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Newsletter

Summer Newsletter

Sunday Services over the Summer

Sunday 21st July

10 am - Breakfast

10.45am - Morning service

led by William Butler and ESJ group

Sunday 28th July

10.30am - Morning service - Psalm 44

led by Dave Parr with Dave/Claire Parr preaching

Sunday 4th August

10.30am - Morning service - Psalm 45

led by SA Howes with Dave Parr preaching

Sunday 11th August

10.30am - Morning service - Psalm 46

with leading and preaching Dave Parr

Sunday 18th August

10.30am - Morning service - Psalm 47

with leading and preaching Dave Parr

Sunday 4th August

10.30am - Morning service - Psalm 48

led by James Vaughton with Clive Tomlinson preaching

Sunday 2nd September

10.30am - Morning service and communion

led by Neil Loescher

Sunday services are going to be relaxed services and may be shorter or involve different ways of doing church. Please note that there are no separate children's groups over the summer and there is not sound tech or projection either.

Mid week events

Over the summer most homegroups and mid week groups stop running, but there continues to be coffee, cake and company at Oasis coffee morning (10.30 am - 12pm) on

Wednesday 31st July

Wednesday 14th August

Wednesday 28th August

and prayer



Tuesday 18th August

7.30pm -  BACT prayer meeting @ United Church

Dates for the diary



Sunday 15th September

10.30am Baptism of Beth Howes

Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd September 2024

Ladies weekend away @ Lee Abbey (contact liz@vitapilates.co.uk for details)

 **Friday 21th - Sunday 23rd March 2025**

Church weekend away @ Hill House, Otterhampton (detail to follow)

Musings from the Manse ...

Dear friends,

As I write, the sun is shining, the birds are singing, the flowers are blooming, and I've just enjoyed another delicious Oasis coffee and cake and a chat.

God is good.

As I write, people are grieving, pain is stinging, operations are looming, and I've just enjoyed another delicious Oasis coffee and cake and a chat.

God is good.

I don't know if you've ever stood in a tunnel and seen the light at the end and thought "I wonder if that's a train hurtling towards me?"

Sometimes it's easy for us to see the light of Jesus Christ and know that God is good.

Other times there seems to be something masquerading as light, blocking our view. Whatever we may have done, God is good.

For some of us in recent months we may feel like we've been hit by a train. Hang-on in there, God is good.

No matter what we go through we can have hope on our journey of faith together.

In 1 Peter 2 verses 9 & 10 we read:

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

God is good and His love endures forever. This summer, keep trusting -in God our maker, saviour and friend. Whether you're staying at home, having a holiday or going on a Christian camp, I pray that,

whatever season you are in, you will see the light of Christ Jesus at work in your life and the lives of those around you. I pray that you experience the love of our gracious Father and I pray that the Holy Spirit strengthens you for every good work.

On Sunday the 22nd of September there will be the opportunity for us to share what God has been doing in our lives over the summer. It may be that you have a word or picture or scripture to encourage our congregation, or there maybe some prayer request that you're still trusting God will answer. I warmly invite you to share in that service from the front of church, if this is daunting, please feel free to put pen to paper and we'll read it out, or if it's a picture or photo you want to talk about, please let us know the week before and we can pop-it on the screen.

This summer keep trusting that God is good and that He loves and cares for you more than you can imagine. Enjoy God's wonderful light.

Much love, **Dave**

Pray for...



- Wisdom and guidance from the Lord for all within Bearfield
- Those within our church who are struggling with health
- Gordon Mutch
- Margaret Martin
- Julie and Paul Weymouth
- Emmaus school as they are still looking for a Geography teacher for September
- Those moving on to new schools, university or jobs this summer -
Arthur, Finlay, Simeon, Lola Rose, Jemima, Tom and Bex
- Those starting school in September

Youth Update

With Bex's final TGI Friday being this week (19th July), we wanted to keep everyone posted about our youth work going forward, covering Sunday morning sessions, Friday night socials and one-to-one or small group mentoring.

