



RBC Newsletter

July 2024

Dear Church Family,

June was a month of much encouragement for us. It was lovely to have so many attending our Church Anniversary celebration service, and the barbecue afterwards. Thank you so much for your special offerings that day which have so far amounted to over £3000! It's not too late to add to this total if you would like to! These special gift offerings will help a lot towards our hopes to re-surface the car park, and to repair or replace the flat roof of the foyer.

We had a number of visitors join us for worship on our church anniversary and one family sent us a delightful email afterwards, which I reproduce here for your encouragement.

*“Thank you for the great service Sunday, prayer answered for me HALLELUIA
Great welcome -the greeters are truly lovely especially Ernie, love abounding, biblical teaching, excellent format and physical table chairs arrangement ...light spacious friendly, even UCB Word for Today - Wow just to confirm I was definitely in the right place! So happy the Lord helped me bring my grandchildren there for powerful worship and teaching.. and my grandson was overcome by the Holy Spirit at exactly the same moment as I was.. O Father God Thank you for you !!! Blessed be your name forever.”*

Another lovely encouragement this month came at our Encounter service when the Lord gave us this powerful prophetic word:-

*“You are my beloved. Called by Me.
Called by Me, by your name.
Equipped by Me through many joys and trials.
Loved beyond your imagining by Me.
Invited by Me to live your lives in the space of eternity and wonder.
Empowered by Me.
Filled with the Spirit by Me.
Sent by Me.
You are able, walking with Me, to overcome every obstacle.
Believing in Me, there is nothing you cannot accomplish – never, ever doubt that.
You are so much cherished. I love you.
Hear Me! I love you.”*

I pray that if anyone reading this is feeling lonely, overwhelmed, or doubting, that these encouraging and reassuring words will lift your spirits and remind you that you are loved, and God is with you.

Some dates for your diary:-

This month's **Saturday Prayers Zoom meeting** will take place at **9am on Saturday 6th July**. Zoom details will be sent out in the usual way.

Our **Oasis Bereavement Support Group** will take place on **Monday 8th July at 2pm**. As well as sharing and mutual support for those going through the grief journey, we are following a course specially designed to help those who have been bereaved for a while and are still struggling to learn to live with the pain of loss. If this applies to you and you would like to meet others on the grief journey then do come along.

Encountering God will also be on **Tuesday 16th July at 7.30pm**. All are welcome to this lovely informal time of praise and prayer, and as usual, we will have no house-groups that week. House-groups will be back on the following week.

Engage for men and **Connect** for ladies (our pub fellowship meals) will take place on **Thursday 25th at 7pm**. If you would like to come, ladies, speak to Penny Kingham, and men, please speak to Ian Gill, before Sunday 16th in order to book your place.

All our other regular activities, such as House-groups, Coffee Plus, Foodbank, Butterfly Parent and Toddler Group, and of course Sunday worship services, continue as usual throughout the month, and we pray they will be a blessing to many.

May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of you
as you serve Him here, and out in the world.

Your Pastor & sister in Christ,

Fiona