



**Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.**

**Here is the CBC Newsletter/diary for April 2026.** If you have any comments or contributions, feel free to contact me,

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***Christ is risen, He is risen indeed***

Welcome to April and joyous celebrations for Easter. During Lent, Wayne has been hosting daily morning and evening devotion sessions over zoom which continue until Good Friday. These have been much appreciated by those taking part. (See Good Friday item below)

On Maundy Thursday there will be a communion service at the Scout Hall and as previously, the washing of hands, remembering Jesus' act of washing the disciples' feet at their last supper together before his arrest and crucifixion. During the service, there is to be a simple meal – an email has gone out requesting finger foods for this.

On Good Friday, we join in fellowship with our Methodist friends in Silver Street at 10.30am. In the evening at 10.00pm Wayne will host the last online prayer time – it will be a special online communion and prayer service. You are invited to join, having some bread and wine/juice ready. The zoom link is

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74454081018?pwd=poA9LKKXMIQ9aArKBLCQ4Xm5clxihQ.1>

**(Meeting ID: 744 5408 1018 - Passcode: 5P4zAH) – Details also on the website.**

We shall be celebrating Christ's resurrection victory on Easter Sunday at 10.30am at the Scout Hall.

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I expect many of you have made a diversion to see how the demolition of the church is progressing. We are grateful to the contractors who have made every effort to minimise disruption to the neighbours. The church and halls are down apart from the part that needs to be dealt with by the electricity company as is the case for the Manse. When the rubble has been cleared, foundation preparations will begin. There are banners at the front of the church and at the back facing Castlefields Park, detailing the church plans which have aroused much interest from those passing by. This is all very exciting and we praise God for bringing us this far. Of course, there is still a long way to go so please continue to pray for all aspects of the new build and for all concerned. Updates on progress are regularly posted on the CBC website.

Services and week-day activities at the Scout Hall and at Bremhill View have gone well apart from a few minor problems. Thanks are due to all those involved in helping to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Wayne will be running the 'Bible Course' from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. There will be 8 sessions, taking place at the Scout Hall. Speak to Wayne for more information.

We praise God for the safe return of Roz and Dave Witchell after their time in Australia to witness the Baptism of their son – a wonderful occasion.

Barry and Linda are to be married on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Wayne will be taking the ceremony at the Free Church. We send all our love and very best wishes to Barry and Linda, praying that the day will be a great blessing to them and that God will continue to be at the heart of their relationship.

The conflict in the Middle East has dominated our media with the impact affecting the whole World for some time to come regardless of when war ceases. To date, there has been little coverage of the people of Southern Lebanon who have been displaced due to the Israeli assault on Hezbollah – up to a million having to leave their homes. A Christian organisation dedicated to Ministering to the people of Lebanon is Thimar-LSESD (*Thimar meaning 'fruit' in Arabic, LSESD – Lebanese Society for Education and Social Development – with whom we had strong links through Sam King*). Despite the awful situation for so many who have lost homes, jobs, possessions and family members, Thimar (with other organisations) are committed to offering hope by providing practical assistance and refuge to those in need – a monumental task underpinned by their faith in God. Please continue to pray for their work, safety for all concerned and of course, for an end to this devastating war.

### **Regular activities**

- Living Room** - Mondays 10.30am – 2.00pm. Scout Hall (not Bank Holidays)
- Toddler Group** - Thursdays – 12.30pm – 2.30pm. Scout Hall (term time)
- Toddler Group** - Fridays 9.15am – 11.15am Scout Hall (term time)
- Boys & Girls Brigade** - 5.30pm to 8:00pm (at the Free Church, term time)
- Evening Prayer** - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 6.00pm Scout Hall
- Traditional Service** - Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March at Bremhill View, 10.00am (note earlier time)
- Big Family Church** - Sun 29<sup>th</sup> March at Bremhill View, 11.00 am
- Encounter** - Fourth Sunday evening of the month, 6.00pm. Scout Hall
- Home Groups** - Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays.
- Bible Course** - From 15<sup>th</sup> April at the Scout Hall

**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***

**CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR TODAY - SAT 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH!!!**