



**Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.**

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

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Where did August go? Still clinging on for a few more days but autumn officially begins on 1<sup>st</sup> September. We have been blessed with such good weather and today, praise God, we have had some very welcome rain, how we need it. I trust that those who have been able to get away for a break had a great time but if not, that you were still blessed.

Now things will be getting back into gear – taking up the reigns again with the usual activities at CBC and some additions (see the calendar below), children and young people returning to school, some for the first time, some moving on to new schools, college or university. It can be a scary time so please pray for them, especially those leaving home for the first time – parents and guardians apprehensive too, so pray for them also.

We are grateful to David Radford for taking the services for the first three Sundays in August while Wayne was having a well-deserved rest. Thank you David for your thoughtful talks. If you missed them, have a look on the church website “Listen Again” page.

I love singing and right from my days at Junior school in London, have always been part of a choir only having to through in the towel a couple of years ago due to voice issues. Music and in particular singing is such a joy and as Christians, we have much to sing about in praising God who is worthy of all we have to give. In the Bible there are many instances of people rejoicing together through music to praise and worship God and of course, David sang and danced before the Lord in great exuberance, composing many songs of praise in the Psalms. Singing in a choir means working together with other song parts and musicians, following instructions from the score and the conductor and listening to those around you to produce a blended sound. An illustration perhaps of how a fellowship should be working together, searching God’s word, following God’s instruction, listening to him and to one another. We can all make a joyful noise unto the Lord together whether you have a ‘good’ voice or not. To quote a worship song we often sing:

*‘Though the tears may fall, my song will rise, my song will rise to you.*

*Though my heart may fail, my song will rise, my song will rise to you.*

*While there’s breath in my lungs, I will praise you Lord.*

*The joy of the Lord is my strength, the joy of the Lord is my strength.*

*In the darkness I’ll dance, in the shadows, I’ll sing, the joy of the Lord is my strength.’*

To add to the growing number of Christian Festivals across the country, we now have our own in North Wilts! Eden Bridge Festival began with the vision and hard work of Kim Vale who manages the Maud Heath Vineyard near Bremhill. It was a great weekend with a

whole day of worship on Saturday and lots for children and adults alike followed by a family focused café style service on Sunday morning. The opportunity to meet up and share with many from around the area and beyond (as far as Woolwich and Birmingham) was special and there is much to praise God for. Hopefully, this will be repeated next year.

Last Sunday, we celebrated with Jan when she was Baptised – a very special time. Please pray for Jan as she continues her journey with the Lord.

**Alpha** – Another opportunity to be part of an Alpha course held at Station Hill Baptist Church in Chippenham. It starts on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September and runs for 12 weeks. More information on the CBC website ('Alpha' Tab) and if you or someone you know might be interested in coming along, speak to Rita on 07414 668259.

Hopefully, the future of the proposed new church build will be settled in September. Please pray for God's wisdom and guidance in all decisions. Fund raising towards the present shortfall is happening in a number of ways – items to sell in church, monthly car washing and on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September** there will be a sale of goods with refreshments.

**Fairtrade Fortnight** is from 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Last year, we greatly enjoyed the visit from Patrick, Fairtrade Tea Farmer in Kenya. We remain in touch with Patrick and have progress reports from him regularly. On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Fairtrade event at Calne Library from 4.00 pm. Please come to hear more about Fairtrade. See Stan or Jenny.

Toddler Groups and Boys Brigade and Girls Association all begin again in September.

### Regular activities

- Living Room** - **Mondays 10.30am – 2.00pm. (Not August Bank Holiday)**
- Coffee Morning** - **Every Wednesday 10.30am – 12noon.**
- Toddler Group** - **Thursdays 9.30am – 11.30am (from September 11th)**
- Toddler Group** - **Fridays 9.30am – 11.30am (from September 12th)**
- Boys & Girls Brigade** - **Thursdays 6.00pm to 7.00pm (from September 4th)**
- Evening Prayer** - **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 6.00pm**
- Big Family Church** - **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 11am (short 'Traditional' service at 10.15)**
- Home Groups** - **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays.**

### Future dates for your information and prayer

- 6th September** - **Table Top sale at church from 10.00 am.**
- 14<sup>th</sup> September** - **Freedom in Christ joint meeting – bring lunch**
- 21<sup>st</sup> September** - **Church Meeting following morning service & shared lunch**

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