritual growth.

You may be familiar with the Daily Service (previously on BBC Radio 4, now on Radio 4Extra). I try to tune in when I am home. This week, it has been broadcast from Lambeth Palace, London home to the Archbishop of Canterbury on the South bank. Various topics have been covered – worship, hospitality, community – with many of those ministering in that place taking part. What has come over the airwaves is a sense of community where different people meet together to pray, learn, serve together, learning from one another and growing in their walk with Christ. Since the 17th Century, it has been and remains a place of hospitality, welcoming all without conditions. As we seek to reach out to our community in Calne, may we be a safe place of refuge, comfort and love to all.

One way we demonstrated that was at the Community Lunch last Sunday when we welcomed many visitors for food and fellowship. We had over 100 guests and were grateful for a nearly dry day. Of course, such events cannot succeed without many contributing by providing food, help on the day and chatting to our guests etc, so 'thank you' to everyone who helped to make it such a great occasion. I am reminded of the passage in 1 Corinthians 12, where Paul tells us that the church needs to be made up of people with different gifts, just like a complete body has different parts working in coordination, not one more important or superior than another. We all have a part to play, many gifts but one body – Jesus Christ.

Thanks also to those who have stepped in to help out on Wednesdays at Coffee Morning while Graham is recovering from his operation. He is not able to return yet but is doing pretty well and I am sure he and Sheila have been grateful to those who have visited.

Living Room has regular guests each week, usually about 25 – 30. It is a valuable time for people to meet up, chat and have lunch together and we hope to be able to keep it open during August. However, there are some weeks when helper numbers will be too low to maintain a safe environment and we may need to close. If you could spare some time to help out, we would be very grateful – let me or Ros Mills know.

The celebration of Lettice's life was a lovely occasion with her large family and the church family uniting in thanks for the life of our dear friend.

The next Church Meeting will take place on Sunday 20th July following the morning service and the following Saturday, sees the return of the Bike Meet to Calne. We will be serving refreshments to the Biking fraternity as usual and Linda will be asking for contributions of cakes, help on the day etc, nearer the date.

Toddler Groups, Boys Brigade and Girls Association and Big Family Church will close for the Summer break and resume again in September. Wayne will be on holiday for the first three Sundays in August, enjoying a well-earned rest and time with his family. Please make sure he is not contacted during this time, unless there is a real emergency.

Regular activities

- Living Room** - Mondays 10.30am – 2.00pm. (Not Bank Holidays)
- 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)
See Wayne for further information

Future dates for your information and prayer

- July 5th** - Church cleaning day from 9.30am. See Dave Witchell
- July 20th** - Church Meeting following morning worship
- July 26th** - Bike Meet – Refreshments at CBC during the day
- July 27th** - Joint Partnership Service, 6.00pm at St. Edmunds Church

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