

Weekly News

25 JUNE 2025

IN FOCUS: Giggles & Wiggles

WHAT'S ON @ NBC

FIRST THURSDAY

THURSDAY 3 JULY, 12:00PM

[BOOK HERE](#)

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 5 JULY, 8AM

[BOOK HERE](#)

BAPTISM SERVICE

SUNDAY 6 JULY, 10:00AM

LADIES BREAKFAST

SATURDAY 12 JULY, 8.30AM

[BOOK HERE](#)

CHILD DEDICATIONS

SUNDAY 13 JULY, 10:00AM

CHURCH SOCIALS

SUNDAY 13 JULY, 2-4PM

TIM & JENNIFER'S - CONTACT
CHURCH OFFICE FOR ADDRESS

SUNDAY 27 JULY, 12:00PM

GAMES & PICNIC, VICTORIA PARK

PRAYER WALKS FROM NBC

THURSDAY 3 JULY, 7PM

WEDNESDAY 9 JULY, 7PM

SATURDAY 19 JULY, 11AM

FRIDAY 25 JULY, 2PM

Every Friday, during term time, Giggles & Wiggles meet at 9.30 - 10.45am and aims to provide a safe and welcoming space for parents and carers of pre-school children.

Giggles & Wiggles is very popular and is usually full. Bookings open at 7am on the Wednesday morning and spaces are usually filled by lunchtime on the same day! New people come, like what they see and return the next week, often bringing a friend with them.

Since moving back into the re-decorated hall, we have made a few changes to the activities we provide, including messy play opportunities, which have been well received. This may consist of toys in sand, rice, pasta, oats, lentils or ice. Each week we offer 2 different activities in the tuff trays and offer a craft activity three times a term.

Unfortunately this does make clearing away a bit more of a challenge and we would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any grains of rice or sand that manages to find its way into the church - it's amazing how far it can travel with the help of excitable toddlers!

The children are also able to play with trains, cars, jigsaws, play doh and a colouring activity each week, as well as classic favourites including a slide, ride on cars, a home corner and a book corner.

We have a very small, dedicated team and can only run these sessions with their support. This includes John & Ian, who take it in turns to set up the space before each session; Jennifer, Lou and Linda who faithfully take turns leading the time of singing at the end of each session which is enjoyed by all; Linda, Sarah & Judith who bake behind the scenes so the adults can always enjoy a homemade slice of cake.

Then of course are our regular session helpers; Ceri, Margaret, Audrey and Daph, who all sign up on a rota, to provide the warm welcome, a listening ear and a cup of tea / coffee to all who come. Thank you to all of our brilliant team for your hard work, commitment and support.

We are so proud of the excellent reputation G&W has built up in Newbury over many years, and the service we are able to provide to members of our local community.

However, this can only continue with the support of our church family. So if you could spare a couple of hours on a Friday morning to become a part of our team, we would love to hear from you.

If you are interested please speak to Chris.

gigglesandwiggles@newburybaptistchurch.org



Notice Board

Church Members Meeting

Our next Church Members Meeting will take place following the service on **Sunday 29th June**.

There are agendas and important accompanying documents to read in advance of the meeting. These can be found in the members area of the website.

If you need a printed copy please get in touch with the Church Office.

Apologies should be sent to Neal: churchsecretary@newburybaptistchurch.org

Baptisms

With Jemima, Ellie, Theo and Ollie all being baptised on Sunday 6 July, we are expecting quite a few extra visitors that morning. The Cripps, Cutts and Smiths are planning to rustle up cakes and snacks to provide after the service, but if anyone else would like to bake a cake or bring something, that would be wonderful. Thank you!

Any questions, please email sianc@newburybaptistchurch.org

We've been learning a new song called "House of the Lord," which we'll sing at the Baptism service. You can [listen to it on YouTube](#) to get more familiar with it before then!

Church Social Invitation - Save the date!

The Nash Small Group invite the church family to join them for tea, cake and a chance to get to know each other better!

It takes place at Tim & Jennifer's on **Sunday 13 July, 2-4pm**.

Please bring a cake to share and a picnic chair/rug.

Contact the Church Office for the address.

