



RBC NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2018

Dear Church Family,

I hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. Now September is here, all regular church activities, including house-groups, are resuming, and we have a number of other exciting events taking place this month too. Most exciting of all is that **Joel and Caroline Frank** have arrived here **from Sweden to spend a month with RBC**; to help out in the church; to get to know us all and to experience something of church life in the UK. They are a delightful couple, and I have really enjoyed hosting them and showing them round in their first week here. They will be involved in most things going on in church life, so you will all get to know them quite quickly. They hope to learn a lot from us, and I am sure we shall learn quite a bit from them too!

On this first **Sunday 2nd** we are also delighted to welcome a guest preacher, **Paul Kerley**, one of our Regional Ministers from the South Eastern Baptist Association.

During next week, from **Tuesday 4th – Saturday 8th** we are planning a **Week of Prayer** where the church will be set up with a variety of prayer stations with creative prayer ideas and prayer pointers to help you spend a fulfilling and inspiring time drawing close to God. The house-groups will all be meeting at the church for this, but please do come along as well at any other time the church is open, to use it as often as you like. The week will conclude with a **Prayer Breakfast at 8am on Saturday 8th** (deferred from our usual one on the first Saturday of the month). Also on **Sat 8th** we plan to have a **Church Cleaning & Painting Day** – please do come along and lend a hand to spruce the church up for the winter.

On **Monday 10th** we plan an **evening of Worship and Prayer** similar to those we held during “the Turning.” We want to continue these on a once a month basis. Please do come and enjoy these lovely intimate evenings of worship, where we will also pray for those going out the next morning (**Tues 11th 9.30am**) on **outreach, along the lines of The Turning** mission we held in June – again this is hoped to be continued once a month (details overleaf).

On **Saturday 15th at 8 am** we resume our **Ecumenical Prayer Breakfasts** - specifically to pray for blessing on our Community, and for people to come to faith. This is for all the churches - including ours – so please do come and join in. Again there are prayer stations and prayer pointers to give guidance for prayer if wanted.

Then on **Sunday 16th** we have a **United Service** for the Baptist, Methodist and Church of England congregations, this time held at home at RBC.

Our new **Alpha Course** is planned to start on **Wednesday 19th**. This time we will be using the new films shot on location around the world. The evenings will follow the usual format – a meal, a film and a discussion – chance to ask any question you like! Please do help us by giving out leaflets and by personally inviting people to come. Pray and ask God for specific names. Consider too whether you could help by being part of the team.

At the end of the month we will be celebrating Harvest with a **Harvest Supper on Sat 29th** and a **Harvest Celebration Service on Sunday 30th**, supporting this year's BMS Appeal. It's going to be a busy month! I pray it will also be a blessing to all of you,

Your pastor and sister in Christ, **Fiona**

WEEK OF PRAYER

From **Tuesday 4th - Sat 8th September** the church will be set up for a **Prayer Vigil**. There will be numerous prayer stations with many different ideas and pointers for prayer. Please come and enjoy this **at any time that the church is open for other activities**, ie. During Wednesday Foodbank; Thursday Coffee Plus; Friday Butterfly Club; Saturday Prayer Breakfast – also during usual housegroup times as **all housegroups will take place at the church in this week**, using the prayer stations and sharing communion together.

CHURCH CLEANING DAY

On **Saturday 8th September**, following the prayer breakfast, we are planning to do a thorough clean of the church premises and to do some painting of the outside of the foyer. ***Please come along and lend a hand.*** If a good number come and help, it should get done fairly quickly and will also be a lot of fun, with everyone working together.

Engage

The next Engage (men's fellowship) meeting will take place on **Thursday 20th September 7.30pm** at the **Robin Hood in Icklesham**. All (men) welcome. Please let Ian Gill know if you are coming.

Please help Foodbank by donating:

Cereal Soup Pasta / Rice
Pasta Sauce Beans Tinned Fruit
Tinned vegetables
Tinned Meat / Fish
Tea /Coffee Sugar
Toiletries Nappies UHT Milk
Gluten- Free Foods

NB. All items to have at least 3 months till use-by date, and tins to be in good condition (no dents!) please!

"ENCOUNTERING GOD" EVENING

plus "The Turning" OUTREACH

Following the popularity of the worship and prayer evenings during the Turning, we are planning to continue these once a month. We would also like to continue doing outreach in the style of The Turning once a month. All are welcome to take part in either or both.

This month's **Encountering God evening** will take place on **Monday 10th Sept at 7.30pm**

'The Turning' Outreach will take place **the next morning, ie Tues 11th**. Please meet in the hall at **9.30am** for refresher training and worship before going out on the streets.

ALPHA COURSE – starting soon!!!!

Our next Alpha course is planned to start on **Wed 19th September**. Please pray about who to invite or bring along, and also whether God may be calling you to help on the team this time. Please speak to Fiona soon if you can help or if you are bringing someone.

This year we are using the all new Alpha films for the Talks so the material is presented in an exciting and rather different way.

Leaflets are available in the church – please take some to distribute to friends and neighbours.

Gathering at "The Well"

The next meeting of "The Well" is on **Monday 10th Sept at 2pm** – tea, cakes and chat in RBC downstairs hall -all (Ladies) welcome.

Prayer Corner

Although, due to changes in the laws for data protection, we will no longer be listing specific people's names for prayer on this newsletter, please do continue to pray for your church family and their families, especially where you are aware of specific needs. Every prayer counts and makes a difference, and all are much appreciated by those prayed for.