



Welcome to all the CBC Fellowship.

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

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This is a rather paired down version of the Newsletter due to the end of December creeping up on me!

I trust you enjoyed a blessed Christmas and that in the year to come, we will grow in our fellowship with God and with each other.

As usual, our fellowship at CBC during the Advent season was eventful.

It was great to see so many at the Big Family Church – over 100 adults and children.

The Nativity service proved lots of fun and of course, much amusement for old and young alike.

It was good to see so many parents at the Boys Brigade and Girls Association parade service with many of the children receiving awards.

The church was bursting at the Carols by Candlelight service and as usual, proved a wonderful time to remember the true meaning of Christmas.

We saw in Christmas Day with Midnight Communion joining with our friends from the Methodist Church and followed later by the Christmas morning service to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour.

Also in December, CBC provided the venue for a Memorial Service organised by Wootton's Funeral Directors. This was an opportunity for families and friends to remember loved ones recently deceased and was much appreciated by those who attended.

It was good to take part with the Calne Partnership of Churches at the end of November at the Town Festival of Lights. As in previous years, there was a nativity scene to which we invited members of the public to join and take their photos as well as giving out Christmas books to the children. We were blessed with good weather and engaged in some good conversations.

Sadly, our dear friend, Shirley died suddenly in December. She was of course, such a stalwart of the fellowship, a strong personality who kept going through some tough times. We will be particularly remembering Shirley and celebrating her rich life on January 14th at CBC following the service at Semington Crematorium. All are invited to both service – 11.00 am at Semington and 1.00 pm at CBC after which there will be refreshments.

Vision Sunday is on **4th January** when we will particularly look towards the future and explore where God might be leading us in the year ahead. There is also a **Special Church Meeting** following the service when a final decision regarding the building will be made by the CBC fellowship. Please make every effort to attend as we are all part of the body of Christ and have a part to play in building his kingdom in Calne and beyond and please pray for God's guidance and wisdom in everything we do.

'Christianity Explored' – does what it says on the tin! This 7 week course begins on Monday evenings on **12th January** and will include a meal. We already have a list of those wishing to attend. If you are interested, please speak to Wayne and if you can help in preparing food, please let me know.

January 18th sees the Baptism of George Buckland with shared lunch.

Regular activities

- Living Room** - Mondays 10.30am – 2.00pm.
- Coffee Morning** - Every Wednesday 10.30am – 12noon.
- Toddler Group** - Thursdays 9.15am – 11.15am
- Toddler Group** - Fridays 9.15am – 11.15am
- Boys Brigade & Girls Association** Fridays 5.30pm to 8.00pm **(Note change of times)**
- Evening Prayer** - 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 6.00pm
- Big Family Church** - NOT IN JANUARY – BEGINS AGAIN IN FEBRUARY
- Informal Worship** - Fourth Sunday evening of the month, 6.00pm
- Home Groups** - Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays.
- Car Wash** - Every second Saturday of the month

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