



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

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

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This November Newsletter is a little early – thought I would get it in before half term.

I have taken the liberty of using part of a recent message from Alisdair Longwill – one of our Regional Webnet Ministers as follows:

“In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus talking to his followers with the crowd listening in says, *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”* Eugene Peterson paraphrases it beautifully in *The Message*: “You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.’ **I’d like to suggest that it’s time for us to discover or maybe re-discover, ‘who we really are.’** Years ago, the apostle Paul encouraged the Ephesian followers of Jesus to prepare for action in their context by putting on the ‘armour’ of God.

“Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.”

There it is again, that word —‘*peace*’, and according to the apostle Paul it’s an identifiable characteristic of the gospel. It’s not just a passive state, but something we are to be ready to share, to carry into the world, characterised by truth and righteousness.

So, what might this look like for you and me – if we were to intentionally seek to live as peace-makers and show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight? And for those of us who are called to be pastoral leaders, called to model this ourselves and to prepare God’s people for **works** of service – how might we best communicate this peace-full commission to our congregations helping them to live in the places and spaces of everyday life?

Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’

Yours, because of Jesus,

Alisdair Longwill, Regional Minister”

We continue to pray for those who have recently been bereaved. Rosemary George’s funeral takes place next Wednesday (29th Oct) so please pray for her family as well as Simon, Rosemary and Paul Vinden mourning the loss of Elizabeth.

Those of you who were at Big Family Church in October, were privileged to share in the four Baptisms – what a wonderful occasion.

Please pray for Ginny and John who were married today (24th Oct) with much celebration. Also, Jamie and Emily for their wedding on 15th November. May God richly bless these couples in their married lives.

The Calne Joint Partnership of Churches hold quarterly joint services and this coming Sunday, October 26th, CBC will be hosting this service. It will be an informal service of worship with our lovely Worship group leading the music and Wayne giving a short talk. It is planned to hold such Sunday Worship evenings on a regular basis in the future.

Two parties next week –

The two Toddler groups will be enjoying their half term party on Thursday 30th October and on 31st October, there will be a Pumpkin Party (alternative Halloween). These are both opportunities to share the love of God with some of our local families.

Friday 21st November at 7.30 pm – a production of ‘Beauty and the Beast’ at CBC performed by the drama group who regularly use our premises for rehearsals. This performance will last about 45 minutes followed by refreshments. There is no charge for this, but Ros Patterson who runs the group, would like donations to go to the church building fund. Parents of the students will be attending and all at CBC are invited too so please come and enjoy the evening as well as supporting the young people.

Regular activities

- Living Room** - Mondays 10.30am – 2.00pm. (Not on Monday 27th Oct)
- Coffee Morning** - Every Wednesday 10.30am – 12noon.
- Toddler Group** - Thursdays 9.30am – 11.30am (not 23rd/30th Oct)
- Toddler Group** - Fridays 9.30am – 11.30am (not 24th/31th Oct)
- Boys & Girls Brigade** - Thursdays 6.00pm to 7.00pm (not 23rd/30th Oct)
- Evening Prayer** - 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 6.00pm
- Big Family Church** - 1st Sunday of the month (short ‘Traditional’ service)
- Home Groups** - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays.

Future dates for your information and prayer

- 8th November** - Car Wash
- 9th November** - Remembrance Sunday
- 9th November** - Messy Church, 3.00pm at Methodist Church
- 15th November** - Wedding of Jamie and Emily
- 21st November** - ‘Beauty & the Beast’, 7.30 pm at CBC
- 29th November** - Calne Festival of Lights – Partnership of Churches stall.

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