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Sunday 6th September



WHAT'S ON?

9.45 am

Prayerfield @ manse



10.30 am

Morning service and communion

Led by Sarah-Ann Howes with Dave Parr preaching on
2 Timothy 3 v10 – 4 v4 'The Bible going deeper'

MID-WEEK

Monday 7th September

7.30 pm

Preachers meeting @ Sue's

Tuesday 8th September

10.30 am

Morning Homegroup



7.30 pm

BLT meeting

Wednesday 9th September

9.15 am

Mid-week Prayerfield



1.30 pm

Bearcubs toddler group



7 pm

'@ no 19' Evening Homegroup



7.45 pm

Ladies Evening Homegroup

Thursday 10th September

7.30 pm

'Top of town' Evening Homegroup



Friday 11th September

7.30 pm

TGI



NEXT WEEK

Sunday 13th September

9.45 am Prayerfield @ manse



10.30 am Morning service

With Dave Parr leading and preaching on Genesis

Tuesday 15th September

8 pm Trustees meeting

Wednesday 16th September

9.15 am Mid-week Prayerfield



10.30 am Oasis Coffee Morning



1.30 pm Bearcubs toddler group



7 pm '@ no 19' Evening Homegroup

7.45 pm Ladies Evening Homegroup



Thursday 17th September

7.30 pm BACT Prayer Meeting @ Holy Trinity



Friday 18th September

7 pm TGI



Sunday 20th September

9.45 am Prayerfield @ manse



10.30 am Morning service

Mid-week Prayerfield



Jesus says "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

For around a quarter of an hour each Wednesday at 9.15am a small group of us meet at Bearfield to pray for the church and community and to give thanks to God.

If you're free come along.

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

Dear friends

Firstly, thank you very much to all those who took part in the variety of services during the summer, and especially while we were away. I look forward to listening to the talks online. Often at the end of a church service, you may hear these words from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans: "now may the God of hope, fill you with all joy and peace, in believing that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." What is the power of the Holy Spirit that gives us hope? The Greek word for this divine power (*dunamis*) appears 120 times in the new Testament and can be thought of as being a bit like the word for a dynamo used to power a gentle light on a bicycle. It is also the root of the word for dynamite, an unstoppable force once the flame is kindled.

Our holiday to see family also took us to the mighty Niagara Falls, which drains four of the great lakes into Lake Ontario! Here, the incredible, unstoppable force of the water pushed us back on the tourist boat we'd taken below the falls and there was no avoiding the soaking 'mist'. The water is also used to create electricity powering homes and businesses. Sometimes we need a mighty 'soaking' force to give us hope, replacing fear and timidity with divine strength. Sometimes a little light is required to come into our situation helping us in our time of need.

Dynamic is another word with its root in this awesome power. It is the power to change, transform and mould us into new people full of love, joy, peace and self-control. It is The Spirit's Power ready to be released each day for each task that God calls us to. It is power, through faith in your inner being, which shines brightly the wonderful love of Jesus to those around us. May you know God's dynamic power today.



God bless you, **Dave**

PRAYER



Pray for

- Those moving away in the coming weeks – Poppy off to Uni in Plymouth, Zac off to Uni in Manchester and Abbie off to train with Rock UK initially in Scotland, then in the Brecon Beacons.
- Those within our church who are struggling with health.
- Paul Weymouth, Jane Mbanacele and Gisela Leat
- Our mission partners

Dates for the diary



Tuesday 8th September

7.30 pm BLT meeting

Tuesday 15th September

8 pm Trustees meeting

Thursday 17th September

7.30 pm BACT Prayer Meeting @ Holy Trinity



Saturday 3rd October - tbc

7-9.30 pm Bearfield Boardgames



Mission Partner Update



Paul and Bethanie Eaton

Moo Moos and Neigh Neighs 🐮🐾

July has been full of sunshine, encouragement and reminders of God's faithfulness.



Bamburgh Beach and Castle

We managed to sneak away for a few days in beautiful Northumberland with family. Our one-year-old, Isla, was absolutely delighted by all the "moo moos" and "neigh neighs" she spotted along the way! One of the highlights was visiting Bamburgh Castle (pictured), where we enjoyed slowing down together and making the most of some family time.

Back home, Bethanie had the opportunity to share at our church mums' group on the theme of **"Beautiful Chaos"**—reflecting on the joys and

challenges of following Jesus while raising a young child. She shared honestly about life as a mum, and it was encouraging to see the other mums respond with such openness, sharing the ups and downs of parenting together.

Another highlight was hosting a summer BBQ for our MHOP community to mark the end of our year exploring **Wholeness**. It was a wonderful afternoon as we shared stories of how God has been at work in our everyday lives—in our workplaces, family relationships, inner lives and the ordinary moments that



Beautiful Chaos reflection..

often go unnoticed. Our hope with MHOP is that we would become a people who discover prayer not simply as an activity, but as a way of life.

I'd love to leave you with one of the reflections that has been shaping us over the past year.



BBQ!

