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Sunday 10th May



What's On?

9.45am - Prayerfield @ manse

10.30am - Morning service



Led by Sue Glanville with Joy Robertson preaching on John 14 v 27
'God's Peace'

Mid-Week

Wednesday 13th May

9.15am Mid-week Prayerfield



10.30am Oasis Coffee Morning



1.30pm Bearcubs toddler group

7pm '@ no 19' Evening Homegroup

7.45pm Ladies Evening Homegroup



Thursday 14th May

7.30pm 'Top of town' Evening Homegroup

7.30pm 'Canalside' Evening Homegroup



Friday 15th May

7pm TGI



Next Week

Sunday 17th May

9.45am Prayerfield @ manse



10.30am - Morning service

Led by Dave Parr

Practicing the way – the 'Community' Practice



4 - 6 pm Musicians' Practise



Tuesday 19th May

10.30am Morning Homegroup



8 pm Trustees meeting

Wednesday 20th May

9.15am Mid-week Prayerfield



1.30pm Bearcubs toddler group



7pm '@ no 19' Evening Homegroup

7.45pm Ladies Evening Homegroup



Thursday 21st May

7.30 - 9pm Bearfield Church Annual General Meeting



7.30 pm BACT Prayer Meeting @ Christ Church



Friday 22nd May

7pm TGI



Saturday 23rd May

7pm - SOS @ Neil and Kate's



Sunday 24th May

9.45am Prayerfield @ manse



10.30am Morning service

Led by Dave Parr with Jane Otieno from Open Doors - Arise Africa preaching on Matthew 5 v 10-16

PRAYER



Pray for

- Year 11 and 13 students, Beth, Abbie, Zac, Ben and Rosie doing external exams.
- Don & Kathryn and Dave & Sue as they make the final preparations for their weddings this month.
- Our local schools: for God's provision and the wellbeing of staff and students.
- Those within our church who are struggling with health.
- Paul Weymouth, Dee Way, Jane Mbanacele and Gisela Leat

Dates for the diary



Sunday 17th May


4 - 6 pm Musicians' Practise



Tuesday 19th May

8 pm Trustees meeting

Thursday 21st May

7.30 - 9pm  Bearfield Church Annual General Meeting

7.30 pm BACT Prayer Meeting @ Christ Church



Saturday 6th June

7-9.30pm Bearfield Boardgames



Thursday 18th June

7.30 pm BACT Prayer Meeting @ Bearfield



If you have anything for the newsletter, please email Sarah-Ann by Wednesday on admin@bearfield.org

Peter's Jamboree experience

Fudge and cake sale - Sunday 17th May

Peter has been selected to be one of the 36 Wiltshire Scouts to go to the 2027 World Jamboree in Poland..

To raise money towards the cost of the trip, Peter will be selling fudge and cake after the service on Sunday 17th May.



Bring along cash to buy, or alternatively there will be a QR code available for use.

You can also donate at <https://gofund.me/draw.flip.town>

Bearfield AGM

The AGM will take place on a Thursday evening this year

21st May 7.30-8.45pm in the school room

and will take a slightly different format from the post-Sunday service AGMs of recent years to give time for discussion, questions, ideas and prayer.

The evening will start with tea, coffee and cake and time for you to read the written reports of the various ministries within the church.

There will be presentations on finance and from the BLT.

Then there will be time in small groups to discuss the reports and presentations and feedback any questions and ideas, before finishing with a time of prayer for the life of the church.

Everyone is welcome, please do come along.



Mission Partner Updates



Paul and Bethanie Eaton

In recent weeks, we've sensed God speaking loudly, offering us new conviction and insight about what it means to be devoted to Jesus. The life and example of Mary of Bethany has been on our heart. I (Paul) preached on this on a recent trip. I thought it would be valuable to share some of it.

Mary of Bethany was someone who had her attention on Jesus and understood what matters most.

In the passage below, Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and stops off in Bethany to visit Mary and Martha.



"Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.""

Luke 10:38-42 NKJV

When we consider the 1st century Jewish culture, **Martha was doing what was expected**. It would have been considered honourable for her to be preparing meals and serving when a Rabbi entered her house. However, Jesus invited her to consider the value in Mary's approach.

Mary's behaviour was unorthodox, it was unusual for a woman to sit at the feet of a Rabbi in close proximity, this kind of learning tended to be reserved for men. **Mary stepped away from her expected duties to prioritise time with Jesus.**

Jesus celebrated Mary's approach. He was challenging the gender and cultural expectations of the time. He was redefining what was important.

He goes so far to say Mary has chosen the **One Thing that is needed**. The Greek words for 'One Thing' convey a stronger meaning when translated literally: it's more accurately the '**One Necessity**', an essential, unavoidable need. Like food for the soul — something we cannot survive without. How often do we consider spending time in God's presence as an essential unavoidable need? A One Necessity.

A challenge today is to prioritise Jesus in a culture that tells us that our meaning and value is in what we do. We are bombarded with ways to spend our time and find meaning. Through, work, relationships, our kids, social media and even our Church cultures which often invite us into serving and doing over learning to sit at Jesus's feet. Like Martha, we easily become worried and anxious about many things. Perhaps God is inviting us to become more like Mary by stepping away from our expected duties and activities to sit at the feet of Jesus

May God reveal his great love and irresistible character. Like Mary of Bethany, I pray we would know him has our One Necessity, the one we find great joy in being with.



Playing 'Fetch'



Isla and Papa



MHOP @ The Ark, Flixton



First Table in Dublin. A full house of warmth, hospitality and friendship with Jesus at the centre.



We hope this blesses you. In the photos, we share with you some highlights from the past month.

We hope you have had a fruitful and blessed Easter. Our hearts are full of gratitude for all of your support and encouragement as we continue on this journey.

