

# Weekly News

NEWBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

4TH JUNE 2025

## Food & Fellowship: A Match Made in Heaven!

*In May we focused our weekly reflection on our Small Group network. This month our attention turns to the three monthly ministries directed towards the adult members of our community - all of which revolve around food!*

*At First Thursday we hold a short, traditional service, followed by a wholesome lunch with time to chat afterwards. On the second Saturday of the month the Ladies meet for breakfast followed by an inspirational talk. The details and booking links are advertised in the Weekly News. If you would like more information please speak to Julie or Steve. This week however, our focus is Men's Breakfast.*

The origins of a men's breakfast dates back to a men's weekend away led by the late Rev Jim McNaughton (then Associate Minister of NBC), on a farm near Newbury some 27 years ago. Some of the membership can still remember it! What followed was a monthly breakfast for men.

The format hasn't really changed in a quarter of a century, although with websites and smart phones it's become easier to book and know who is coming or not. We've even been known to go for an early morning walk (sometimes involving prayer), ending up at a local café for our much-needed breakfast. But nothing can surpass a solid fry up! (A veggie option is available: We just remove the sausage, bacon & black pudding – vegan's can also drop the egg...) We usually follow this with a speaker sharing on a wide range of topics. We've had car designers turned vicars, lifelong missionaries ...even husbands of ministers!

More often than not, we have one of our own sharing a passion and their own walk with Christ. It's true we have had some record-breaking long talks, but we try and encourage the speaker to keep to about 10min as we are aware it's important to get our men back to their families on a busy Saturday morning. For those who want extra fellowship there is always the washing up to help with.

We've lost some friends over the years, notably Glyn Morgan who had a regular spot sharing a joke or a ditty to raise a smile. The rest of us seem to have just grown older gracefully, that's not to say we aren't welcoming to youngsters – dad's are more than welcome to bring their charges with them whatever the age and gender. Now we bet that's given some wives an idea – yes! Why not encourage your man to take the kids off nice and early to breakfast and you can enjoy a peaceful Saturday morning once a month. It's certainly a thought that has merit.

If you've never been before, come and join us and your first breakfast is FREE, on us! Alternatively, it's a great event to bring along someone new or a friend as a way of introducing them to church life and a faith in Jesus. Let us know before hand and your guest comes FREE.

Join us for both excellent nourishment: of both the food and spiritual varieties - you won't need lunch!

The Men's Breakfast Team

# Notice board

## King of Kings Film: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June

A number of families enjoyed a cinema trip at Easter to see *King of Kings*, an animated film about the life of Jesus. We will be using this film as the basis for our summer holiday all-age services.

If you missed it, The Parade Cinema in Marlborough is showing the film on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 10am and again at 12:15pm. Tickets are £5 for all ages.

## Men's Breakfast 7<sup>th</sup> June

Join us on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8am for a delicious cooked breakfast, and hear David share about his experiences from his time volunteering for Christians Against Poverty. David has worked as a CAP Money coach for a number of years as well as recently delivering the CAP Money course. He's seen the effects of how handling money badly can affect people's lives, but has also had the opportunity to share his faith with those he's come to help. Please [sign up online](#) if you'd like to come along.

## Book Swap 15<sup>th</sup> June

Following the service on Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June we will be having a church book swap. We've been donated a selection of Christian books and would love them to be passed on to spread further benefit.

If you have any Christian books languishing on your bookshelves which you no longer read then bring them in to NBC and swap them out for something else.

Any good quality leftover books will be donated to Book Aid, who supply bibles and christian literature to their partners who work in areas of the world where books are wanted but not easily found or afforded. Any books that they will not accept will be given to charity.

If you have books you want to donate then leave them in the prayer room and we'll set them out in the foyer on the 15<sup>th</sup> of June.

If you have books that you are prepared to swap, but would like returned then write your name in the front cover so that whoever takes it knows it needs to be returned to you after use.

## Spring Harvest 2026

If you are interested in attending Spring Harvest next year, please speak to any of the group who attended (see bottom of page 2 for a list of names).

The dates are:

Skegness – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

Minehead – Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Early bird prices are in place until the end of July.

Visit: [www.springharvest.org](http://www.springharvest.org)



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# Prayer Space

## Arthur & Reeta Upate

*Our missionaries in Asia have provided us with some updated prayer points. Please remember them especially in your prayers over the coming days.*

- Please pray for the farmers in the countryside who fear drought and its consequences. Pray that they may be able to reap a harvest and have enough to live on. Pray for the development of sustainable practices that can reduce this threat and help people earn a living.
- Pray for the organisation's strategic leadership team as they meet next week and consider the future of the organisation. Pray for wisdom and humility, and a clear sense of the Lord's leading in their discussions.
- Pray specifically for the ongoing search for a new Executive Director. Pray for strength, patience and resilience for the board as many take on additional responsibility. Pray that a successful appointment can be made soon.
- The organisation's annual projects audits are due to be completed this month. Please pray for those involved in completing these important documents, that they would all be concluded smoothly
- June 20<sup>th</sup> is World Refugee Day. Pray for the people of this country who have been displaced, whether to surrounding countries of places further afield. Pray for all the citizens who have found their way to the UK and have left family, friends and homes.
- Pray for the existing international team members, both within the country and those serving from afar, who face difficult and constant challenges. Pray for good physical, emotional and spiritual health. Pray that more volunteers might sense God's call to serve in this troubled land.



## A Prayer for Men's Breakfast

Father God, we are grateful for the continuing work of Men's Breakfast, in providing a safe and friendly environment for men to gather, enjoy fellowship and reflect upon their faith.

We thank you for the team which cooks and serves the breakfast, and for those who do the shopping, the setting up, and washing up. Thank you for their faithful service.

We pray for this Saturday's event. May it be a rich time of good conversation, encouragement and fun. We pray for David as he speaks about the work of CAP. Inspire and bless his words.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Exam Season: Nearly There!

Please pray for all our students who continue to sit exams. Today (Wednesday) we pray especially for Jemima who has her A Level Sociology and English Language, Ellie sitting Sociology, and Karina, Theo and Lara who all have their Maths GCSE.

On Friday the 3 GCSE students all have English Language and Geography.

Next Monday there are psychology A Level exams for Jemima and Ellie, and Biology and PE GCSEs for Karina, Lara and Theo.

Please also remember their families, as exam season can be a stressful time for everyone at home. Pray for a sense of peace, patience and a healthy balance of revision and fun.