Thank you

Sascha and Katya would like to thank everyone for praying as they visited Ukraine. They have shared their experience while there:

"Our stay in Ukraine was restless, especially at night. We often had anxiety. But the meetings with family and friends were very touching. Everyone was happy to see us, and us them. Katya went to the dentist and Sascha to the doctor but we will need to go back in three months. We missed our children and grandchildren very much. We were worried when we left Kyiv. We were at the train station when the attack on Kyiv began, but there were no attacks on the train station. We were delayed, but got to Poland on time. Thank God the Lord saved us and we are here now. Thank you for your prayers."

Sascha and Katya



MONTH OF PRAYER

In July we will be encouraging the whole church to get up, get together, and get praying for our neighbourhoods.

There is a lot of talk at the moment about a 'quiet revival' taking place across the world. Unchurched people seeking God, a movement of the Holy Spirit calling people and making them curious about God and church. As God's people our response has to be rooted in prayer and a longing to see God's will be done in our communities.

Below are some details of prayer walks from church, and some ideas of what you might like to do in your immediate neighbourhood. If you receive any answers to prayer we'd love to hear them so that we might all be encouraged.

If you have any questions please speak to Jo: JoI@newburybaptistchurch.org

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Whilst these walks are taking place, the church will also be open for 'stay and pray' sessions, with some guided material provided to help focus our prayers.

PRAYING FOR YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

When was the last time you prayed for the neighbours on your road?

We are challenging everyone to take at least one walk around your neighbourhood to pray for it.

Why not join up with other church members who live nearby? If you're unsure if anyone lives near you, we have created a special online map to show the geographical spread of the church. You can find this on the member's area of the website.

Exact locations and details have been anonymised, but if you see there are pins near to where you live, contact Emma in the church office and she will help make the necessary connections.

If mobility is an issue, why not invite a friend over for a cup of tea and a prayer together?

PRAYER SCAVENGER HUNT

We have designed a scavenger prayer hunt as inspiration for families and small groups to use.

It helps us search for God in the ordinary, everyday things around us. It can be downloaded from the 'Pray' section of our website.



PRAYER

A PRAYER FOR GIGGLES & WIGGLES

Thank you Lord for the faithful ministry of First Thursday, and the comfort it has brought to many older folks through the past half century.

Thank you for the diligent work of the many volunteers who have enabled this monthly meeting to continue.

As we look ahead would you raise up new volunteers and ignite a passion in new hearts for serving those who have faithfully served you and your church for many decades.

May the work of First Thursday continue to be a blessing to all who volunteer and attend, and may your name be glorified in all it does. Amen.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

Vivien S - Recovering from surgery on a broken hip.

Brian C - Recent poor health.

John P - Recent poor health.

Audrey P - Ongoing radiotherapy & immunotherapy.

Brian M - Who has recently moved into Willows Edge Residential Home.

Mary H - Recent poor health.

Jemima, Ellie, Theo & Ollie - As they prepare for baptism next week.

David & Carol H - Awaiting news on possible home adaptations to help Carol.

For those recently bereaved - As they adjust to new rhythms of life, and experience waves of grief, often at unexpected moments.

PRAYING FOR ISRAEL & GAZA

BMS have produced a detailed prayer guide for Israel and Gaza, which can be downloaded on our website. A short extract is below to help us know where to start in our prayers for this troubled land.

Prayers for Gaza and the West Bank

Father God, in a land scorched by sorrow, bring healing. To broken bodies, grant rest. To shattered families, reunification. Lord, bring us hope where there is hopelessness.

May we not turn away from the suffering of others. We pray that the world will see, hear, speak and act for humanity justice and peace. Bind us in the shared longing for a world made whole. Lord, we cry for the suffering and the pain that the world is going through. Let there be peace.

Prayer points for Israel

- Please pray that the hearts of the Israeli Government and Hamas leaders would be softened, leading to an immediate end to the war and the release of all Israeli hostages.
- Pray that amid all the restrictions and difficulties, the Arab Israeli Church would find a way to reach Gaza and offer help to its suffering people.
- Please pray that any humanitarian aid sent to Gaza would reach trustworthy hands and not be stolen and be distributed wisely and fairly to those in need.
- Please lift up all Arab Christians in Israel and pray that we would resist hatred and instead become a living bridge of reconciliation between peoples.

