

Weekly News

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Giving back at Harvest

As we approach our Harvest service this Sunday, it's worth pausing to consider why we gather to give thanks and share what we have. The answer lies at the very heart of our faith: we give because God first gave to us.

From the very beginning, God has been a giver. He gave us life, breath, and this beautiful world to inhabit. He gave us the soil, the rain, and the sunshine that brings forth each year's harvest. Most of all, he gave us his Son, Jesus, demonstrating a love so extravagant that it cost him everything.

"We love because He first loved us," writes John in his first letter. The same principle applies to our giving. Our generosity is always a response, never an obligation. When we bring tinned goods, donate to food banks, or support those in need, we're simply echoing God's heart towards us.

Harvest reminds us that everything we have is ultimately a gift from God's hand. We're not self-made; we're God-sustained. The vegetables we grow, the wages we earn, the time we possess—all flow from God's generous provision.

The principle of giving as a response to God's generosity extends to every area of church life. Just as the harvest requires faithful sowing throughout the year, where we believe God is leading us requires faithful commitment.

WHAT'S ON @ NBC

FIRST THURSDAY

THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER 12 NOON

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HARVEST SERVICE

SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER 10AM

NBC'S GOT TALENT

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 5.30PM

[BOOK HERE](#)

INSPIRE PARENTING COURSE

SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER 12 NOON

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JOINT BREAKFAST

WITH "ARTHUR AND REETA"

18TH OCTOBER 8.30AM

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God has blessed our fellowship abundantly, demonstrating our verse for the year over and over again: "Only God makes things grow." As we discern together whether God is leading us to call a second minister, we're invited to respond to God's generosity with our own.

We've set a giving challenge to test whether a second minister is financially viable in the long term. This is an opportunity for each of us to prayerfully consider how we might respond to God's provision by investing in the ministry he's entrusting to us. Your participation in this challenge helps us understand God's direction for our church family.

This Sunday, as we celebrate Harvest, let's come with grateful hearts, ready to give freely because we've received freely. Our giving—whether produce, finances, or time—becomes an act of worship, acknowledging that we serve a God whose generosity knows no bounds.

Let's make our Harvest offering a joyful testimony to the truth that blessed lives overflow in blessing others.

Peter

Notice Board

NBC's Got Talent

Book your tickets for NBC's got talent - an evening of entertainment provided by church family! It's on Saturday 11th October at 5.30. Ticket includes a jacket potato & chilli (vegetarian option available). The cost is £5 per adult / £3 per child. We are also in need of volunteers to help set up and clear away afterwards. If you can help please speak to Julie or Steve.

Care for the Family Course

On Sunday 12th October after the morning service we will be running an 'Inspire' course, aimed at parents, grandparents and anyone who wants to nurture faith in children and young people. The session will include video teaching from Care for the Family and the opportunity to learn from and support each other. Please bring packed lunches for both adults and children - Supervised games and activities for children will be provided. Please book your place online.

Care for the Family are also holding events locally this autumn which may be of interest. See their website for more information.

Breakfast with Arthur & Reeta

We're not holding separate Mens or Ladies' breakfasts during October, but instead joining together on Saturday 18th October when Arthur and Reeta, missionaries in Asia and former NBC members, will come to speak. Please book online (£4 per person) so we can make sure there's enough breakfast prepared.

CAP Money Coaching Course

This course is designed to help people understand their spending habits and create their own personal budget. The course can help anyone including students, employed people, families, retirees and is not only for those people with unmanageable debts.

NBC is hosting the next course run by Helen and David in the large hall from 10am - 12noon on October 15th, 22nd & 29th. Register for free here. Please invite your friends and neighbours to come along to this course. We would appreciate it if you would pray for the course and the participants.

Christmas in a Shoe Bag

Thanks to those who have already filled a Christmas Shoebag. If you haven't yet made one, and would like to, please take yours from the Church Foyer. Each bag contains instructions and suggested gifts that we can collect for some of the poorest children in Ukraine. The deadline for the return of filled bags is Sunday 26th October. Please speak to Judith, Kelvin or Luda if you have any questions.

Light Party

Planning has started for a Light Party which will take place on Friday 31st October for children in Reception to Year 6, more information and booking details to follow. If you are able to help on the evening by either being part of the Light Party, praying for the event, or helping to clear up afterwards please let Sian know. (sianc@newburybaptistchurch.org)





PRAYER



Prayer for Harvest

Loving Father, thank you for the harvest we celebrate this week. Thank you for every tin of food, every packet and jar brought in gratitude for all you've given us.

We're grateful for the rhythm of seasons, for seeds that grow into food, and for all who bring food to our tables.

We think of our neighbours struggling to feed their families, facing impossible choices between heating and eating. We ask that you'd bless them through what we share today.

Comfort those who feel anxious about needing help, and remind them of their worth in your eyes.

Bless the foodbank volunteers who serve with such love and dedication. Give them strength when the need feels overwhelming.

Lord, open our eyes to see need around us all year round. Give us generous hearts that reflect your own. May our giving today bring hope to someone who needs to know they're not forgotten and that you love them deeply. Amen.

Prayer for Financial Giving

Father God, everything we have comes from your hand. Thank you for your incredible generosity—for providing all we need and so much more.

Thank you for jobs, pensions, and the daily bread you faithfully provide. We acknowledge it all belongs to you.

As we think about our financial giving and the challenge before us, help us to trust you more deeply. We confess that money can feel like security, and it's sometimes hard to let go. Give us courage to respond generously, not from pressure but from grateful hearts.

Show us clearly how you're leading our church as we consider calling a second minister. Give us wisdom in discernment and unity in our decisions. Help us each to play our part in your plans.

May our giving be an act of worship that honours you, a sacrifice showing we trust you completely. Transform our hearts from clutching to open-handed generosity. Amen.

Church Family Prayers

Diane F - Who recently broke her foot.

Chris S - Ahead of Lyn's interment of ashes this weekend.

A number of people in our church family are facing upcoming operations this month. Please lift them up in prayer.

