

Weekly News

5TH NOVEMBER 2025

Fire & Remembrance

As we enter a new month there is much to reflect upon and much to look forward to. On 5th November we remember Guy Fawkes night and the failed attempt to blow up the houses of parliament. In many towns tonight there will be bonfires lit and fireworks filling the sky, or maybe you went to one at the weekend. Both bonfires and fireworks send out much light into the now dark evening skies. There may be much joy and laughter at such events as we gather with family and friends.

Yet in a few days on Remembrance Sunday, we are stilled by the memories of those who have fought in the many wars. Many of us will wear poppies during this period and stand in silence to honour and remember those who laid down their lives so that there may be peace. Their sacrifice still speaks to us, of courage and the deep longing for peace that is in every human heart. Of course, today there are sadly many nations still at war and the great loss of lives continues. We remember these nations currently at war and pray that peace will return.

At this time of year fire and silence come together. The fireworks and bonfire remind us of God's light, burning bright during our struggles. We remember that God's light is steadfast and unchanging. The stillness reminds us to listen for the voice of peace that Christ alone offers us. This can be difficult in the continual busyness of most of our lives. So, take a moment to be still before God and listen to him.

Therefore, as we remember on the 5th of November and as we approach Remembrance Sunday on the 9th of November let us remember the lessons from history and the hope of our faith.

John 1 v 4-5. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it.

Helen

COMING UP @ NBC

FIRST THURSDAY

6TH NOVEMBER 12 NOON

[BOOK HERE](#)

LADIES BREAKFAST

8TH NOVEMBER 8.30AM

[BOOK HERE](#)

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS IN NARNIA

29TH NOVEMBER 1-3PM

Notice Board

Light Party Thank You

A big thank you to all who helped with the Light Party on Friday - in the preparation and planning, decorating the church, moving chairs, inviting people, praying for the event and helping at the party itself. It was wonderful to welcome so many children, and some parents too, who all enjoyed fantastic crafts, games and food.

Christmas Shoe Bags

93 shoe bags, 60 trauma dolls & 140+ pairs of glasses, are now at Hope Now Southampton office ready for packing to catch the final lorry collection for Ukraine before Christmas. Also, your overwhelming financial generosity means that we can give Hope Now the money donated to cover 10 filled transportation boxes costing £45 per box. Thank you for your support for the vulnerable children and adults in Ukraine- 93 of the most needy children will find joy coming into to their troubled lives this Christmas time; gifts from afar sent with Christian love and prayers. Please continue to pray for Ukraine and Cherkassy where Hope Now is based. Hopefully, we will send photos and updates in the future when possible.

Naomi's November Speaking Tour!

It was great to have 'Naomi' at Men's Breakfast last Saturday, speaking about her call to missionary work. She'll be at both First Thursday and Ladies' Breakfast this week and we're looking forward to hearing about her inspiring journey so far, as well as finding out how we can pray for and support her in future. Book your place using the links on page 1.

Christmas in Narnia

NBC is transforming into a Narnia wonderland for Christmas, and we need your help....

Decorating the Church - if you are able to help decorate the church with trees, light and snow, on 29th November 1-3pm please let Hannah know hannahs@newburybaptistchurch.org

Christmas Choir - open rehearsals will take place every Sunday after the service, beginning on 16th November if you'd like to sing in our choir at the carol service on 21st December. Speak to Claire T or Hannah for more information

Christmas in Narnia - we'll be running a family activity outreach event on the morning of the 13th December and 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.

Lost Property

We have accumulated quite a few items of lost property and the box is overflowing. If you recognise anything, please let Emma know - or pick it up from church on Sunday.





PRAYER

Loving God,
Sometimes it's hard to understand the point of wearing a poppy, or how two minutes of silence can make a difference.
But each poppy reminds us of a life that mattered and a gift that was given. As we pause to remember, help us to be thankful for all that we have.

Help us to look forward, not back.
We can't change the past, but we can learn from it and choose a better way.

As young and old come together before you, take the best of who we are and make us work together for You.
Help us to share our love for Jesus and our care for each other.

Guide us to dream together, and with your Holy Spirit within us, make those dreams real. Amen.

Lord Jesus,
At this time of year, we see lights shining in many ways – fireworks lighting up the sky, candles flickering in memory, lanterns glowing on dark evenings.
Each light reminds us that darkness never has the final word.

As we remember those who have gone before us – those who gave their lives in war, and those we love who are no longer with us – may your light bring comfort and peace.

When the nights draw in and the world feels uncertain, help us to see that your love still shines bright.

Teach us to carry your light into our homes, schools, and workplaces. May we bring hope where there is fear, joy where there is sadness, and kindness wherever it's needed most.

Thank you that no shadow is too deep for your light to reach, and no heart too far from your love.
Amen.

Church Family Prayers

Please pray for Helen's Dad, John, who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and has now moved into sheltered accommodation.

