

Weekly News

9 JULY 2025

The Joy of Baptisms!

What a service we shared on Sunday! 200 people packed into the church to celebrate the baptisms of four teenagers. We witnessed powerful testimonies, nearly took the roof off with our singing, and paused for moments of reflection and wonder. It was a beautiful time of worship and fellowship, with several people remarking to me afterwards how it felt like a proper church family

celebration, where all took part.

For me personally, it was a powerful example of the effort and time it takes to nurture and disciple children and young people, and how that involves the entire congregation. I may have been in the pool, but it was God working through dozens of people at NBC over many years, who led them to baptism.

Of course our responsibilities do not end at the steps of the baptistry. It is common for newly baptised believers to experience temptation and challenge in the days and weeks which follow, so I call on each of us to commit to praying for God's protection and clear guidance for those four young people.

If Sunday's service has prompted you to consider baptism, do speak to me - I'm always happy to run more classes!

Peter

From the Cutts, Cripps and Smith families... Thank you for making Sunday such a special day for our young people! To the musicians, cake-bakers, tea-servers, flower-bringers, welcomers, organisers, tech team and clearer-uppers – thank you. To everyone who gave such thoughtful gifts and cards, thank you. To those who have prayed, thank you. It was an incredible celebration of God's faithfulness and four baptisms – yes. But it also felt like a celebration of what it means to be a church family. We are so grateful for you all.

And from the young people...

"Thanks to all who helped out to make the service such a special occasion for us."

"Thank you to everyone who helped out during our baptism. It was really encouraging to know that everyone was praying for us through this period, so thank you."

WHAT'S ON @ NBC

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

WEDNESDAY 9 JULY, 7PM

SATURDAY 19 JULY, 11AM

FRIDAY 25 JULY, 2PM

FIRST THURSDAY

AFTERNOON TEA

THURSDAY 7 AUGUST, 2:00PM

[BOOK HERE](#)

Notice Board

Child Dedications

We are looking forward to the child dedications taking place during Sunday's service. We will be singing this song as a blessing over the children being dedicated. Please have a listen and may it also be a blessing to you this week. https://youtu.be/tNk_xCa7zaQ?si=4wUia5g1z2ENz9bl

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**. Contact the Church Office for the address. Please bring a cake to share and a picnic chair/rug.

CAP Money Coaching Course

The CAP Money Coaching course is designed to help people understand their spending habits and create their own personal budget. The course can help anyone live within their means including students, employed people, families, retirees and is for anyone, not only those with unmanageable debt.

The next course, run by Helen and David from NBC, is at 7pm on August 13th, 20th and 27th at St Nicolas church hall. Register for free at capuk.org/trymoneycoaching and enter the postcode RG14 5HG.

Save the Date

On Saturday 11th October we're planning a fun church family social event.

Our working title is "NBC's Got Talent"! More details will follow nearer the time but we'd like as many people to come as possible, so put the date in your diary to make sure you don't miss it!

As the title implies, it will be an opportunity for members of our church family to delight, amuse and entertain us with their talents. We want to have as much variety as possible so, if you can sing, dance, perform, recite, play an instrument or otherwise surprise and entertain us for a few minutes, either solo or in a group, please talk to Julie or Steve as soon as possible and before the end of July.

We want to construct a programme for the evening that is entertaining, with a variety of acts from performers of a variety of ages and cultures. It may be that in order to balance the programme we have to hold some acts for a next time. We will let the successful performers know in early August to give them an opportunity to rehearse/practice.

Watch this space for more information! Julie and Steve



MONTH OF PRAYER

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.





MAHON FAMILY PRAYER UPDATE

The Mahon family are our BMS missionary partners in Peru. They have provided a new update, which can be read in full [here](#).

Here are some extracts and prayer requests for us to focus upon during our prayer times this week: Michele recently went on a teaching trip to Ayacucho - nestled in the Andes mountains. Whilst there she attended the Peruvian Baptist Convention, representing the mission's team. Please pray for:

- Continued growth in mission awareness among Peruvian churches.
- Fruit from this time of teaching and fellowship.
- Future teaching visits and teams to be raised up and sent out.

Dave has also been on a teaching trip to Chiclayo, four hours north of Trujillo, with the department of theological education. Whilst there he taught a lecture entitled 'The Existence of God' and preached across the region at several churches. Please pray for:

- Greater unity and collaboration among the Association churches and pastors in the area.
- Encouragement and refreshment for those serving in isolated or challenging contexts.

The family have also recently moved house and are now living closer to the children's school. Please pray:

- For the family to settle into a new neighbourhood.
- To be a blessing and encouragement to their neighbours.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYERS

Lyn S - In Basingstoke Hospital awaiting test results.

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.

Jonathan E - Recovering following recent spell in hospital.

PRAYERS FOR OUR WORLD

Lord, we pray for all who are affected by natural disasters and issues of climate change that are having a detrimental effect on people's livelihoods and putting lives at risk,

We think of those impacted by the flooding in Texas, and pray for your comfort at this time. Please provide the practical aid people need in times of emergency. Help those of us who have plenty to be generous in sharing what we have with others. In Jesus' name, amen.

