

## Finding God in a Cup

In the quiet space of the church or the busy corner at NBC something special can happen over a cup of coffee or tea. Serving drinks as a Christian is more than being helpful. It is a simple way to share God's love. A small cup can become a sign of grace.

When we serve behind a counter or carry a tray, we are serving God  
**Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord not for human masters."**

When a drink is made with care and kindness it becomes an act of worship. By serving others well we are serving Christ. A cup of coffee or tea often creates a moment to stop and rest. In a fast and busy world this small act can help someone feel noticed. As servers we are not just giving a drink. We are offering warmth, time and attention. Jesus said **Matthew 10:42 that even giving a cup of water matters to God.** A smile or a listening ear can mean as much as the drink itself.

There is humility in simple service. Making tea, stirring sugar, or cleaning a spill may seem small but these acts shape our hearts. **Mark 10:45 we are reminded that Jesus came to serve and not to be served.** When we do small tasks with love, we learn to put others before ourselves.

Serving drinks also brings people together. A shared coffee or tea can lead to conversation and friendship. **Hebrews 13:2 encourages us to show hospitality reminding us that we may be welcoming more than we realise (angels without knowing it).**

Every person who comes to the counter for a cup of coffee and tea is made in God's image. When we hand over a cup we are quietly saying **"You are welcome. You matter. You are loved."**

In the end it is not just about coffee or tea but about Christ's love shared through a simple warm gift.



*Peggy & the Coffee Team*

### Coming Up @ NBC

#### Men's Breakfast/Walk

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 8am

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

#### Rowena & Ian's Wedding

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2pm

#### The Bible Course

Starts **THIS WEEK**

Online Mondays 8pm

In Person Wednesdays 7.15pm

#### First Thursday

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon

[BOOK HERE](#)

**Want to include something next week?**

Email Emma by Weds, 9am:  
[office@newburybaptistchurch.org](mailto:office@newburybaptistchurch.org)

# NOTICES



## Men's Breakfast

As the next Men's Breakfast is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> May, the same day as Rowena and Ian's wedding, we will not meet in the hall. However, we will gather for a walk at the Nature Discovery Centre in Thatcham, followed by breakfast at Thatcham Garden Centre. Please do sign up in the usual way, so we have an idea of numbers, but obviously there is no cost for the walk.

## The Bible Course

The first session of "The Bible Course" started online on Monday, with the first in-person session this evening (Weds 29<sup>th</sup>). It's an eight-session journey designed to help you navigate the world's bestseller and see how the big picture fits together. This half of the course will run for four weeks, and then the second half of the course will begin on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

There are two ways to participate to suit your schedule: join us online (via this Google Meet link) on Mondays 8 to 9.30pm or in person on Wednesdays (7.15pm for a 7.30pm start). There's no need to sign up, just join us - online or in person.

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. There is an optional book to accompany the course - details here.

## CAP Money coaching course

The next CAP Money Coaching course is being run at NBC on 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> May and 3<sup>rd</sup> June 7-9pm. If you, or anyone you know who would benefit from coming along, please sign up for free here. We are also in need of a volunteer to make teas and coffees at the event. If you can help, or would like to know more about the course, please speak to Helen Andrews or David Clark.

## First Thursday

Come along for the next First Thursday event on 7<sup>th</sup> May. The service starts at 12 noon in the main church, followed by a delicious 2 course lunch in the hall for just £4. Please sign up in advance here to give us an idea of numbers for catering. You can either pay when you register, or just sign up and then pay on the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Church Picnic

Join us on June 28<sup>th</sup> for our church picnic. After the church meeting which is planned for that day, we will make our way over to Victoria Park for 12.30. More details to follow, but for now please pop the date in your diary!

## Confident Faith Training Day

Our friends at Glendale Church are hosting a day to help build confidence in sharing your faith.

It's being run by the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May** and costs £20.