Shortly after Bethanie and I were married, we were part of a worship team at a new student festival. During one particularly passionate discussion about what worship should look like, one of my mentors gently interrupted the debate with these words: **"We're not building a house of prayer—we are a house of prayer."**

That simple sentence has stayed with me... and it's taken on even greater significance as we've journeyed through this year's theme of *wholeness*.

Psalms 19 has become a personal prayer:

"May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)

David's prayer reminds me that worship isn't limited to singing or times of prayer, important though those are. It's about inviting God into every part of life, even the hidden places of our hearts that only he sees.

Over the last year at MHOP, we've often prayed, *"Lord, search me. Show me what I cannot see. Bring your wholeness into every area of my life."* Our hope is that worship isn't just expressed in gathered moments, but in how we love our families, respond to others, approach work and live the ordinary moments of each day. That's what it means, I think, to become a house of prayer.

Thank you so much for your prayers, financial support and constant encouragement. Your partnership enables us to keep serving, investing in people and pursuing the vision God has given us. We're incredibly grateful for your generosity and faithfulness, we truly couldn't do this without you!

As we head into the autumn, we'd really value your prayers that God would continue to deepen this vision of becoming a people of prayer, both in us and across the MHOP community.

Love Paul, Bethanie and Isla

CASA Grace

Who are CASA Grace?

CASA Grace is a Christian family support and community development ministry based in Oradea, Romania. The team (R) works with some of the most vulnerable families in their community — they face poverty, broken relationships, illness, social isolation, and limited opportunities.



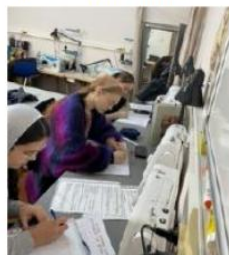
Their aim is to show God's love through practical help, long-term relationships, and the good news of Jesus Christ. Shoeboxes at Christmas already go to CASA Grace and Bearfield is now supporting their ministry financially, so this is a little about their work.

How CASA Grace Supports Families

CASA Grace provides ongoing, tailored support to families in crisis, including monthly food and hygiene packs, social care support, guidance through complex situations, and help accessing state services. Families are not treated as cases, but as people who are known, valued, and walked alongside.

Vocational Training – Restoring Dignity and Confidence

A vital part of CASA Grace's work is the Vocational Training Centre, where women from vulnerable backgrounds attend sewing classes twice a week. Over the past year, 46 women completed training, with several finding employment, starting small businesses, or using their skills to support their families. For many, this is the first time they have discovered their confidence and worth.



Kingdom Kids



Dora, one of the team works in partnership with the local authority to provide care for children with disabilities. Her work is often about simply building trust, a safe place for vulnerable children, enables them to have fun and gives families the peace to know their precious children are being cared for.

Sharing God's love

As well as supporting children and young people through ongoing family contact, specialist help for children with additional needs and vocational training the CASA team run an annual Christian summer camp. These camps provide a safe space for fun, friendship, and faith, and are often life-changing moments where children and teenagers encounter God's love. A team from Keynsham goes on camp each year and perhaps this is a team you might like to join? If interested then talk to James Vaughton in the first instance.

Why Your Support Matters

By supporting CASA Grace, Bearfield Church helps vulnerable families, meeting daily needs, supporting long-term change rather than short-term relief, and enables people to encounter God's grace in practical, life-changing ways.



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Newsletter from *Boris and Ursa*

AUGUST 2026 | PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO

Hello, Dear Partners in the Kingdom of God!

We're excited to let you know about things that are going on in Podgorica. For the last three months, we have had a very busy schedule. We're grateful for everything we can do to contribute to the work of God in Montenegro.

The first thing I would like to write about is another church that started to work in Podgorica. It's the Church of Pentecost, which originated in Ghana. A couple who came from Croatia are our friends, and we're helping them, and they are helping us in everything that is needed. During winter pastor Boris and pastor Franjo renewed the place, and in March 2026 the church began holding meetings. Pastor Boris and I took over the worship service. We feel honoured to be able to participate in the work of that church. Last month, they invited us to come to a big event in Oberhausen in Germany. We had a wonderful time. We prayed and worshipped with ten thousand brothers and sisters all around the world. People from Pastor Franjo's church and our church went with us. All of them testified about experiences they had there.



In June, HeartLink Corner Church invited us to come to Virginia. It was a beautiful experience since we had never been to the USA. They invited our son to a youth camp. He had a great time with teenagers. He had spiritual experiences also, and we're very grateful for this opportunity for him.



In April, Pastor Boris received a call from a man he knows from a rehabilitation centre in Split. He asked if he could come to our place for a while. In the end, he stayed for two months, and it was quite challenging because our house is not so big. But we saw it as an opportunity to help him to return to the right path. In the beginning, it seemed like he wanted to return to God, but in the end, when he left, we cannot say he was well. So we keep on praying for him.

We continue to spread the gospel to people around us. We have a few new people we met, and we're keeping in touch with them regularly. Our priority is still to work with people in our church. Hopefully the fellowship we have with believers in other churches will increase the number of believers in our church. So the prayer that all the empty chairs in our church would be filled with people is still our primary prayer.

