



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

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

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Well, where did September go? Since getting back into full swing at church and other things after the Summer break, the weeks are just flying by with October upon us. What a beautiful time of year with berries and colour galore, made so much more special with the lovely weather lately.

Autumn remains a special time to give thanks to God for the abundance of our every-day material needs – things we perhaps take for granted. Over 40 years ago when we were in High Wycombe, we had a friend who had worked with BMS in Biafra (since realigned with Nigeria) during the brutal war of the 1970's. She commented that we, with our well stocked supermarkets, expect not only that the commodities we buy are always available but that there is ample choice between makes and varieties of just one article. In Biafra, when shopping, she would not be surprised should there be no tinned beans available let alone the luxury of choosing between this or that make. In a global world, we are accustomed to buying goods from all over the World, in and out of season in our country. God told us to 'tend' the earth – his creation, not exploit or pollute it as often is the case. He told the Israelites to celebrate their harvest with a special festival and to make sure they left some of the harvest for the foreigner and the needy (remember Ruth and Boaz). In our modern society, perhaps we can be remote from the source of food from the fields. In Calne, we live in a rural area with the tractors up and down the streets reminding us of the hard work carried out by farmers and producers. So, 'thanks' to our farmers and all those in the food chain who contribute in any way. Let's not take our abundant supply for granted.

This Harvest season also coincides with Fairtrade Fortnight, reminding us that Fairtrade is about justice and fairness for growers and producers of our every-day commodities – tea, coffee, sugar, bananas, cocoa and much more. These products may cost a little more but ensure good practice for those responsible for much of our food. Look out for the Fairtrade mark when shopping – and a reminder that we are a Fairtrade church, using Fairtrade coffee, sugar and tea for all our activities. (Thank you to Linda and David Radford who keep these supplies topped up).

Sunday 11th October will be our Harvest service. As usual, we are supporting Calne Food Bank and would like to suggest that if you are willing to contribute, you do so with a cash donation either through the Church account or bringing your contribution to the service.

There are many things to commit to God so here are a few reminders for your prayers:

Wayne, Inno, David and Jonathon. Please remember them all in your prayers at such a difficult time.

Adrian and Julie Bray. Great to hear their news on their recent visit to CBC and be reminded of their work in Kyrgyzstan. Please pray for the work and friends they left in that country and for the right decision as to whether they should return.

Building Project. At the Church Meeting it was decided to decline Gaiger's Tender and approach some smaller companies in the hope of reducing costs. The time frame is short so please pray for wisdom as this process proceeds.

Recently bereaved. Elizabeth Vinden's funeral will take place on Friday 10th October, 2.00pm at CBC, all welcome. Continue to pray for Rosemary, Simon and Paul and also for the family of John Watkins and Colin Wood.

October Big Family Church. This coming Sunday, includes four Baptisms - Jo, Tony, Scarlet and Saskia. Please pray for them and for all who attend.

Weddings. Joyous occasions for Ginny and John – 24th October and Jamie and Emily – 15th November. Pray for rich blessings upon their marriage and their lives together. Your prayers would also be much appreciated by those who are poorly or infirm. May God reach out with his healing and mercy.

Regular activities

- Living Room** - Mondays 10.30am – 2.00pm.
- 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 (after a shorter 'Traditional' service)
- Home Groups** - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays.

Future dates for your information and prayer

- 11th October** - Car Wash 8.30am – 4.00 pm
- 12th October** - Harvest Service, 10.30am
- 12th October** - Messy Church, 3.00pm at Methodist Church
- 22nd October** - Prayer for Israel, CBC 2.00pm
- 24th October** - Wedding – Ginny & John
- 26th October** - Joint Partnership Service, CBC 6.00 pm. Informal worship
- 30th October** - Toddler Groups Half Term Party, CBC 2.00 – 4.00 pm
- 31st October** - Alternative Halloween Pumpkin Party, CBC 5.00 – 7.00 pm

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