The current team of volunteers are:

- Dave Parr
- Pip Maguire
- Neil Loescher
- Annie Vaughton
- James Vaughton

For the short-term (September to December 2024) we will be continuing with the regular Friday and Sunday sessions, using resources prepared by Bex. In order to do this, we will need the support of others in the church to act as helpers for the Sunday morning sessions. This will not involve preparation, and is mainly about engaging with the activities run by the group leader and building relationships with the young people. As we are a small church, and most of the team already have other commitments on Sunday mornings, continuing these sessions will require others within the church (of all ages) to step in and help. There is no expectation that you will have previous experience in youth work. Please consider prayerfully if you can offer your time on a Sunday morning to our youth - we will be reaching out in coming weeks to confirm who is available on which dates for the autumn term.

For Friday evenings, we will be asking parents of the young people to take turns running a social activity, so we will also be reaching out to organise dates. Again, there are resources and ideas on types of activity prepared by Bex. While we see the value of maintaining mentoring catch-ups with the young people, this may need to take a back seat for the moment.

In the longer term, the church leadership and trustees are looking at options for a new paid role. No decisions have been made as yet and we will be seeking the input of the young people and their families, as well as the rest of the church to decide what the focus of our investment needs to be over the medium to long term. With reference to our church mission statement, this will include consideration of how we can work with other churches/groups, whether there is a role for somebody that could focus on children and families more widely, if the role would be more outward facing to engage with schools and the community etc. We will need to ask ourselves as a church and individually whether we are prepared to commit financially to enable us to meet these aims. During the Autumn, we will be consulting on the way forward and will keep the church posted on our plans. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with leadership@bearfield.org or trustees@bearfield.org with any thoughts, suggestions or offers of help.

The Youth team

Thank you from Bex!

I want to say a big thank you for my lovely leaving gifts from the church. I love my presents, especially all my Hannah Dunnet things, my pot and plant are beautiful and the voucher to spend in the garden centre is perfect. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

😊 God Bless, Bex



Update from the Trustees

Following our Trustees meeting last week, we wanted to send out a short update with a few points that may be of interest.

Staff:

As she finishes working at the end of term, we say a very thankful farewell to Bex for all that she done in her time as Youth Worker at Bearfield.

While there are no definite plans yet, we will be supporting BLT as they consider and make plans for the youth role moving forward.

Following regular probationary review meetings with Trustees and BLT, we are pleased to confirm that Dave's probation period has been successfully completed.

We have agreed a cost of living pay increase for our paid staff of 4% from 1st September.

Building:

This week we are meeting with a local builder/maintenance person with a view to them taking on a two day a month property management role to start tackling the list of maintenance jobs and overseeing some of the larger repairs needed.

A couple of reminders/requests relating to the church and grounds:

- Please make sure children don't climb on the railings, trees or walls.
- Please check that all lights are turned off if you are the last person to leave the building.

Thank you

The Trustees



Over this summer Sarah-Ann will be away from Friday 19th July to Saturday 3rd August and between 10th - 20th and 24th - 31st August. So there is no newsletters until September.

Dave is also on holiday from Monday 19th August until Thursday 5th September.

Therefore during the latter half of August please contact James or Neil on leadership@bearfield.org if you need support.



Happy Birthday

to

Joy Robertson, Gisela Leat

and Paul Robertson

who had/have their birthdays during July

and to Joshua Butler, Annie Vaughton

Christine Green and Helen Fuggle

who have their birthdays during August

and a special ***Happy 90th Birthday***

to Margaret Martin



Dear Supporter,

Welcome to our summer newsletter! Since our last update a lot has been going on for us...

We were delighted by the turnout and amazing atmosphere at our recent **fundraising auction** – a huge thank you to all of you who came to support us. The money raised will really help in our work with young people, especially in boosting our funds towards a second pop up café van, which is fast becoming essential in responding to more and more opportunities across Wiltshire.

We're incredibly grateful to Rev Keith Brindle for guiding us through the last 4 years as **Chair of Trustees**. Keith is stepping back from this role, although thankfully remaining as a Trustee, and we are very fortunate that Rev Jake Eggertsen, Rector of St James' Trowbridge and St Leonard's Keevil, is taking over as our Chair. Jake is a real champion of our work, with a big heart for young people.

And so on to our **summer programme**, which is a busy one. You'll get a flavour of what we're doing in different locations by reading on. As always, if you're nearby and would like to drop in and say hello at any of these events we would be delighted to see you!

In the autumn we plan to launch our new Wiltshire Youth for Christ **Church Partners scheme** – do look out for that if you would like your local church to partner with us.