Love

Paul, Bethanie and Isla



Coffee Break!



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Newsletter from *Casa Grace*

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Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids is a sensory integration programme which started in 2000, in the building of the state orphanage, assisting the babies and the children who were residents of the state orphanage. 2005 was the opening year of the Recovering Centre, where these children were welcomed with several therapies, till nowadays.

The beneficiaries of therapies are abandoned children, foster children and children from families, all with special needs. During the years, thanks to your kindness, we were able to help hundreds of children and change lives for the better. Thank you!

In the present, the Kingdom Kids program means individual therapies for thirty-seven children who are coming to the Recovering Centre and thirty-three abandoned children who are residents of special homes – we visit and work with them every Thursday, in four different homes, each Thursday in a different home.

A few figures from September 2024 to August 2025, at the Kingdom Kids:

- Thirty-seven of the children who are coming to therapy sessions:
- Twenty-one are from families
- Ten from foster mothers
- Six abandoned children from the same building as the centre, who are very severely affected children.
- One hundred and seventy-six therapy sessions/month plus assessments, paperwork

Stories

Thank you for your care, prayers, your interest and love. I'm very happy to share a few lives that are happier because of you. Thank you very much, DORA from Kingdom Kids – CASA Grace programme

Timea, who has Down Syndrome, has been in the programme since she was six months old. She doesn't have any other diagnoses associated. She's a happy, curious and stubborn child. Now, she is thirteen years old, and the relationship with me, as her therapist, is very good. Her language is poor, but she can be understood, and she understands a lot. Currently at therapy sessions, she loves to "write" / copy words, initiate activities, and do medium-level puzzles without help. She's going to school.





Marimar was an abandoned girl from the small orphanage near the centre. She was born with Down syndrome, and she also has a very severe motor and mental disability. She's ten years old now, but looks like a four-year-old child...I started to work with her when she was two years old, but looked like a one-year-old... She just yelled and cried for almost a year...I didn't know why, because I took her out of her crib, where she was in her comfort zone. It took nearly one year for her to accept being hugged, and she also started to not throw the toys after one second after her hand. I wish people would see her now with love and patience. Her behaviour has changed. She's happy to hear my voice and to see me. She loves to be held and explore musical toys for even fifteen minutes. Her behaviour changed from a crying child to a happy one. Thank you very much for offering her this gift!

Mihaly has been in the programme for about three weeks. He and his siblings were taken by the Child Protection from the family, because of neglect and parents being aggressive with the kids. The child has a mental delay because of that... He's six and is not talking, just the word NO....He and his siblings were abused by their parents, who are drinkers. Mihaly has destructive tendencies, he's afraid of other people, stays in the corner and looks at people like a frightened animal... From the beginning, I saw potential in his scared eyes... During the years, I saw lives/behaviours changed because of love. I started easily to get closer to him, and hug him for a few seconds... He's been afraid...so I began to show him what to do with the toy cars, how they work, explaining to him with a very calming voice not to destroy them, not to feel it as aggression. Please pray for him to accept me, and to recover the delays he's having because of his aggressive family,and please pray for the rest of the children.

After twenty-four years of working with children with disabilities and I look back and I can see how love can change people and situations. As our Lord Jesus taught us that through love, others can see that we are different. Jesus said the true religion is to visit the orphans and widows... The marginalised the unloved... Showing they are Important to us and worth being loved in practical ways...

In my work with abandoned children with disabilities and later with them and community children with disabilities, I saw how important love is not only to be a good professional... But loving these special children is opening another " door" to them. Being patient and having and letting them " open up" to me. Children who didn't accept me, crying, vegetating... Through patience, love and therapy, it can be seen that changes. Smiling, enjoying and improving the quality of their lives. Not all children are the same... Not all the children have the same potential... It depends on their diagnosis, the time when they start the therapies, and their genetic baggage. But all of them have a special need... To be loved. And showed that they are loved... Maybe we don't realise that love is a need like eating, drinking, sleeping and so on because we have it. We take love for granted. It is a normal thing, but the ones that do not have it really appreciate it (even if they have with mental disability), and love can change a behaviour, a person and a life. Let's all love in practical ways, not just words. Showing them when they need it, and in that way, we can change lives in practical ways. As we know, love can change the world... Or at least the ones around us...

Thank you very much on behalf of all the Kingdom kids!

In just a few figures, September 2024 to August 2025, at the Families in Difficulty programme meant:

- Helped one hundred and forty-five adults and three hundred and thirty-six children, and teenagers every month.
- Forty-six adults and two hundred and sixteen children, and teenagers were provided with daily essential food and essential hygiene items.
- Close to seven teenagers and three mothers who needed the help of a psychologist, after the tragic loss of their father and husband.
- Twenty-six young adults and adults received support and succeeded in finding a proper job.

- We assisted eighteen families in accessing urgent and chronic medical treatment, including financing vital examinations.
- We supported seventy-four children, teenagers, and young adults in their education by providing school supplies, transportation, uniforms, shoes, and warm clothing.
- We guided thirteen teenagers to continue their education, resulting in strong academic performance in high school and university.
- Nine university students achieved excellent results thanks to our support, which enabled them to continue their studies.
- Eighty children and teenagers participated in a two-week mountain camp in August 2025.
- We helped four families move into adequate housing.
- Twelve families received furniture to create study spaces and improve sleeping conditions.
- Six homes were equipped with proper kitchen appliances and furniture.
- Three families gained access to indoor toilets and showers.
- Twenty-four families received heating support during a harsh winter with doubled energy costs.
- One mother and her daughter were baptised and now attend church with her other two children, as she raises them as a single parent.

Thank you for your support and prayers,

Casa Grace