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Newsletter

Sunday 13th October

Psalm 133

9.30am - Prayerfield @ manse 10.30am - Morning service

Led by Dave Parr

11.30am - Church Meeting

Tuesday 15th October

10.30am - Morning Homegroup

Wednesday 16th October

- 9.15am Mid-week Prayerfield
- 1.30pm Bearcubs toddler group
- 8pm Ladies Evening Homegroup

Thursday 17th October

7.30pm - Preaching course @ manse

Friday 18th October

7pm - TGI - Music and Worship night

Saturday 19th October

2-4pm - Banner Workshop

Sunday 20th October

- 9.30am Prayerfield @ manse
- 10am Church Breakfast
- 10.30am Morning service Practicing the Way: Following Jesus

Homegroups

This Sunday (13th Oct) we have are church meeting, where BLT will be sharing with you about homegroups and 'Practicing the way'.

Over the next month a number of new groups will be starting up so here is a run down of what homegroups Bearfield has/will have so you can thing about which group would suit you best-

Current Homegroups

Tuesday Morning -

We meet fortnightly on the alternate week to Oasis at about 10.30am.

Wednesday Ladies Evening - led by Joy and Liz

A Ladies only homegroup limited to 10 people, meeting at Joy's. The ladies homegroup will start the practicing the way course in November. We will be meeting at 7pm, and will share a meal together whilst discussing the course.

New Groups Starting Soon

Wednesday Evening - led by James and Annie

Annie and James are going to be facilitating a weekly home group on a Wednesday evening at 7pm at their home. Whilst we will have breaks, our intention is to keep meeting throughout school holidays, so our group won't be term time only. Our homegroup will be one which meets around our dinner table - so we eat together, study together and pray together, committing to help each other grow as disciples of Jesus. The group size will be limited due to space around our dinner table! Our hope is that we become a little home group community where we can all be open, honest and transparent as we continue our walks with Jesus.

Thursday Evening (top of town) - led by William and Sue

Sue and William will be sharing leading a Thursday homegroup that will meet weekly on Thursdays at Sue's house. Our aim for the group is that we support one another in fellowship, learning from one another as we walk together in our Christian journey, wherever we are starting from. We want there be opportunities for us to eat together when we choose to do so. Each week there will be hot drinks available at 7.30 and we aim to start for 7.45 and finish at 9pm. We look forward to seeing you!

Thursday Evening (bottom of town) - led by Neil and SA

Starting in November, we are planning on meeting fortnightly, initially at SA's from 8pm, but depending on the desire of the group this it could become weekly and elsewhere on the south side of town. Our aim is to be a support to each other, be somewhere we are free to be ourselves and share openly. We will be following the Practicing the Way course as part of our time together.



Starting next Sunday (20th Oct) as a church we will be looking at the 'Practicing the Way' course once a month in church, through a series of videos and discussions. The aim is then that homegroups and individuals will go through the associated course material during the next month.

There will be three ways to approach the material – simple, engaged & extra – depending on how much you want to get into the course. The idea is to take what we have learned, think about it and integrate it into our daily lives, as we live as whole-life disciples of Jesus.

Pray for ...

- Wisdom and guidance from the Lord for all within Bearfield
- Those within our church who are struggling with health
- Paul Weymouth
- Jane Watts
- The trustees and BLT as they try to do the best for Bearfield



Banner Making Workshop

After a successful morning back in April, where a small group of us met at Bearfield to work on the Fruit of the Spirit banners, cutting out letters, leaves and embellishing fruit, the first banner was close to being finished.





But with nine fruity banners to make we are having two more banner making workshops at Bearfield on **Saturday 19th October** from **2pm to 5pm** and **Saturday 16th November** from **10pm to 1pm**

They will be drop-in sessions, so please come and help for as much time as you are able. There will be tables set up for cutting out embellishments, ironing them on, hand sewing and machine sewing.

If you are able to do please to bring along sharp scissors, needles and thread. We will have some equipment there for those who don't bring their own.

