

Weekly News

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Lightning Squad - a hit!

You'll know the moment, on a Sunday morning, when half the church heads gets up and heads out the wooden door at the front... If you're bound for Lightning Squad, the fun is just beginning. But if you're left in the service, you might sometimes wonder: what do they even do out there? Well, here's a peek into the session formerly known as Chattabox, for children aged 5-11...

Our aim for Lightning Squad is threefold. We want the children to feel loved and part of the church family, we want them to build friendships with one another, and we want them to learn one thing (at least) about God each week.

So if you stepped into a Sunday session, you might find the children sharing something about their week, watching a Bible story video, or playing keepy-uppies with a balloon. They might be acting out a scene from Scripture, retelling the Bible's big story with props – or spinning each other round on a giant parachute in a game called 'washing machine' (don't ask!).

Since September, our age range has narrowed and we've switched to a new resource-provider. There are nine regular volunteers (three on each week), and we usually have about 12-16 children, with some weeks busier than others.

The Lightning Squad children are brilliant; engaged, fun and always full of energy. We love their insights, honesty and curiosity. Some weeks, they remember every single detail about a Bible story. Other times, they'll recollect the gist at best. They ask questions like, 'what colour is the Holy Spirit,' and share wonderful perspectives on faith. We can see real friendships emerging, and it's particularly encouraging to see how the younger children look up to the older ones.

WHAT'S ON @ NBC

**JOINT BREAKFAST
WITH "ARTHUR AND REETA"**

18TH OCTOBER 8.30AM

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YOUTH WEEKEND

24TH-26TH OCTOBER

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LIGHT PARTY

31ST OCTOBER

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So far this term we've covered Nehemiah – learning about God's promises, God's plan and how faith should shape how we care for others. This Sunday we're starting a series looking at the Psalms, starting with Psalm 136 on 19 October followed by Psalms 23, 46 and 33. Then in the run-up to Christmas we'll be looking at the Nativity story.

This Sunday, why not find a Lightning Squadder after the service and ask what they learned? (Hopefully the answer will be something like: God loves us forever!).

Finally, please pray for the Lightning Squad children... Pray that each week they would discover something about God. Pray that every child feels loved, welcomed and accepted in the group. And pray the friendships they develop here will deepen through the coming years. Thank you!

Claire

Notice Board

Breakfast with Arthur & Reeta

Please book your place (£4 per person) for the joint breakfast this Saturday, 18th October. We look forward to Arthur and Reeta speaking to us about their work as missionaries in Asia.

CAP Money Coaching Course

Today sees the first session of the CAP Money Coaching Course, designed to help people understand their spending habits and create their own personal budget. It's for everyone and is not only for those people with unmanageable debts. You can register for free for the following sessions, being held at NBC between 10 and 12 on October 22nd and 29th. Please invite your friends and neighbours and do pray for the course and participants.

Christmas in a Shoe Bag

Thanks to those who have already filled a Christmas Shoebag for some of the poorest children in Ukraine. If you haven't yet made one, and would like to, please take yours from the Church Foyer. Please return your filled bag by Sunday 26th October - just two Sunday's time!

Light Party

Not long to go until our Light Party - taking place on Friday 31st October (5-6.30pm) for children in Reception to Year 6. Please book free tickets for your child(ren) and invite their friends to do the same! If you are able to help by being part of the Party, praying for the event, or helping to clear up afterwards please let Sian know. Adult and Young People who will help on the day should register here

NBC really does have talent!

Thank you to everyone involved in making the Talent Evening a great success. From the performers, the tech team, those setting up, preparing the food and clearing up after everyone had left, thank you for giving your time and effort.

Ignite Youth Weekend

Our 4th annual youth weekend away is just around the corner, and excitement is building! As we prepare for a time of fun, faith, and fellowship, we'd love your support in two key ways:
Cover us in Prayer - Prayer is at the core of everything we do in Ignite. Can you partner with us by praying for one of our young people or youth leaders, in the lead-up to and during the weekend itself? Last year, every participant was individually prayed for, and we'd love to see that happen again! Once you sign up, we'll give you a name and a prayer guide to get started.
Calling all Bakers - While the centre provides hearty meals, we know that a little sugar goes a long way during a busy weekend! If you'd be willing to bake or donate cakes, biscuits, or sweet treats, we'd be incredibly grateful.

To get involved in either (or both!) of these ways, please get in touch with Jo who will be coordinating this: joannammcaleer@gmail.com. Your support makes a real difference!

November Speaker

during November, 'Naomi' will be sharing about her call to Missionary Work at both Men's and Ladies' Breakfast as well as First Thursday. Come along and hear about her adventures so far, and what she has planned for the future.





PRAYER

Prayer for the Youth Weekend

Faithful God,

As we get ready for the youth weekend at the end of the month, we thank you for every young person who has already booked, and every leader who has offered to serve.

We pray for a weekend full of adventure, fun, and your Spirit at work.

Help the young people to build strong friendships – to encourage one another, include everyone, and show kindness. May they discover more of who you are and how much you care for them.

Bless the leaders with wisdom, patience, and joy. Give them strength when they're tired and peace when plans change.

Lord, please keep everyone safe in travel, activities, and rest. Let this weekend be filled with laughter, learning, and your love. Amen.

Arthur & Reeta Travel Home

As Arthur and Reeta prepare to fly back to the UK for their home assignment, please pray for a safe passage through customs, for their luggage to be safely transferred, and for God to bless their time here, particularly as they visit NBC this weekend.

Prayer for those facing financial hardship

Loving God, ,

We bring before you the many families across the UK who are anxious about money. Inflation is high, prices for food, fuel, and rent keep rising, and wages often can't keep up. Many parents fear they won't be able to afford essentials.

We pray for those who struggle to pay bills, buy groceries, or heat their homes. Especially those with low incomes, single parents, or people depending on benefits—all of whom feel the burden most. Strengthen their spirits. Let them know they are not alone, and help them find support.

We ask for governments and local leaders to act wisely and kindly, setting policies that protect the vulnerable, raise housing support, and ease the pressure on families. Let councils and charities have the resources they need to help with food, energy, and housing.

Teach us too, Lord, to be generous—whether it is giving money, time, or just kindness to neighbours in need. Show us how to share, to listen, and to offer hope.

When anxiety and fear weigh heavy, remind us of your promise to provide and care for your children. May families find rest in you, courage to face each day, and peace in knowing your love endures.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

