

Weekly News

2 JULY 2025

Faith and Fruit for the Summer

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

As I write this, the summer holidays are rapidly approaching which for many parents brings both anticipation and apprehension. On one hand, we look forward to a break from routine and the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Social media sells us visions of families strolling along sun-kissed beaches, parents smiling lovingly at their darling children enjoying ice creams and building sandcastles. On the other hand, the reality can feel very different. The British weather is far from predictable, the cost-of-living crisis makes days out increasingly expensive, and working parents often struggle to cobble together childcare. And that's all before the kids themselves start complaining that they're bored or hungry, or start arguing with their siblings.

It was with these mixed emotions that I walked to school to pick up the boys on the final day of the summer term last July. Prayer wasn't coming easily so I turned to the Bible for inspiration. The fruits of the spirit seemed a good starting point and so as I walked, I prayed that each fruit would be present in our lives through the holidays. Wanting to continue this practice, I committed to try and pray for a different fruit each day, cycling through them throughout the holidays. I even had grand ideas of getting the boys involved and praying with them each time they ate a piece of fruit, although I confess I only managed this a handful of times, mealtimes in my house generally being so chaotic that prayer is the last thing on my mind. But I did manage to pray for a fruit of the spirit at some point each day.

Did it magically make the holidays stress-free and enjoyable for us all? Absolutely not, but I did find that I was more conscious of God's blessings in the good moments, and more aware of His grace during tougher days. I will be trying to do the same this year and would love to encourage other parents to give it a try too.

On a more practical note, if you're looking for ways to keep the kids entertained, watch this space for further information about some socials we have coming up during the holidays. Whatever your plans, may God bless you this summer.



Sarah

Notice Board

This Week

First Thursday and Men's Breakfast events both take place this week. Please see page 1 for a link to more details and to book your place.

Baptisms

With Jemima, Ellie, Theo and Ollie all being baptised this Sunday, 6 July, we are expecting quite a few extra visitors! 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! Please bring your cakes to the hall kitchen before the service.

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

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

Our month of prayer is now underway! The deacons allocated time from their monthly meeting yesterday (Tues) to prayer walk around our neighbourhood, and we will be holding our first church prayer walk tomorrow (Thurs 3rd).

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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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.





A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

We thank you Lord for all the families in our church who contribute towards NBC being a vibrant, fun and loving place to belong.

We pray for parents who will be juggling work with additional childcare over the summer. Help them manage their time well and grant them patience.

We give you thanks for all the grandparents who do so much to support their children with childcare.

Grant them energy and joy, and may they enjoy making memories and building relationships with their grandchildren.

For those who do not see their wider families as often as they'd like, we pray you would draw alongside them and be especially close. May they find opportunities to connect and maintain those relationships.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

Vivien S - Now home following surgery on her 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 this Sunday.

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

Jonathan E - In Basingstoke Hospital.

Lyn S - Recent poor health.

ARTHUR & REETA PRAYER UPDATE

Our missionaries Arthur and Reeta have produced their latest prayer diary. Some highlights to be praying into over the coming month include:

- Thank God for the training on emergency care taking place for the staff this week.
- Continue to pray for the strategic leadership team as they seek God's leading over the future of the organisation. Pray for wisdom for them, especially as they continue their search for a new executive director.
- A former team member is due to return for a visit this month. Pray that his time in the country will be a blessing to him and those he meets.
- Pray for the Mental Health Programme which needs to submit a new memorandum of understanding to the government this month. Pray that the obstacles which can sometimes occur for NGOs do not materialise.
- Pray for the four team members permanently based in the country; for their safety, good health and God's protection. May they be salt and light in the changing context of the country and the organisation.
- Pray that the aid which is required in various parts of the country reaches its intended destination, in order to support some of the neediest people in the country.
- Thank God for faithful partners, particularly in raising the \$100,000 target to initiate a project enabling refugees to return to their home country.

