

Weekly News

NEWBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Ladies Breakfast: More Than A Meal, A Place to Belong

This month we are highlighting and praying for the three ministries directed towards the adult members of our community - all of which revolve around food! This week it's the turn of Ladies Breakfast, which meets in the Church Hall on the second Saturday of the month at 8:30am. It's a bargain at only £2!

There's something special about a ladies breakfast meeting. It's not just about the food (though that's a great bonus), it's about the feeling of coming together with others who get it. For three wonderful years now, these gatherings have been a place where women can connect, share stories, and be uplifted through inspiring talks and prayer. It's a time to step away from daily routines, to recharge spiritually, and to build lasting friendships.

At these breakfasts, women hear real stories from speakers who've walked tough roads, maybe battling loss, hardship, stress, or doubt, and found peace through faith and friendship. These honest testimonies remind everyone that healing is possible and that none of us are alone in our struggles.

The purpose? To build a community where women encourage each other, share life's highs and lows, and grow stronger in faith. It's a safe space to be authentic, to pray together, and to find renewed joy and strength for the journey ahead.

Ladies Breakfast is for all women. Simply come as you are; bring your story, your heart, your hopes. We warmly welcome you to join us for a morning of warmth, friendship, and spiritual nourishment. If you feel led to share a devotional thought, prayer or a personal story, your voice will be a blessing to all of us. Ladies Breakfast meetings are a safe and loving space where every woman's presence matters.

We are grateful for the prayers from our church family. Here are some specific things you can pray for:

- Please pray that all participants leave strengthened, motivated, and more confident in their faith.
- Please pray that God calls more willing speakers and volunteers to share their hearts and talents.
- Please pray for healing and hope to fill hearts during and after the breakfast.
- Please pray that our dedicated team organising and serving behind the scenes is strengthened, encouraged, and blessed for their faithful work.
- Please pray for the meetings to be filled with peace, joy, and deep connection

Christina



Notice board

Ladies' Breakfast 14th June

Join us for our next Ladies' Breakfast on Saturday 14th June at 8:30am in the church hall! This month, we're keeping things simple - no speaker, just a relaxed and friendly morning to enjoy good company and a continental-style breakfast. Expect a lovely spread of pastries, yogurt, fruit salad, juices, and a selection of teas and coffees. Feel free to bring a friend or two (or more!) it's a great chance to catch up and relax. To help us cater and avoid food waste, please [book online](#) if you can.

Book Swap 15th June

Following the service this Sunday, 15th 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 which you no longer read then bring them in to NBC and swap them for something else. Any good quality leftover books will be donated to Book Aid, and 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 Sunday. 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.

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. Our next event is at Newbury Baptist Church, 19:30-20:30, Wednesday 18th June. As we come to the end of another academic year will be focusing on Year 6 as they transition to Secondary school and all of those in the school community going through exams. Please join us for refreshments and prayer, we look forward to seeing you! The COINS Team x

Garden Tea & Cake 13th July

Save the date for the afternoon of Sunday 13 July, 2-4pm. Open to NBC goers, come along to the Nash's garden for some tea, cake and a chance to chat. Bring a cake to share and a picnic chair/rug. Please ask the office for the address.

West Berkshire Foodbank

As we approach the school holidays, families should be looking forward to a time of joy and relaxation. However for many this brings the worry of putting food on the table. When schools close, free school meals stop. For the 10th consecutive year, West Berks Foodbank is addressing this issue with the Hungry Holidays project. So far, 46 schools across West Berkshire have identified families that they know are going to be struggling over the summer holidays - meaning the foodbank will be providing support to at least 478 households. There are lots of ways to help, from giving donations of food or money to volunteering - please visit the [West Berks Foodbank Website](#) for more details.

Recycling at NBC

We will shortly be starting a collection of recycling as well as general waste at NBC. Please do separate out dry recyclable materials (paper, tins, boxes etc but not glass) and either pop it in the recycling bin in the office, or directly into the new wheelie bin by the church hall door.

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Prayer Space



Praying for Peace in our World

Heavenly Father, we come before you with hearts that are both heavy and hopeful. We look around our world today and see so much brokenness – the ongoing conflicts that seem to drag on without end, the divisions that run through communities and nations, the fear and uncertainty that touches so many lives.

Lord, we think of those places where war rages on, where families are separated and children grow up knowing only conflict. We pray for wisdom for world leaders as they navigate these troubled waters, that they might choose the path of dialogue over destruction, understanding over retaliation. Give them courage to make the difficult decisions that lead to lasting peace rather than temporary victories.

We pray too for our own community here in Britain, Father, in a time when it feels like we're more divided than ever – over politics, over values, over the future we want to build together – help us to remember that we are all your children. Teach us to listen more than we speak, to seek common ground rather than highlighting our differences, and to be peacemakers in our own neighbourhoods and workplaces.

Lord Jesus, you called us to be salt and light in this world. Help us to live that out practically – to be the ones who build bridges instead of walls, who offer hope instead of despair, who choose love even when it's costly. When we're tempted to retreat into our own comfortable circles, remind us that your kingdom includes people from every nation, tribe and tongue.

We pray for those who are suffering right now because of conflict and violence. Comfort those who mourn, heal those who are wounded in body and spirit, and provide for those who have lost everything. Use us, Lord, to be your hands and feet in bringing relief and restoration wherever we can.

Father, we know that true peace isn't just the absence of war – it's your shalom, your wholeness, breaking into our broken world. We long for that day when swords will be beaten into ploughshares, when justice will roll down like waters, and when every tear will be wiped away. Until that day comes, help us to be faithful witnesses to your peace, starting right here, right now, in the way we treat one another. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our Saviour, amen.

Remembering Brueggemann

Last weekend, the renowned Old Testament scholar Walter Brueggemann died aged 92. Widely considered one of the most influential theologians of the last 50 years, much of his work drew upon the Hebrew prophetic tradition, arguing that the church should be a counter-narrative to the dominant forces of consumerism and nationalism in the world. Below is one of his prayers which you may find helpful to say and reflect upon:

Save us, Lord, from a religion that ignores the cries of the exploited and oppressed. Lead us into a deeper faith that challenges injustice and makes the sacrifices that must be made to build a society that is ever more truly human. Amen.

Exam Season: Final Week

This week sees the completion of A Levels for Jemima and Ellie, who both sit their Sociology exam on Friday.

Our GCSE students continue a little longer, with Karina, Lara and Theo all sitting Geography tomorrow (Thurs), Chemistry on Friday and Physics on Monday. Theo also has a Music exam on Monday.

As they reach the end of their exams, pray for continued energy and a sense of calmness throughout the week.

Pray for patience as they then wait for their results in August, and for opportunities to celebrate and enjoy freedom from revision.