Weekly News

4th November 2026

October Half Term is a busy time for the young people and children of NBC. It all began on a stormy Friday evening as 29 young people and 10 leaders battled their way to St Cassian's Centre in Kintbury for a weekend of bible teaching, games, challenges, cake breaks and fun.

The theme was Heroes of the Faith and Jess Marchant led four sessions from Hebrews 11, and the young people were challenged to learn Hebrews 12:1-2.

In between these sessions was an action-packed programme of team challenges. In a break from the rain on Saturday morning most people ventured outdoors for fresh air and football. In the afternoon, the planned outdoor activities were cancelled and dance battles between the teams took place. One of the rooms in the roof at St Cassian's had been turned into a prayer room with various prayer stations which was a highlight of the weekend, where time was spent on Saturday in prayer and reflection. The weekend culminated on Sunday morning with games led by the St Cassian's staff, and a final session including sharing communion with each other. The young people will be sharing more with the church in a few weeks.

Half term ended with the church transformed into an amazing setting for a Toy Story themed Light Party on Saturday evening. Over 50 children attended, with many dressed as Toy Story characters, as were several of the adults. There were games and crafts, and the evening finished with hot dogs, drinks, a story time led by none other than Buzz Lightyear, who shared how God's love goes to infinity and beyond! We finished with the lights off and glow sticks on for a dance party.

It was brilliant to have the church filled with so many children, most of whom do not usually come on Sundays, and also to meet some of the parents who stayed throughout the party. The children went home with sweet cones in their craft bags, with messages inside such as 'You've got a Friend in Jesus'. 51 labels had been handwritten by two of the young people.



Thank you to our brilliant youth and children's leaders and volunteers, and to everyone who prayed for both events.

Please continue to pray for our young people and children as they return to school this week, and as we look ahead to all the opportunities Christmas brings to share our faith.

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Notices

Bonfire Night Invitation

Everyone at NBC is invited to enjoy a bonfire and fireworks this Friday evening (6th) at Luke and Gwen Butlers' farm.

Wrap up warm and tuck into hotdogs and a warm drink. Bonfire and food from 5:30pm, followed by fireworks.

Please let Gwen know numbers if you are able to attend, 07810762089.
Address: Stag Hill Farm, Wheatlands Lane, Enborne, RG14 6RF

Encounter - Joint Baptist Service

We're joining forces with Thatcham and Basingstoke Baptist Churches for "Encounter" - a praise and prayer evening at 7pm on Sunday 15th November, Basingstoke Baptist Church.

It's a brilliant opportunity to worship God together, led by a gifted band, and is just as suitable for new believers as it is for those who've been following Jesus for decades.

No booking required. If you'd like a lift then please contact the Church Office.

COINS Pause & Pray

COINS (Christian Outreach in Newbury Schools) hosts termly Pause and Pray events for members of the Christian community in Newbury to get together and pray for our schools. It is also an opportunity to catch up on what COINS has been doing in the schools in Newbury and to learn about volunteering opportunities for our Year 6 Christmas Gift events. Please join us on Thursday 5th November 10am-12pm at St Mary's Church, Shaw for refreshments and prayer, we look forward to seeing you! The COINS Team x

Lost Property



There are still a number of items of lost property left in the Foyer. This Sunday is your final chance to claim any items before we disposed of all that remains.

If you recognise something but can't get to church please get in touch with Emma in the office.

Pre-Service Prayer

A reminder that every Sunday at 9.30am a group gather in the prayer room for 15 minutes to pray for the service and for our church and community in general. All are welcome.

The prayer room is immediately through the door to the left as you face the stage.

Prayers

Church Family

John P Please pray for John who was recently admitted to hospital following a couple of falls, and was diagnosed with pneumonia. Thank God that he has responded well to the treatment, but pray that he will continue to rebuild his strength and be able to return home.

Pray too for **Audrey** who has also not been in the best of health lately.

COP31

As world leaders gather again for COP31 in Turkey, we are reminded of our biblical calling to steward God's creation and to care for our global neighbours, especially those most vulnerable to the changing environment. You might like to use this prayer by provided by our friends at BMS World Mission:

Our Heavenly Father,
by whose word and breath the universe was created,
by whose design all life exists and is sustained,
the heavens declares your glory, may you rejoice in your works!

Have mercy on us, Lord of creation and Lord of the poor.
We have not honoured your handiwork in our stewardship of your world.
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves, in this our global common home.
We confess to you our failings.
In humility, we ask for your forgiveness.

Thank you, Jesus! Holy Spirit, renew our minds and enlarge our hearts!
We pray for the world's leaders gathering soon for COP31.
Give them integrity and boldness to work diligently for climate justice.

We lift up to you, Lord, the nations already groaning under climate change impacts: droughts, floods, landslides and storms, rising sea levels and extreme temperatures.
May we feel, and respond with action to, the suffering of our neighbours.

Unite your Church for action, Lord Jesus!
Renew our vision of your Kingdom, restore our strength to do your will.
You are our Creator and our Saviour.
May we bring honour to your name.
Amen

- Pray for all those preparing to attend COP31, including political leaders, national representatives, industrial lobbyists and faith groups. Amidst the propaganda that often surrounds climate change, pray for wise, fair and courageous decision-making.
- Pray that concrete actions will be taken as a result of COP31, especially financial help for nations such as the Pacific islands, that are most vulnerable and least able to adapt to climate change.