

Weekly News

8 OCTOBER 2025

Bright Sparks Sparkling!

Throughout October's Weekly News reflections we will be hearing from the group leaders of our various children and youth work.

In September we launched new Sunday morning groups, with Bright Sparks replacing the creche, Lightning Squad replacing Chattabox, and Spotlight replacing Dig Deeper.

The key changes have been to shift the age brackets among the younger two groups, and introduce some age-appropriate teaching and craft activities for Bright Sparks (ages 2-5). There is also new teaching material being used for Lightning Squad.

This week's reflection is from the Bright Sparks leader, Linda-Jean.

From puppets, pass the parcel to the making of trumpets, September has been a flurry of activities for Bright Sparks.

We have followed the story of Nehemiah using short, structured activities to bring the bible story to life for the children.

This new approach has brought such delight to the children and adult workers alike.

We have journeyed to Jerusalem, been part of the LORD's army, guarding and repairing walls and blown trumpets to celebrate its completion, with thanksgiving to GOD; and as I am reminded by the children, Jesus as well.

They are truly "bright sparks" when you hear them recount of "Nemiah's" journey and likewise how they have been able to pray for a friend and been thankful for birthday parties.

The Bright Sparks challenge today is to strap on your sword (the word of God), be ready to rebuild any broken wall presented to you and make a trumpet sound to say thank you GOD in Jesus name for all that You do for us.

Please pray for the Bright Sparks children, that they would continue to enjoy the sessions and learn about God. Also join me in giving thanks for our excellent team of leaders.

Linda-Jean

WHAT'S ON @ NBC

NBC'S GOT TALENT

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 5.30PM

[BOOK HERE](#)

INSPIRE PARENTING COURSE

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 12 NOON

[BOOK HERE](#)

JOINT BREAKFAST

WITH "ARTHUR AND REETA"

18TH OCTOBER 8.30AM

[BOOK HERE](#)

YOUTH WEEKEND

24TH-26TH OCTOBER

[BOOK HERE](#)

LIGHT PARTY

31ST OCTOBER

[BOOK HERE](#)

Notice Board

NBC's Got Talent

We're looking forward to Saturday's evening of entertainment provided by church family. If you want to join us for food, please [book your place](#) (£5 per adult / £3 per child) before midnight today (Weds 8th). If you just want to come to the talent show and not eat, there's no need to book, just arrive for 7pm. If you can help on the day, please speak to Julie or Steve.

Care for the Family Course

[Please book your place online](#) for the 'Inspire' course, aimed at parents, grandparents and anyone who wants to nurture faith in children and young people. It's being held this Sunday, 12th October after the morning service and will include video teaching from Care for the Family and the opportunity to learn from and support each other. Please bring packed lunches for both adults and children - Supervised games and activities for children will be provided.

Harvest Gifts

There's still time to bring in a donation for the Foodbank following our Harvest service! Please add any gifts to the display on the stage in church by Sunday (12th).

Breakfast with Arthur & Reeta

Men and Ladies will join together for breakfast on Saturday 18th October when Arthur and Reeta, missionaries in Asia and former NBC members, will come to speak. Please [book online](#) (£4 per person) so we can make sure there's enough breakfast prepared.

CAP Money Coaching Course

This course is designed to help people understand their spending habits and create their own personal budget. It's for everyone and is not only for those people with unmanageable debts. [Register for free](#) for the course, being held at NBC between 10 and 12 on October 15th, 22nd and 29th. Please invite your friends and neighbours and do pray for the course and participants.

Christmas in a Shoe Bag

Thanks to those who have already filled a Christmas Shoebag. If you haven't yet made one, and would like to, please take yours from the Church Foyer. Each bag contains instructions and suggested gifts that we can collect for some of the poorest children in Ukraine. The deadline for the return of filled bags is Sunday 26th October.

Light Party

[Booking has opened](#) for our Light Party which will take place on Friday 31st October (5-6.30pm) for children in Reception to Year 6. Please book tickets for your child(ren) and invite their friends to do the same! If you are able to help by being part of the Party, praying for the event, or helping to clear up afterwards please let Sian know. Adult and Young People who will help on the day should register [here](#)



Ignite Youth Weekend

Our 4th annual youth weekend away is just around the corner, and excitement is building! As we prepare for a time of fun, faith, and fellowship, we'd love your support in two key ways:



Cover Us in Prayer

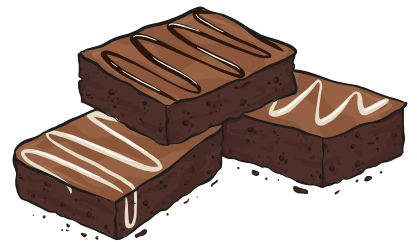
Prayer is at the core of everything we do in Ignite. We're inviting you to partner with us by praying for one of our young people or youth leaders — in the lead-up to and during the weekend itself.

Last year, every participant was individually prayed for, and we'd love to see that happen again!

Once you sign up, we'll give you a name and a prayer guide to help you get started.

Calling All Bakers!

While the centre provides hearty meals, we know that a little sugar goes a long way during a busy weekend! If you'd be willing to bake or donate cakes, biscuits, or sweet treats, we'd be incredibly grateful.



To get involved in either (or both!) of these ways, please get in touch with Jo who will be coordinating this: joannammcaleer@gmail.com

Your support makes a real difference -
Thank You!





PRAYER



Arthur and Reeta October Prayer Update

Ahead of their return to the UK next week, we have some prayer requests from our missionaries Arthur and Reeta.

To hear more from them please join us for the joint breakfast on Saturday 18th October.

Praise God for the generous funds received to support earthquake relief efforts, and continue to pray for all those affected and involved in rebuilding.

Pray for ongoing concerns regarding government imposed changes to the internet.

Pray for the board meeting taking place later this month, as they look at the future of the organisation. Pray for the planned merger of two groups to be governed by one board - that wise decisions would be taken and the transition to be managed effectively.

Pray for God's guidance in the matter of land and a new hospital, for the work being done to continue to develop.

Pray for Arthur and Reeta as they prepare to travel back to the UK next week. Pray for safety, and for opportunities to relax and recharge their batteries amidst a busy travelling and speaking schedule.

Prayer for Israel and Gaza

As Jews mark the harvest festival of Sukkot and remember the anniversary of the attacks by Hamas in Israel two years ago this week, we pray for the ongoing war in Israel and Gaza.

Gracious and compassionate God,
We come before you with heavy hearts as we remember the terrible violence of 7th October 2023, and the suffering that continues to this day. We grieve for all who lost their lives, for hostages still held, and for families torn apart by loss and fear.

Lord, we pray for the people of Israel and Gaza, caught in the grip of ongoing conflict. Comfort those who mourn. Bring healing to the wounded. Provide for those displaced and living without security or hope.

We lift up to you the current peace negotiations. Grant wisdom to all those seeking to end this war. Soften hardened hearts, open closed minds, and give courage to those who pursue reconciliation over revenge.

Father, you call us to be peacemakers. Help your Church to stand against hatred and violence whilst showing compassion to all who suffer. May we never lose sight of your image in every human being.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

