

# LOGO LAUNCH!

## WE ARE DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW CHURCH LOGO AND WEBSITE!

Our new logo can be found on the building and across our digital platforms.

It is designed to reflect that we are a diverse, vibrant church family, brought together by a desire to worship Jesus and serve God in and around Newbury.

It has been developed over several months with our website provider, Hubb. This included consultation with church members, so thank you if you completed the online survey last year.

The responses helped shape the design brief and, in turn, the finished logo.

The website has had a major facelift but remains [newburybaptistchurch.org](http://newburybaptistchurch.org)

It has been modernised and now features simplified navigation to key pages, such as booking for Giggles & Wiggles and signing up to rotas.

If you have any questions please contact Emma in the Church Office.



# Weekly News

18 JUNE 2025

## IN FOCUS: First Thursday

### 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

BOOKING COMING SOON

#### 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

On the first Thursday of each month, at 12 noon in the Church Hall, we have a short service with traditional hymns and a brief message, delivered by Peter, Jonathan or Graham. This is followed by a wholesome meal and an opportunity to chat over a cup of tea.

First Thursday is a valuable ministry to some who struggle to attend on Sundays, as well as a key outreach to others in our community.

For many, it is the highlight of their month as it represents one of the few times they get out of the house for social purposes.

This year, First Thursday celebrates it's Golden Jubilee! It began in 1975, following a series of Lent lunches led by Rev Ron Mitchell. It has continued to meet a need among the more senior members of our community to gather, share memories, and worship with favourite hymns of old.

First Thursday happens through a dedicated team of volunteers who work together to shop, host, produce, serve, befriend and clear up after the meal. Of equal importance to the practical work they do is the listening ear they provide to attendees. However, most importantly, the volunteers also have a lot of fun!

The team has been led at various times by Daph, Pat, Dot, Marguerite, Carol and others from earlier generations of church membership. Throughout much of our history Rita, in various roles, and David, our pianist, have given faithful service.

We are grateful for the wonderful service of so many, for so long. But we are in need of new volunteers to ensure this important ministry can continue. Could you spare some time? Even just a couple of hours once or twice a year would be invaluable, and a great encouragement to the attendees and existing team.

If you are interested please speak to Steve.  
[stevev@newburybaptistchurch.org](mailto:stevev@newburybaptistchurch.org)

# Notice Board

## Church Members Meeting

Our next Church Members Meeting will take place following the service on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:sianc@newburybaptistchurch.org).

## 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.

## July: A Month of Prayer

Get ready to pray!

In July we will be launching a month of focused prayer, with various events to help us engage in praying together.

This includes a prayer walk each week from NBC (*dates can be found on page 2*), and a challenge for everyone to get up, get together, and get praying for their neighbourhood. More details about this will be shared next week, including a map to help us pray with other church members.

We will also be celebrating and giving thanks to God with some extra-special Sunday services. On 6<sup>th</sup> July we will celebrate the baptisms of four of our teens, and on 13<sup>th</sup> July we will have a child dedication service for two families. We will conclude our month of prayer with a picnic on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

The hope is that we will be a blessing to our community by covering it in prayer, as well as seeing and celebrating answers to prayer.

If you have a testimony of recently answered prayer which you would like to share, please speak to Peter.





## A PRAYER FOR FIRST THURSDAY

*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.*

## PRAYING FOR NAOMI

Following Israel's bombing of Iran last week, there have been regular air raid warnings in the country where Naomi is serving.

Please pray for God's protection of Naomi, her team and organisation, and the local population. May they remain calm in the face of uncertainty, and know the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding.

In this time of increasing global tensions, let us commit to praying for peace, particularly in troubled areas such as Israel and the surrounding nations, as well as an end to the war in Ukraine. Pray for the G7 conference taking place this week.

## HOPE NOW PRAYER REQUESTS

Earlier this month Hope Now celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a service at its headquarters in Southampton.

NBC has been supporting the work of Hope Now in Ukraine for several years, and they have provided some prayer requests:

- Pray for families who have lost loved ones during the war. At least 550 children and over 10,000 civilians have been confirmed killed.
- Over 18,000 civilians have been injured. Please pray for them as they recover, and for the provision of appropriate medical care and support.
- Pray for areas heavily affected by bombing, including those in Mariupol, Bakhmut, Severodonetsk, and other occupied regions.
- Please also continue to pray for safety for Sasha and Katya whilst they are back in Ukraine visiting family and friends.

## CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

**Vivien S** - Suffered a broken hip on Sunday.

**Brian C** - Recent poor health and undergoing tests.

**John P** - Recent poor health.

**Audrey P** - Ongoing radiotherapy and immunotherapy.

**Jonathan E** - As he continues to recover from recent surgery.

