



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

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

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Today – 29th May, is Ascension Day, remembering Jesus leaving his disciples 40 days after his resurrection with the promise of the Holy Spirit to inspire and lead them forward in their Ministry. This was not the end of their relationship with the Lord but the beginning of the early Christian church. When Jesus left his disciples, it records that he was taken ‘up’ and they craned their necks to see him disappear. The angel put them right – don’t look up but wait for the Holy Spirit and then get on with what Jesus had commissioned them to do – spread his message of love and forgiveness to all people. Is this a message to us?

We spent two delightful weeks in Southern Ireland recently, thankful to God for space and time to reflect and enjoy the beauty of his creation not only in the scenery but in the people we met. We had several conversations with people we will never meet again. Two Irish ladies at a beautiful Garden and Arboretum were lost – locals but finding the mapping difficult. Together, we found the way back and for just a short time, shared some of our lives. At another Garden, the signs were not very good but one of the volunteers took the trouble not to just point the way, but to walk (quite a way and using a walking stick) with us to the walled garden which we might have missed. She wanted to share the delights of the garden and fill us in on some of the history plus her own pleasure in working there. Perhaps we too, can take time and effort to walk with people who are finding the way difficult, showing the love and mercy of Christ that we have experienced.

Another great benefit of having more free time, was reading. I read three books and got part way through a fourth – more than I do in a year! I have mentioned before the Ordained Minister and Astro Physicist, David Wilkinson. He wrote two books back in the 1990s presenting the case for ‘God in Science’ and giving some explanation of the various theories regarding the origin of the Universe – many Scientists, Einstein and Stephen Hawking included, acknowledge that their understanding and theories go only so far and that there ‘may’ be a Creator who started things off. I was greatly encouraged that many Scientists have a strong belief in God, acknowledging a Creator who is present in the World today. I am going to share these books with my Grandson who is planning to do Astro Physics at University in September – he does not hold a belief in God but respects those who do. He will have a better understanding of the Physics too.

To those who will be holidaying in the near future, I trust you will have a restful and inspiring time. God has no boundaries.

You will all know that Lettice died earlier this week. We thank God for the fellowship we shared with Lettice at CBC and it was only in the last year and a half that she was unable to worship with us due to ill health. Now at peace, we pray for all her family and particularly Terry and Ros, that they will recall many happy memories to help them in their loss.

Boys and Girls Brigade got off to a great start in May. Good numbers attending and all the activities much enjoyed. Thanks to those who help on Thursday evenings. One way of contributing is to offer some cakes/biscuits for the tuck. Speak to Wayne if you can help.

Sunday morning intercessions: I am sure you appreciate all those who lead the intercessions on Sunday mornings. We are a bit low on numbers and would welcome some new people to share in this ministry. Please let me or Wayne know if you are interested.

Community Lunch – Sunday 22nd June, 12.00 – 3.00 pm. This is a great opportunity to share time with our neighbours. Last year, over 100 attended. Lists will be in church from this Sunday, requesting contributions of salads, desserts and help on the day. **Please note, there will be no morning service on the Community Lunch Sunday.**

We are grateful for some Grants that have been awarded to CBC regarding the building plans with more applications in the pipeline. There is still a shortfall so please pray for the outcome; a final decision to be made as to way forward at the Church Meeting on 20th July.

Regular activities

- Living Room** - Mondays 10.30am – 2.00pm. (Not Bank Holidays)
- Coffee Morning** - Every Wednesday 10.30am – 12noon.
(Graham is recovering from knee surgery – help is needed to cover on Wednesdays – speak to Wayne)
- Toddler Group** - Thursdays 9.30am – 11.30am (Term Time only)
- 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 10.15 am)
- Home Groups** - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. See Wayne for further information

Future dates for your information and prayer

- June 8th** - Church Meeting following morning worship
- June 18th** - Deacons Away Day
- June 22nd** - Community Lunch – NO MORNING 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