

## Open Doors and Open Hearts

### Welcome!

That's what we hope you always feel when you come into Newbury Baptist Church!

It is a pleasure to serve the church in this way on Sunday mornings and for other services at Easter, Christmas, and for weddings and funerals. On Sunday mornings we arrive at church by 9.15 am to be there as everyone arrives and, if we are able, to remain there until we are sure that no one else is coming (about 10.10 am!!).

A duty Deacon is also present in the welcome area, which is a great help if there is a sudden rush of people coming in with someone new amongst them.

It is important to welcome those who have been coming to the church for many years, but also to look out for and welcome those who are new to the church, being sensitive in gently asking their name and perhaps what has brought them to the church.

Remembering everyone's name can be a challenge, but we do our best!

For those of us that can, we also remain in the welcome area during the service in case anyone has a need.

We are grateful to all those who have served in this capacity in the past and to the current welcome team.

If you would be interested in serving in this way, please speak to Peter or one of the welcome team.



Some of the current NBC welcome team

### Coming Up @ NBC

#### First Thursday

Thursday 4th June 12 noon

[BOOK HERE](#)

#### Men's Breakfast

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 8am

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#### The Bible Course

continues on  
8<sup>th</sup> June for 4 weeks

Online Mondays 8pm  
In Person Wednesdays 7.15pm

# NOTICES



## The Bible Course

"The Bible Course" will take a two-week break for half term this week and next. 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.

## First Thursday

Join us for our next First Thursday service and meal on 4<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon. We'd be grateful to know if you're coming, so please let us know either by booking your place [here](#), or by emailing [firstthursday@newburybaptistchurch.org](mailto:firstthursday@newburybaptistchurch.org), or by getting in touch with Daph.

## Men's Breakfast

Our very own Rev Wilbert Awdry aka Graham Coldman will share his passion for Model Trains, landscaping AND Scripture at our next Men's Breakfast... what a great combo! We will meet on 6<sup>th</sup> June at 8am. [Book your place here](#)

## 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. We've already had some offers of help (thank you!) but could do with a couple more just to spread the load. 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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## A Prayer for Waiting

During Sunday's service, Graham spoke about Waiting. Here is a prayer you might use for those who you know who are waiting:

Heavenly Father,

We come to You acknowledging that many of us are waiting. We are waiting for test results, for exams to end, for difficult circumstances to improve or for relationships to change. We might be waiting for things that only you know about. We can easily become restless and the unknown can feel overwhelming.

In these moments of uncertainty, we surrender the waiting to You. Forgive us for the times we try to rush, and remind us that Your timing is always perfect, even when it feels slow to us.

We ask for Your peace to guard our hearts and minds. Where we feel weak or exhausted by the delay, be our strength. Help us to trust that You are working behind the scenes, even when we cannot see it.

Lord, help us to use periods of waiting not as wasted time, but as holy time. Teach us the lessons we need to learn in the middle of it all and instead of focusing on what hasn't happened yet, help us to focus on You.

Give us the strength to keep going, the faith to keep trusting You, and the knowledge that what You have for us will arrive at the perfect moment. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Prayers during the Heatwave

Lord, Thank You for the sunny weather we have experienced over these last few days. We thank You for the warmth of the sun and the beautiful blue skies. We praise You for the joy it has brought to so many—for the opportunity to be outside enjoying Your creation, and for the children who have been able to play outside during this half-term week.

Lord, we also recognise that this extreme heat brings significant challenges. As temperatures soar and the nights offer little relief, daily life is becoming difficult and, for some, dangerous. We lift up in prayer those who are most vulnerable: the elderly, the very young, and those with health conditions made worse by the oppressive heat. We pray for those living in homes that trap the warmth, making rest difficult.

Please protect those who have to work outside in the glare of the sun. We also pray for safety across the country near lakes, rivers, and coastal waters, asking that You keep people safe as they look for ways to cool down.

Lord, help us look after Your creation—the wildlife, the livestock, and the parched ground. Please send cooling breezes, lower temperatures, and refreshing air to bring relief to our communities. Keep us mindful of one another, checking in on our neighbours, and sharing Your love in practical ways. Amen.

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