



## The Stream

August 2025

Welcome to the August edition of The Stream and we hope that you are enjoying God's creation and bounties during the long summer days. There has been a lot going on in July and even more to look forward to during August in this month's packed edition. If you have any suggestions of what you would like to see in the future edition, please speak to Lynne or a member of the Leadership Team.

### Message from Mike...

Hello church,

*Following the church meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July, we have included our comments from that meeting in The Stream this month.*

*Easter, Christmas, Harvest and a Funday are going to be our four major community targeted events of the year. The Funday, for which I thank all that attended and helped, was our first non-service-based event. Although community attendance was low good contacts were made, and good conversations had. We will continue to provide these events and leaflet our area accordingly.*

*Eve reminded us of the work done in the community by Welcome Wednesday and my involvement in the Beavers and Cubs.*

*Then I outlined how I saw New Barn Christian Fellowship moving forward. What, by God's grace did I think God wanted to see happening within the church over the next year? Ephesians 4 makes it clear that God gives gifts to the church and distributes them to everybody as He feels fit. Some gifts are upfront gifts, and some are more background gifts but it must be emphasized that no gift is more important than the others.*

*So if we all have gifts, what are they and how do we discover whether we have them. This is, I believe, what we should be doing. Discovering our gifts and practicing them is a non-threatening and non-condemning atmosphere. This is what I, as pastor, will attempt to do if you allow me to. No one is too old or too young, we all have something to contribute to the church and the community we all love. Let us go forward together eagerly trying to discover our gifts and learn to use them in a loving way.*

*<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. 1 Corinthians 12 v 27 - 28.*

God bless

Mike



## August's Sunday Service Details

Date	Leader	Speaker	Comments
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Rowan Troy	Rowan Troy	Ephesians 6
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Nicky Collins	Mike Collins	Philippians 1
17 <sup>th</sup> August	Mike Collins	Ron Owen	Philippians 2
24 <sup>th</sup> August	Beth Collins	Naomi Gibson	Philippians 3
31 <sup>st</sup> August	Richard (CPC)	Mike Collins	Philippians 4

## Church Meeting & Fellowship Lunch

As Mike says in his message above, on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July we held our Church business meeting following our Sunday service over a fellowship lunch – a big thank you to Eve and Richard for organising the food. Paul opened with an overview of the Church's financial position. He outlined the Church's income and expenditure for the financial year 2024/25, noting that this included the tax refund from the HMRC along with a one off gift to the Church of £5,000. This has meant an overall net credit position of £7,242. He then went on to explain how the Church's expenditure is broken down, including the organisations that NBCF supports along with professional fees and what is being spent on outreach in our community. Providing food for thought, he said that the Church costs an average of £487 a week / £2,112 per month to run and thanked all those who regularly provide financial support.

Ron then spoke about the organisations that the Church supports; CRiBs, Amen, Youth With a Mission, Mission Without Borders and Liberty Children's Home. He also touched on other areas of local support including Hever Court Care Home, Gravesham Foodbank, Welcome Wednesday, the New Barn Scouts/Cubs/Beavers and School/Street Pastors.



## Prayer

We remember and lift those who are facing challenges in our prayers:

**Anne Jenkins** – We pray for Anne and her family following the recent loss of her mother and pray that they know God's nearness and loving care at this difficult time.

**Rowan Troy** – We give thanks for the life of Rowan's mother, Chris Troy, who recently went to be with the Lord and pray for peace on the Troy family at this sad time. Many of our fellowship knew Chis and we are invited to join with her Rowan and his family at a memorial and thanksgiving service (please see below for details).

**Jenny Kelly** – We continue to hold Jenny in our prayers and pray that she and her family have the Lord's peace.

*If you have a prayer need please speak to any of the Leadership Team who will be happy to pray with you, or contact the Leadership Team for inclusion on the Emergency Prayer Line.*

## Community Fun Day Hosted by New Barn Christian Fellowship



Bunting adorned the Community Hall and a great time was had by all at the 1<sup>st</sup> NBCF Community Fun Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> June with members of the fellowship helping and enjoying time together along with members of the community, despite a very wet start. The Face painting table was very popular with both children and 'older' children alike along with shooting penalties past the Pastor, a competitive table tennis challenge, and many games enjoyed by all. A big thank you to all who got involved to make it a great day.