In June, we organised a big concert in the main square of Podgorica. We invited a group from Croatia and Bosnia. We needed a lot of money, and we applied for funds from the government. By the grace of God, we received seventeen thousand euros, and we were able to pay for a hotel and food for people and the stage for the concert. We all saw God in it and a special favour that God gave us for it. We believe something big happened in the spiritual area. We worshipped and prayed until midnight, and we proclaimed Jesus Christ the Lord of Montenegro.



Thank you for your prayers and support. We are blessing you, and we hope to spend time with you soon.

From,

Boris and Ursa

Rock UK ITP

For the next two years I will be working for a Christian charity called Rock Uk, completing training to become an outdoors instructor. This work centres around using the outdoors as a tool to spread God's love and growing in our faith whilst running outdoors activities.

For those who were not around you can listen to what Rachel Ciller from Rock UK had to say to Bearfield when she preached in July (5th) on the church website <https://www.bearfield.org/sermons>

Thank you to all who have already supported me through sponsorship. It is important to have regular prayer support so I head off please pray for

- Safety in my travels
- Good start to the training
- Making friends and settling into the new surroundings

I will be sending updates regarding the work I am doing and prayer requests via the newsletter.

Thanks **Abbie**

Email – abbiehowes123@gmail.com

Gofundme – <https://gofund.me/949500332>



Information about the charity, their work and the instructor training programme (ITP) can be found online at <https://rockuk.org/contact-us/careers/become-an-instructor/>

As mentioned last Sunday, Sue and I have both signed up to the Cancer Research "Walk 30 Miles In September Challenge"

<https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/get-involved/find-an-event/walk-30-challenge-september>

If you would like to make a donation this can be done through our donation pages at Cancer Research.

(Dave's) <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/daves-giving-page-28676376> or

(Sue's) <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/sues-giving-page-731658>

Many Thanks, Dave & Sue



Community Events



1:1 mentoring in schools

Introduction and training day

Ideal whether you're just thinking about mentoring young people OR want to hone your skills.

Sat 3rd Oct 2026

9.15am - 4.00pm

St. James Parish Hall,
Trowbridge BA14 8RY

Book Your Place
Here!



THE QUIET GARDEN AT GREAT CHALFIELD

September 2026 - July 2027

**A place and a time for prayer, silence,
reflection, and the opportunity to listen
to God and appreciate his creation.**



You are welcome to stay for as much
or as little of the day as you wish.

09:30 Welcome and refreshments

10:00 Opening prayer and theme,
followed by silence

Noon Lunch (please bring your own);
hot drinks available

12:45 Meet in the church followed by
silence

13:00 Prayer and reflection

13:30 Silence in the church or garden

14:30 Depart

October 6th, 2026

Revd Katie Jackson, Rector
of North Bradford on Avon villages

November 3rd, 2026

Sue Glanville, Spiritual director
and life coach

December 1st, 2026

Annie Wintour, Retired minister

February 2nd, 2027

Canon Andrew Evans, Rector of
Broughton Gifford, Great Chalfield
& Holt St Katharine

HOPE DEBT ADVICE SERVICE VOLUNTEER CHAIR

The Hub, Bradford on Avon

Every week, people come to The Hub@BA15 carrying debts they can't see a way through. Hope Debt Advice Service (HDAS) gives them free, confidential help to find one. We're now looking for a new Chair to lead our small governing group and help guide the service into its next chapter.

HDAS is a Christian, ecumenically-based voluntary service, authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority for debt counselling and affiliated to Community Money Advice and AdviceUK. Our trained volunteers give free budgeting and debt advice to anyone in Bradford on Avon who couldn't otherwise afford it.

Role	Chair of the Management Support Group (our small governing body)
Time	3 to 4 meetings a year, plus the Annual Meeting
Where	The Hub@BA15, Church Street, Bradford on Avon
Expenses	Reasonable expenses covered
Term	Elected each year at the Annual Meeting

WHAT YOU'LL DO

- Chair a handful of meetings a year, and steer HDAS's overall direction and wellbeing
- Sign off our budgets, policies and annual accounts
- Keep an eye on the things that keep us regulated and trusted: our FCA and data protection duties, insurance, and adviser training
- Step in as the independent, final decision-maker on the rare complaint that our advisers and Coordinator haven't been able to resolve between them
- Support and encourage our Coordinator, while leaving the day-to-day running of the centre to them

WHAT YOU'LL BRING

- Some experience chairing or serving on a committee, board or trustee group
- A sound head for governance and risk – useful if you've worked in financial services or another regulated field, though not essential
- A fair, patient and diplomatic way of communicating
- Willing to learn our case management system (CMA Catalyst, training given) to

look into any complaint our advisers and Coordinator haven't been able to resolve, plus enough confidence with email, video calls and shared documents (we use Google Workspace) to keep in touch between meetings

WHY VOLUNTEER WITH US

This is a light-touch role with a real impact. A handful of meetings a year gives you the chance to use your experience and judgement in support of people facing real financial hardship in our community. You'll be part of a small, committed team and trusted with real responsibility from day one.

GET IN TOUCH

For an informal chat about the role, contact us on 01225 863245 or email HDASvol.26@gmail.com

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