

Weekly News

22 OCTOBER 2025

Spotlight on...Spotlight!

We're continuing this month's focus on children and youth work here at NBC with an update from Tim on Spotlight (previously Dig Deeper), our Sunday morning group for secondary-school aged young people. This term we welcomed five new year 7s to the group, taking our numbers up to around 15.

Spotlight meets on a Sunday morning to help our young people explore and navigate for themselves the claims the bible makes. At such a pivotal point in schooling and friendships, and with so many influences in their lives, we want to create a space for them to start thinking about what Christianity means for them.

The young people stay in for communion services so they can be reminded of the salvation Christians have through the death and resurrection on the cross, and share in the bread and wine if they and their parents feel comfortable doing so. Ultimately, we aim to help the youth better understand the power of the cross in their own lives.

This term we've been working through a course called Decathlon, which uses sport to share the gospel message with young people. Our continued prayer is that we can create a space for the young people to want to come to church on a Sunday morning when they might rather be at home; a space where they are exposed to the gospel and feel comfortable to ask their questions; where they are reminded that God loves them and wants to have a relationship with them.

WHAT'S ON @ NBC

YOUTH WEEKEND

24TH-26TH OCTOBER

LIGHT PARTY

31ST OCTOBER

[BOOK HERE](#)

MEN'S BREAKFAST

1ST NOVEMBER

[BOOK HERE](#)

FIRST THURSDAY

6TH NOVEMBER

[BOOK HERE](#)

LADIES BREAKFAST

8TH NOVEMBER

All that we do in Spotlight ties into the Ignite sessions on a Sunday evening where we have a wider group, all of whom are welcomed to the youth weekend away – a weekend where we create space for the youth to go deeper in their faith journey, with support from their leaders.

The weekend, which takes place this Friday-Sunday, is the highlight of the year for our youth work. As we saw with our four teenage baptisms earlier this year, it can be a hugely significant moment in the spiritual lives of those who attend.

Please do continue to pray for our young people, that their hearts will be open to hearing and responding to the gospel; for boldness to explore this for themselves; and to stand firm in it when they head back into their homes and at school.

Tim

Notice Board

CAP Money Coaching Course

Please do continue to pray for the leaders and participants on the CAP Money Coaching Course, taking place at NBC today and next Wednesday. If you'd like to come along, you can [register for free](#) for the final session on 29th October, 10 -12 noon.

Christmas in a Shoe Bag - FINAL REMINDER

This Sunday (26 th) is the LAST SUNDAY for you to return your filled bags, and/or donate for transportation costs. The bags will then be taken to Hope Now UK office ready for transportation to Ukraine in time for children to enjoy a very special Christmas 'snippet of joy'.

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](#)

November Speaker

During November, 'Naomi' will be sharing about her call to missionary work at both the Men's and Ladies' Breakfasts as well as First Thursday. Come along and hear about her inspiring journey so far and how God has been at work through her, as well as her plans for the future. Find out how we can continue to pray for and support her as she serves. Booking is now open for [Men's Breakfast](#) and [First Thursday events](#), Ladies Breakfast booking will be available soon.

Julie Phillips

We are saddened to share the news that one of our former members, Julie Phillips, died last Friday. Please remember Julie's family in your prayers, particularly her daughters Debbie & Amanda and their families.

Sonrise Christian Resources

Newbury Town Market Stall - every Saturday from 25 October to 6 December, 9am – 3pm

A whole range of Christmas products, including Christmas cards, Advent calendars, Advent candles, stocking fillers and 2026 calendars, together with Christian books for adults and children, cards and gifts will be available on the Sonrise Christian Resources stall in Market Place, Newbury. Come and browse!

CTNA Christmas Lunch

Churches Together in Newbury (CTNA) will be hosting a Community Christmas Day at St George's Hall 10am-4pm for those who might otherwise be on their own. There's a traditional Christmas Lunch and entertainment. Lifts are available if guests are unable to get themselves there. If you know of anyone who might like to go along, please contact Joanna Abraham on 07828 244 119 or marinaoabraham@gmail.com.





Christmas in Narnia

This Christmas NBC is transforming into Narnia, as we explore the Christmas story from a whole new angle, and we need your help!

29th November - Decorate the Church

We have lots of jobs to do! Speak to Hannah if you'd like to help.
hannahs@newburybaptistchurch.org

Christmas Choir

Would you like to sing in our choir at the carol service
on 21st December (7pm)?

We will be rehearsing every Sunday after the service
from 16th November.

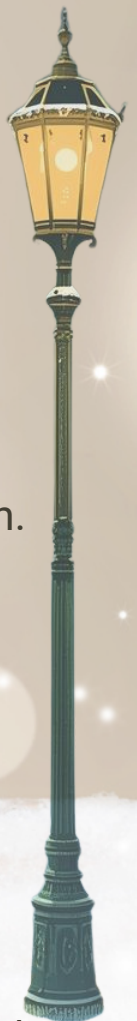
The last rehearsal will be on the morning of 21st December.

If you are interested please speak to Claire Timothy or Hannah.

Christmas in Narnia

On Saturday 13th December we will be running an
outreach event for families, using Narnia-themed crafts and
games to tell the Christmas story.

We need volunteers to help with set-up/pack down,
refreshments, welcoming, hosting, and lots more.
Speak to Emma in the Church Office if you'd like to get involved.



Prayer

Prayers for the Persecuted Church in China

Over the past two weeks there has been a crackdown on Christians meeting in China, with at least 30 people from 'unregistered' churches being detained across the country.

One of the Christians who remains in custody is senior pastor of Zion Church, Ezra Jin Mingri, whose home has also been raided.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide has made the following prayer requests for the global church:

- For the immediate release of Pastor Jin and the other detained Christians.
- That the Lord will strengthen, encourage and protect them, and all Christians across China. Drawing on Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill them with all joy and peace as they trust in him, so that they may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Giving thanks for the many house church leaders who openly expressed support for Zion Church - despite facing significant pressure themselves. Ask the Lord to keep them safe and make a way for the weight of oppression to be lifted.

Prayer for the Youth Weekend

On Friday 26 young people and 9 leaders will descend upon St. Cassian's centre in Kintbury for a weekend of fun, games, worship and discussion.

Please pray:

- That each young person would have a fun weekend, where they are able to build friendships and deepen their faith.
- Pray for the sessions to be thought-provoking and Spirit-filled.
- Pray for Saturday evening and the use of the prayer room, which has been the highlight of previous weekends, and where many of the teenagers now expect to meet God.
- Pray for safety - especially during the outdoor activities such as the low ropes course and wall-climbing.
- Pray for energy for the leaders, especially Sarah as she organises the event, and for sensitivity to what God is doing over the weekend.
- Pray for God to bless Claire, Keith, Temioluwa and the young people leading the sung worship.
- Pray for spiritual protection, both during the weekend and in the days and weeks which follow, especially for those who encounter God for the first time.