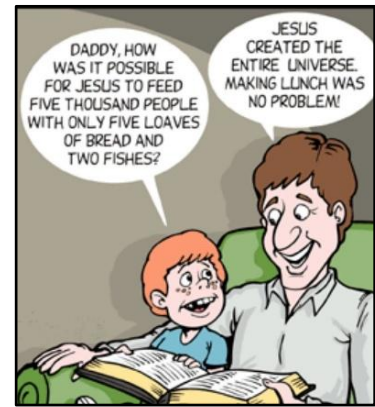


## NBCF Picnic in the Park



Following the success of last year's picnic in the park at Hall Place and special requests for this again this summer, we are looking forward for all to join together in fellowship and fun again in Camer Park, Meopham on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 11am by the car park. There will be a 'bring n share' picnic lunch and

a rematch of the incredible game of boules from last year. All are very welcome.



## Dates for Your Diary

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am** – Memorial and Thanksgiving Service for Chris Troy (Rowan's mother) held at St Barnabas church, Instead Rise. It would be lovely if we are able to attend to support Rowan and his family at this sad time.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>** – 1pm to 3pm at the Longfield Hill Community Hall – Bingo with Welcome Wednesday.

**August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am** – Come and join together for the NBCF summer picnic in the park in Camer Park, Meopham. We would encourage all to bring something for a 'bring and share' lunch followed by our (now) annual game of boules.

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT** **September 24<sup>th</sup>** – McMillan Coffee morning organised by the Welcome Wednesday team – further details to follow.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup>** – CPC's Women's Retreat is a great opportunity for the ladies to get together, chat, laugh, eat and most importantly to have time and space with the Lord Jesus. Held at High Leigh Conference Centre further details can be found at the following: [Women's Retreat - Restore - City Praise Centre](#).



## Gravesham Foodbank

A big and continued thank you to all who contribute to the Gravesham Foodbank to support those in our local community who face difficult times. It is very much appreciated This month the Foodbank would appreciate the following items:



Tinned Meat Pies  
Tinned Cold Meat  
Tinned Mackerel/Sardines/Salmon

Cous Cous  
Peanut Butter  
Packets of Wrapped Chocolate  
Biscuits  
Crackers  
Biscuits  
Cereal Bars  
Sweets/Treats

Bottles of Squash  
Men's Deodorant  
Shampoo/Conditioner

Tins of Ravioli/Spaghetti  
Tins of Sausages/Beans  
Tins of Chicken in White Sauce  
Packets of Mashed Potato

Anti Bac Wipes  
Non-Bio washing tabs

*As always, please don't forget no baby food or baby milk – thank you ☺*

## Current Groups at NBCF

Group	Day	Time	Details
<b>Welcome Wednesday</b>	Wednesdays	1-3pm	<b>Longfield Hill Community Hall</b> – a friendly 'pop up' club with refreshments, board games, talks, demonstrations and activities, open to all
<b>New Barn Life Group</b>	<b>The New Barn Life Group will be suspended during August</b>		
<b>Monthly Prayer Meeting</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> August	9am	Meeting in the building adjacent to Community Hall - Zoom link also available.

**All groups are open to everyone and all are most welcome** - For further details, please contact the organiser, Ron Owen on 07850 004696 or email [newbarncf@outlook.com](mailto:newbarncf@outlook.com)

## The Leadership Team

Keep in touch and please contact any of the below at [newbarncf@outlook.com](mailto:newbarncf@outlook.com):

Pastor: Mike Collins

Trustees: Paul Bishop, Ron Owen, Stephen Paddock & Mary Bourne (external Trustee from CPC)

Leadership Team: Lynne Bishop, Paul Bishop & Ron Owen

Safeguarding Lead : Nicky Collins

For further details on any of the above, please see our website at [newbarncf.org.uk](http://newbarncf.org.uk). If you have something that you would like to be included in the next copy of The Stream, please speak to any of the Leadership Team, or email [newbarncf@outlook.com](mailto:newbarncf@outlook.com).