



Hello

Reflection

Our young people, in Ignite, spent some time on Sunday evening looking at the story of Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8 26-40). The Ethiopian was reading scripture but not understanding the meaning. When, in the power of the Holy Spirit, Philip explained the meaning of the passage, the Ethiopian responded not by nodding his head, but by taking immediate action.

So what does it mean to us to be a Church that worships?. We can celebrate coming together, to hearing God speak in and through each other in a chance to reflect on this.

What happens now?

The messages we heard all pointed to worship being personal to each of us.

The deacons are taking time to pray through everything that was shared on Sunday and considering what we may need to do differently as a Church, however the real challenge for each of us is to consider "what immediate action do I need to take to improve the quality of my worship.?"

Our Church can only ever provide a framework of teaching, support, prayer and encouragement for each other. How we each engage and respond to the calling of the Holy Spirit has an impact on everyone else in the Church, not just ourselves. Hands up or Hands down? ([check Billy's sermon if you can't remember what was said](#)).

As we ponder these questions about worship we also move forward to explore our understanding of the next question "what does it mean to be a church that Loves?"

They may be related...

The Deacons

Church membership ... 5th Feb 2023 11:30 - 13:30 in the hall

Why do we have a system of formal Church Membership? What do I have to give up to be a member? What do I get to gain from being a member? How does all that work? What does the "priesthood of all believers" really mean in practice?

Joining this session does not mean joining Newbury Baptist Church, but it does give everyone a chance to understand what that might mean for them personally. If you are not already a member and would like to know more, please [Click here and sign up to join us](#)

Connecting people world wide.

"Hope Now" is one of our focus missions. Delivering practical help and support for people in great need in Ukraine. [Click on this link](#) and choose the February Newsletter. On page 3 you will see a write up about our recent Bake-Off. We also received a lovely letter of thanks from Jon Budgell, their CEO. On page 7 you can see a picture of a boy clutching one of our "Christmas in a Shoe Bag" bags. Thank You ! to the whole church for supporting their work in such a challenging situation.

Church beyond Sunday..

Time is precious for all of us. Finding time to be together, to pray together, to look out for each other and to share our experiences with each other is challenging. As a church we have a number of small groups who meet regularly, some in the daytime, some in the evening. Some meet face to face (in person) and some meet online via Zoom. Some meet every week, and some just once a month.

If you want to extend your friendships and build new ones by participating in a small group then please do let us know and we will help you to find a group that matches what works for you. [Click here to connect with us and we will get back you.](#)

Pray with us

There is so much to pray for in the life of the Church. [Click here to see our weekly prayer letter.](#)

Carl is on the Radio

If you would like to listen to Carl's broadcasts then please speak to him after the service and he will give you the details of his show.

If you've news to share with the Church Family please send an email to office@newburybaptistchurch.org by 9am on Wednesday.

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