I want to pay tribute to our amazing staff team: Dan, working in Trowbridge and Bradford on Avon, Kirsty in Marlborough and Steve in Devizes, Marlborough and Market Lavington - as well as other projects across the county they are engaged in. Their commitment and skill in working with young people in different contexts is such a gift and blessing.

As a team we've been encouraged by St Paul's words: "The grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people" (Titus 2:11) – that includes the 58,000 teenagers in Wiltshire. It is such a privilege to be part of what God is doing in sharing his love with them, and **you are an essential part of that as you support** us with your prayers and giving –thank you so much once again.

Fergus, Director

Stonehenge Pop-up events



If you're moving slowly along the A303 past Stonehenge this summer, maybe you could pray for a series of youth events that we are running in the communities of **Durrington and Shrewton**? We were pleased to respond to a request from Wiltshire Council, Durrington Town Council and Shrewton parish Council to take over the running of ten events across both locations. Our launch event took place during half term in the superb recreation ground in Durrington, just opposite Avon Valley Academy. Other dates planned until October half term are shown on the attached flyer.

It's a privilege to be working with the super **Wiltshire Outdoor Learning team** for some of these events – climbing wall, axe throwing and archery are on the menu! We are looking for other partner organisations who can provide activities – **if you have any recommendations please do get in touch**. Our hope is that, by being able to work with churches in these areas, projects with teenagers will be able to continue beyond this season of events.

Please pray for the young people of Durrington and Shrewton, the churches and our team as we step forward with this. And if you are able to help us on any of the dates, even if it's just to serve the hot chocolate, we'd love to hear from you!



Summer Pop-ups

The WYFC pop-up van is seeing its busiest year to date with increased detached youth work engagements planned. In addition to the new projects in Shrewton and Durrington mentioned above, our summer week-long events will continue on **The Green, Devizes (5th-9th Aug)** and in **Stallards Park, Trowbridge (12th-16th August)**.

This is also a great opportunity for local groups to work together and for young people to be encouraged that there are others who care about their needs. We love partnering and resourcing local churches to serve people with youth at the heart of it.

If you, your church or some one you know would like to get involved then please email fergus@wiltshireyfc.org.uk to find out how. We would love to chat and see what's possible - this may be through **volunteering and helping with the Pop-Up Van, being a WYFC Partner Church or supporting** the team to take the Gospel to young people across Wiltshire. We would love to hear from you or stay up to date with what's going on through our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram!

Wiltshire Wilderness Worship

After a fantastic worship event last Autumn we will be running the Wilderness Worship event again in September! It promises to be a great afternoon of activities, connection, food, worship and teaching. If you, or someone you know, is interested and is in **school years 7 to 13**, book your ticket using the below link on the poster. Remember, any young person needs to be accompanied by an adult/church youth worker.



Please pray for...

- 1) Volunteers and church partnerships to meet the increasing needs and opportunities
- 2) The family of staff
- 3) Holiday when staff can recuperate and rest
- 4) Exams and results coming out in the summer break
- 5) Planning and prep for the new academic year
- 6) School staff, students and families over the summer
- 7) Detached work and Pop-up van commitments
- 8) For Jesus to be known to everyone through the work that we do!

Thank you for reading!

Kind regards,

The WYFC team

Community Notices



Come along to our:

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

"Knowing me,
knowing you"

Mon 29th July - Fri 2nd Aug
10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Zion Baptist Church,
Conigre Hill, B-o-A.

Fun and Games

Bible Stories

This is a free event for children aged 4 – 11 years, and younger siblings must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For planning purposes, please pre-register where possible.

A consent/registration form is available at www.zionbaptist.co.uk or can be requested from Ellen at 07840741406.

OWORSHIP THE LORD
IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS.

Sometimes we all need something a bit different - have a good holiday



Summer Fun Pages

Wordsearch - We are looking a few psalms this summer so here is

Psalms 23 wordsearch

Psalm 23

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COMFORT

DEATH

ENEMIES

EVIL

FEAR

GOODNESS

LEADETH

LORD

MERCY

PASTURES

PATHS

PREPAREST

RESTORETH

RIGHTEOUSNESS

SHADOW

SHEPHERD

SOUL

STAFF

TABLE

WANT

WATERS

Relax and have fun colouring

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.
Psalm 46:10





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