



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

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

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Welcome to February with the promise of Spring in the air with birds singing and plants beginning to come to life – snowdrops are out in Castlefields and I was delighted to see crocuses blooming in the garden.

Of course, our focus at CBC is now on the closure of the church and the beginning of the new build that has been in our minds and prayers for so long. Our last service in the present building will be on Sunday 15th February, with the suspension of all week-day activities at the church thereafter. From 16th February the church and halls will be cleared ready for the hand-over of the building to the Contractors on Monday 23rd. At last we have arrived at this point in the church's history – exciting but perhaps a little scary. Many thanks are due to everyone who has worked so hard over the years to bring this about and to all who have prayed. God has guided us to this point and with our eyes fixed on him, may we continue to walk with him on this journey.

The venue for future services will be the Scout Hall in Quarr Barton as well as most of our weekly activities. If this changes at all, we will of course, let you all have plenty of notice. We are fortunate to have the Scout Hall, but patience will be needed as we find our way around and make some practical changes to our normal routine. There is a car park with very limited space so if you are able, please park elsewhere and walk to the Scout Hall so as to ensure those with reduced mobility have vehicle space. Detailed information about all the changes will be posted on the website from Sunday 8th February.

One weekday activity that will **not** continue will be the Coffee & Chat mornings. We are very grateful to Graham and Sheila for running this so faithfully and for their welcome to so many over recent years. Also, please note that the Thursday Toddler group will be meeting at a later time from 12.30pm – 2.30pm.

With so much going on, there is of course, much to commit to God in prayer so please take the following into account as you pray:

Wayne – for his continued enthusiasm, energy, wisdom and good health.

The Trustees and others with responsibility for the smooth running of the building work and care for the fellowship.

For understanding and patience as we use alternative premises for worship and weekly activities, that we will be able to continue outreach to the community of Calne, keeping Christ at the centre of all we do.

The Building Company – practical details and safety for those working on the site.

Neighbours to the church - for good relationships.

For ourselves – that we will continue to reflect the love and mercy of Christ as we continue in fellowship and service to God.

Finances – There is still a shortfall of £50,000 to complete Phase 1 of the building work.

With this focus on prayer, please remember the monthly prayer nights, the next being on 20th February from 10.00pm – 7.00am during which you can ‘book’ an hour to pray and then pass the baton on to the next on the list. Time slots are on the wall in church.

This winter has been a difficult time for some of our ‘older’ folk. Please pray for them to be sustained and encouraged and perhaps give them a ring to see how they are.

At the Church Meeting last Sunday, Stan shared some figures regarding CBC recently sent to the Baptist Union. Praise God, we are growing not only in numbers but in our walk with God; there were 12 Baptisms last year with another in January and one this coming Sunday at BFC. Weekly activities continue to serve a wide spectrum of those in our community, making links with young and old in our desire to share with them the love of Christ.

The Christianity Explored course is well underway with a good number attending. Also, ‘Encounter’ continues once a month with thanks to the worship group for leading us into a deeper presence of God.

We are thankful to God for his direction and faithfulness and we continue to offer him our praise and worship for all he is doing and will do in the future.

Regular activities

- Living Room** - Mondays 10.30am – 2.00pm.
- Coffee Morning** - Every Wednesday 10.30am – 12noon – not meeting after 11th Feb
- Toddler Group** - Thursdays – as from 26th Feb - 12.30pm – 2.00pm
- Toddler Group** - Fridays 9.15am – 11.15am
- Boys & Girls Brigade** - 5:30 to 6:30 and 6:45 to 8:00pm
- Evening Prayer** - 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 6.00pm
- Big Family Church** - 1st Feb with Baptism and Dedication, 1st March, 29th March
- Informal Worship** - Fourth Sunday evening of the month, 6.00pm
- Home Groups** - Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays.

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