To book and for more info visit: [www.glendale.churchsuite.com/events/lw0bjmas](http://www.glendale.churchsuite.com/events/lw0bjmas)

# SPRING HARVEST

## REFLECTIONS AND LOOKING AHEAD

This year a group of 11 (5 adults and 6 children) from NBC made the journey to Butlin's in Minehead for 5 days of fun, fellowship and teaching. In the mornings the adults went to the main teaching sessions led by Andrew Olleraton (who you will get to know if you come along to The Bible Course which begins next week). He is an excellent speaker and we all found his teaching thought provoking as he unpacked some stories from Mark's gospel, explaining the context and helping us to think about the passages in new ways. This was followed up by a seminar called The Living Room which featured different guests each day, having a chat about how we can put our faith into action. One session talked about building 'holy habits' into our day, such as praying as we wait for the kettle to boil. It was nice to have the contrast between Andrew's in depth teaching and the more practical Living Room sessions. In the evenings the adults had an extended time of worship followed by a different speaker each evening as we looked into the theme of No Greater Life, loving the Lord Your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. We looked UP to God, IN to ourselves and then OUT into the world.

This year Amelia, Eve, Noah and Josh moved to the Youth sessions and I think they definitely enjoyed the content; from worship, testimonies, dance, sports, scavenger hunts, games and seminars on different topics there really was something for everyone. And getting free water from Burger King was also a highlight?! Daniel and Zach went along to the children's sessions each morning and evening, enjoying the activities, colouring in and games. They kept going throughout the week despite growing tiredness and losing voices.

Our afternoons were spent in the pool, on the beach and at the fairground and a lot of time was also spent in Skypark thanks to the fabulous weather we enjoyed this year. The adults also managed a bit of tag-team parenting and went along to a seminar on mental health and joining a scratch choir which was lots of fun. We all took advantage of the meal plan and ate breakfast and dinner together, with a table for the children and one for the adults. One may have been slightly more civilised than the other but both enjoyed good conversations and laughter and the adults were all relieved to have a few days of no cooking!

There really is something for everyone at Spring Harvest and you can engage in as much or as little of the content as you wish and do it at your own pace. Sessions start early in the morning and run throughout the day until late into the evening. This was the third consecutive year for some of us now so our children have very set traditions on what we do each day! Spring Harvest have provision for babies to 18 year olds, from 5 years + there is a morning and evening session every day. For under 5's there is a morning session and the adult evening session is live streamed to the nursery so you can watch while your child plays.

The booking for next year has already opened (and some of us have already booked) - there is an early bird discount for booking by 30th June, but the earlier you book the more accommodation options you have. The theme for next year is No Greater Adventure: Finding Your Edge based on Acts 1 v 8. It is a wonderful opportunity to switch off from everyday life, connect with God and spend time with others from our church family.

### **Dates for next year:**

Minehead – Monday 29th March – Friday 2nd April 2027

Skegness – Monday 5th April – Friday 9th April 2027

For anyone wanting more information please [check out their website](#) or speak to any of us who attended.

*Amelia, Daniel, David, Eve, Jenny, Jo, Josh,  
Julie, Noah, Sarah and Zach*



# PRAYERS

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## Prayers for the Mahon family

This week our prayer focus is on Dave and Michele Mahon and their family.

They are our BMS missionary partners working in Peru. They work in the coastal city of Trujillo, and support a Baptist seminary, where they are involved in preparing Peruvians for mission.

They have offered a week's worth of prayer requests, so you can either commit to praying one per day, or have a big prayer session and pray for it all in one go!



- Pray for corruption to be removed from all levels of government in Peru. Pray also for an end to the extortion of small business owners by criminal gangs and for protection for vulnerable communities.
  - Pray for the Missions Board of the Peruvian Baptist Convention, asking for unity, clear vision, adequate provision, creativity and fruitfulness as they share the gospel.
  - Pray for wisdom, humility, strength and grace for Pastor Pedro as he leads the Peruvian Baptist Convention. Pray also for Pastor Franz, who leads the Trujillo Baptist Seminary, that he would continue to be innovative, decisive and faithful in developing leaders.
  - Pray for Ronal, Margia and their two children in Chepén, serving a small church made up of people on the margins of society. Pray that their ministry would bear much fruit, and that God would raise up co-labourers to serve alongside them.
  - Lift up Pastor Luis and his wife Noemi as he teaches and evangelises in Iquitos and remote river communities. Pray for good health, wisdom and endurance, and that his partnership with a missionary, Deber, would flourish.
  - Pray for the Mahon family to remain strong in their devotion to the Lord, to enjoy good health and emotional wellbeing, and to experience God's protection.
  - Praise God for the 75th anniversary of the Peruvian Baptist Convention. Give thanks for God's faithfulness, goodness and mercy over the years.
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