

## Celebrating Our AudioVisual Team

In every church service, there are moments that inspire: Uplifting worship, encouraging preaching, and meaningful times of prayer. But behind the scenes, often unnoticed (unless something goes wrong!) is a group of volunteers who make much of this possible: our AudioVisual (AV) Team. Their ministry may be quietly tucked away behind a desk, in a little room or hidden among the cables but their contribution is vital to helping our church worship, learn and grow together.

The Bible speaks often about the value of serving with the gifts God has given us. "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord" (Colossians 3:23). The AV team embodies this verse week after week, offering their time, skills and patience so that the gospel can be communicated clearly both in the room and online. We are reminded in 1 Corinthians 12 that the body of Christ is made up of many parts, each with a special purpose. In the same way, the AV team plays a unique role in our church family, helping every part function smoothly so that worship can flow without distraction.

This is an exciting season for the team as the building project moves forward. The new room is nearing completion and soon we'll begin the intricate next phase, installing the "spaghetti" of wires that will bring the new space to life. This behind-the-scenes work is essential, as every cable, connector, and screen contributes to a worship environment that is welcoming, clear and consistent. Alongside this, our upgraded equipment is gradually being installed, bringing new possibilities for improved sound, visuals, and livestreaming capabilities.

With new technology comes new opportunities, not just for better quality but also for more people to get involved. We are blessed with a fantastic AV team, made up of volunteers ranging in age from 11 to 70(ish). Their enthusiasm and willingness to learn make this ministry not only effective but full of life and fun. Whether someone is adjusting lights, managing camera feeds, queuing slides, or balancing audio levels, every role plays a part in helping our congregation encounter God. As our equipment improves and our capabilities expand, we will need more hands to help carry this ministry forward. And the good news is; you don't need to be a technical wizard to join! If you can press buttons, follow instructions and enjoy learning new skills, you're already halfway there. The rest we will teach you.

Romans 12:6 reminds us, "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." Maybe God is nudging you to use your gifts, or discover new ones, through the AV team. Whether you're young, retired, somewhere in between or simply curious, we would love for you to explore being part of this growing ministry. If you're interested or would like to know more, please speak to any member of the AV team. We'd be delighted to show you around, answer your questions and help you see how you can join in this vital, creative and rewarding part of church life.

Together, let's continue to build, not just a building but a team that helps our whole church experience worship in a richer and more powerful way.



by Keith Dent  
AV Team Leader

### Coming Up @ NBC

#### First Thursday

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
12 noon

[BOOK HERE](#)

#### Maundy Thursday

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 7.30pm  
Thatcham Baptist Church

#### Good Friday

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 10.30am  
CTNA joint service  
St Nicolas' Church

#### Men's Breakfast

Saturday 4th April  
8am

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# NOTICES



## Prayer Meeting for a Second Minister

We would like to invite you to join us for a special prayer meeting at **7.30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** as we continue our search for a second minister.

## Deacons Elections

Our next Church Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> April includes our AGM and the election of deacons.

Now is the time to prayerfully consider nominations for the diaconate.

The following deacons are finishing their terms of office and are eligible for re-election:

**Helen Andrews; Tom Clifton; Tim Dent; Jo Isherwood; Neal Rankin.**

Additionally there is space for up to three more deacons.

Nominations require a proposer and seconder, and the agreement of the person being nominated.

They should be sent to Neal: [churchsecretary@newburybaptistchurch.org](mailto:churchsecretary@newburybaptistchurch.org) by **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March.**

## 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 welcome area from 10am - 12noon on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. 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.

We are in need of one or two volunteers to help us do teas and coffees for people as they arrive and about half way through at 11am. If you're able to help please contact David Clark or Helen Andrews.

## Easter Services

Celebrate the Easter season, beginning with a reflective Maundy Thursday service at Thatcham Baptist Church at 7:30pm. The journey continues on Good Friday with a joint CTNA service at St Nic's at 10.30am which will be followed by a walk to the Methodist Church for singing and to enjoy hot cross buns and refreshments together.

On Easter Sunday join us at 10am at NBC to celebrate Jesus' resurrection with an all-age service.

## The Bible Course

We are excited to launch The Bible Course, an eight-session journey designed to help you navigate the world's bestseller and see how the big picture fits together. We have split the course into two blocks of four weeks: the first begins the week of 27<sup>th</sup> April, and the second block starts the week of 8<sup>th</sup> June. There are two ways to participate to suit your schedule: join us online on Mondays 8 to 9.30pm or in person on Wednesdays (7.15pm for a 7.30pm start). Whether you are well-versed in Scripture or just starting out, this course is a fantastic way to deepen your understanding in a friendly, discussion-based environment.

## Contact Us

Want to include something next week? Have something you'd like the church to pray for?

Email Emma in the Church Office by Wednesday 9am: [office@newburybaptistchurch.org](mailto:office@newburybaptistchurch.org)



## Prayers and Reflection for the fifth week of Lent

This week we remember the raising of Lazarus from the dead. It's a powerful scene. Jesus stands at the tomb of his friend and weeps. This is not a polished miracle-worker keeping his distance - it's God inside the grief, inside the smell of death, inside the waiting that feels like abandonment. Week 5 of Lent asks us to stay in that place before the stone rolls back.

**Prayer:** Lord who wept at Lazarus's tomb, we bring you the places in us that have given up, the hopes we have quietly buried, the prayers that feel four days too late.

We confess the times where we have kept you at arm's length from our grief, as though faith means pretending that nothing is really dead.

Meet us where we are afraid to look. Roll away whatever we have sealed over in self-protection or despair. Remind us that you are not the God who stands outside our darkness and calls us to the light from a safe distance, but the God who enters the tomb and will not leave us there.

As Holy Week approaches, deepen our trust that you are the resurrection and the life not only at the end, but here, now, in this. Amen.

## Arthur & Reeta Prayer Update

Please continue to pray for our missionaries in Asia, who are serving in a country caught up in the wider ongoing conflict engulfing the Middle East.

Arthur reports that they are safe and not close to any of the airstrikes, although they have heard the frequent sounds of jets and some loud booms overhead. Reeta is currently back in Nepal and will be travelling to the UK later this week for board meetings until the end of the month.

They have requested prayer for Reeta as she completes a number of papers for her ongoing studies, and for the successful outcome of some dental treatment which she requires. Pray for travelling mercies, especially in the current global climate.

Pray for Arthur as he aims to complete a new book before Reeta returns.

Pray for the ongoing tensions in the region. The missile strikes across the Middle East are well-documented, but there is also fighting between Pakistan and Afghanistan, and the border between the two remains closed.

Pray for continued protection of the entire team, and for them to be able to continue carrying out their work without government interference and intimidation.

Pray for the local people and communities they are serving; that God would protect them and bring hope to their lives, especially in such difficult circumstances.