

## Ladies' Breakfast Three years, one community

This month we're celebrating three years of Ladies' Breakfast, and it feels like a good moment to stop, look back, and simply say thank You, Lord.

### HOW IT BEGAN

It didn't start with a perfect plan. It began during a wake here at NBC, after a funeral at St Nic's. People were gathered, talking and supporting one another, and in that moment a simple thought came: 'We need something like this for the ladies too.' Within a month, a handful of kind people came to help, speakers were arranged for the first six months and the breakfasts began.

### WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE

It's a simple continental breakfast : yogurt, cereals, pastries, fruit, tea and coffee. The tables are set out like a small café, with colourful flowery tablecloths, flowers in vases, and candles on each table. A few Christian books for the soul. It's warm, calm, and welcoming.

### THE HEART OF IT

Over these three years we've heard many real stories. Stories with ups and downs, unexpected turns, and different life journeys. Through it all, we've seen how God meets people right where they are. When people share honestly, it brings encouragement and reminds others they are not alone.

### THE LITTLE THINGS

At the end of each breakfast, something simple but beautiful happens. Chairs are put back, tables cleared, and everyone helps without being asked. It shows that this is not just a meeting, but a community where people care for one another.

### FEEDBACK

We often hear comments like: 'I nearly didn't come, but I'm glad I did', 'I really needed that today', and 'It's just nice to be here.' These simple words mean so much.

### LOOKING AHEAD

We would love to see more women from the local community and from outside the church join us. We hope more stories will be shared and more helpers will come alongside, especially mums who also need connection and encouragement.

### THANK YOU

On behalf of Ladies' Breakfast, myself and the team, we want to say thank you to everyone who has helped over these three years. From organising and preparing food to speaking, praying, and helping tidy up at the end, it all matters and makes a difference.

### PRAYER

Lord, thank You for these past three years. Thank You for every person who has come, every story shared, and every moment of encouragement. Please continue to bring more people, build connections, and keep this a place of warmth and support. Amen.

With blessings,

*Christina*



by Christina Lungu

# NOTICES



## The Bible Course

"The Bible Course" will take a two-week break for half term. The second block of 4 sessions will start on 8<sup>th</sup> June (online) and 10<sup>th</sup> June (in person).

## Whole Church Prayer Meeting

All are invited to come to a whole church prayer meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> from 7.30-8.30pm. We continue to pray for the process to call a second minister and for God's guidance.

## COINS 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations

COINS is celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday this year!

We are holding a celebration service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 16:30-18:00 at St Mary's Church, Shaw.

All are welcome for worship, celebration, cake and COINS creative activities.

## COINS Job Opportunity

Do you enjoy sharing Jesus with children? Do you like the idea of part-time work in schools?

Would you like to be part of a supportive, creative team? COINS is looking for a dynamic and motivated person to join our Primary School Team. For more information contact [lizahow@coinsnewbury.org](mailto:lizahow@coinsnewbury.org)

## Can you help?

We are looking forward to the re-decoration of the welcome area in mid-late June. In preparing, we have collected together quite a few items that we need to dispose of. If you have a large car or van and are able to help with a "tip run" we'd really appreciate your help! Please get in touch with Emma in the office for more information.

## Save the Dates!

There are two social events planned for later in the year. Pop the dates in your diaries - more details will follow nearer the time!

June 28<sup>th</sup> - Church Picnic.

After the church meeting which is planned for that day, we will make our way over to Victoria Park for 12.30.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Barn Dance

The band is booked and we've already started to organise a Harvest Meal & Barn Dance to be held in the Church Hall.

**Want to include something next week?**

Email Emma by Weds, 9am: [office@newburybaptistchurch.org](mailto:office@newburybaptistchurch.org)

# PRAYERS

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## Church Family Prayers

Please pray for **Carol H** who suffered a heart attack last week and has been in Royal Berks. Thank God that she is now on the mend, and pray for **David H** as he discusses with doctors how this impacts the care and support Carol will need once she is discharged.

## A Prayer for Pentecost

*Pentecost is celebrated this Sunday, 24th May. It marks fifty days since Easter Day and brings the Easter season to an end. It is when Christians recall how the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension, empowering them to begin the work of making disciples of all nations.*

Holy Spirit,

we thank you for filling our hearts with your love and light. Just as you came to the first disciples, Let the 'fresh wind of heaven' blow through our lives today. Ignite our faith, gently guide our steps, and give us the courage to share your peace with everyone we meet. Breathe new life into our church family, that we may be your hands and feet in our communities, in our workplaces, and with our families & friends. Remind us in the busy moments of our week that your are as close to us as our own breath. Help us to love one another deeply and walk together in your grace.

Amen.

## Prayers for our Church Mission Focus

As discussed in recent church meetings, we've begun a season of Missional Listening. We want to find out what Newbury is really like, so we can map out the things that are happening and where we might be led to serve our community in ways that are really needed, not just where we think it is.

In a recent service, we added to our prayer board with some things that were on our hearts about our town. You might like to use them in your own prayers:

Pray that the community may receive the Gospel

We pray for the churches of Newbury to shine brightly

Pray for our new Mayor, Jo - that she has a good year in office

Pray for wisdom for the the police in the night-time economy

For the waterways

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