No prior sewing skills required so everyone welcome to join in!



Teas and coffees will be available to keep us going.



Trustee's Update

Building -

We have appointed a local handyman (Damian Waghorn) to work two days a month on church maintenance. Niall is liaising with Damian on behalf of the Trustees.

We are currently waiting on a final quote for the damaged gate pillar and will then instruct the chosen stone mason to do the repair.

Please note the small gate near John's tree does now open and is not locked. Parents please be mindful of this when children are playing outside.

If you spot a maintenance job please email trustees@bearfield.org, ideally with a photo of the issue so that it can be noted and added to the jobs list, rather than verbally mentioning it to one of the Trustees on a Sunday morning.

Fire Drill -

We have recently had a Fire Risk Assessment carried out and it advised us to conduct an annual fire drill.

We are planning to do this at some point over the next few months.

The church has Nest smoke detector/fire alarms installed in the main church, school room, old kitchen, TGI room and basement. When any one is activated they all emit a very loud alarm and also state where the fire is.

If the fire alarm goes off, please exit the building by the nearest fire exit and assemble on the lawn at the front of church.

The Fire Marshall (one of the trustees in a hi vis) will ensure the building has been safely evacuated, liaise with the fire brigade if it is not a drill, and confirm when safe to re-enter the building.

Belated Happy Birthday to

Bex Cox, Tom Richards, Rosemary Eaton, Clive Tomlinson, and Stuart Eaton who had their birthdays in recent weeks







Bearfield Church Weekend @ Hill House Christian Centre 21st -23rd March 2025

Don't forget to book for the church weekend away to Hill House Christian Centre.

This year we have an outside speaker Mark Wood and his wife, Jo, leading the teaching over the weekend.

Booking forms back to SA by **10th November 2024**. Final payment will be due by 1st March 2025. Hard copies the form are available on request from SA.

Spring Harvest France — May 2025





Fancy a lovely week's holiday in France,

with Christian content (in English!) for adults and children's groups?

Warren, SA and family are off to Spring Harvest at Le Pas Opton in the beautiful Vendée region of France at May Half-Term.

Warren gave some info last week at church, as they're looking to book by the end of the month.

Find out more at <u>https://</u> <u>springharvestholidays.com/</u> or talk to Warren or SA as soon as possible if you might be interested in going.



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

Dates for the diary



Sunday 13th October

11.30am Church Meeting

Saturday 19th October

2-4pm - Banner Workshop (see notice)

Sunday 20th October

10am Church Breakfast

4pm Musicians practice and social

Friday 25th October

8-9.30pm - Diocesan Youth Light Festival (see notice)

Tuesday 12th November

7.30pm BLT meeting (focus on worship)

Saturday 16th November

2-4pm - Banner Workshop (see notice)

Friday 21th - Sunday 23rd March 2025

Church weekend away @ Hill House, Otterhampton

Thank you from the Hub

Dear

Members of Bearfield Church

Many thanks for the wonderful donation of 40kgs of food collected at your recent Harvest Festival.

We are really grateful for your continued support of the Hub.

Best wishes

Cathy The Hub Manager





Community Events

Diocesan Youth Light Festival

Enjoy the amazing Luxmuralis light show!

Friday • 25 October 8-9:30pm • Bath Abbey

All 11-18s welcome! Youth groups please bring leaders

Special Guest: Right Reverend Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath & Wells In conversation with Cesca Priestley

To book your place, follow this link: tinyurl.com/youth-lightfestival

Or scan the QR code:

BathAbbey @ muniwets





EMMAUS SCHOOL OPEN MORNING



Saturday 19th October 2024 10 am - 12.30 pm

To find out more about Emmaus School and Christian education in general, please contact the office to arrange your appointment for the morning

- An independent, co-educational Christian school for Reception to Year 11.
- · Caring, family environment.
- 80% grade C (4) and above pass rate at GCSE.
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