



OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Church family

Welcome to Autumn! The weather has changed dramatically and for many, memories of summer holidays have become lost in the need to keep warm and dry! But we have started a new season in worship and work for Jesus running up to Christmas - just over 12 weeks away!!

Some immediate priorities :

Tuesday 1st October. Encountering God 7.30pm - no housegroup this week.

Saturday 5th October Saturday Prayers 9am

Do check the Diary for other events.

Fiona is on Sabbatical until 14th October and until she returns, we are being blessed with two more visiting speakers:

On October 6th we welcome Revd Geoff Colmer - a past Minister at RBC from 1991-1995. A former professional musician, Geoff also served as Baptist Union President in 2022. I'm sure he will be a great blessing to us, as well as some of you being able to meet him again with all the memories that that will provoke. A certain Trustee and her husband were married by Geoff during his time here!

Then on 13th October we welcome Peter Meadows, a very significant Christian leader, responsible, with others, for initiating important Christian events and ministries such as Spring Harvest and Premier Christian Radio. Carri and my personal memories of him go back to the late 60s when he started MGO, Musical Gospel Outreach, the first real beginnings of contemporary Christian music in this country. We remember with affection the first folded, black and white, duplicated A4 sheet that was Buzz Magazine! So it will be a joy to welcome him here. Ian and Gill Scott are good friends and will host him for the visit.

Fiona then returns in time for our harvest Festival service on 20th October. Arrangements are still to be finalised so listen out for the details when they are available.

A big thank you to all who have weighed in to keep the church functioning over the past few weeks when many of us were away. God will bless you for your faithfulness.

With apologies to the Apostle Paul (!) , the Trustees and I would like to slightly amend his message to Philemon as a message to you all at RBC...

“We always thank God as we remember you all in our prayers, because we hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. We pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given us great joy and encouragement, because you, brothers and sisters, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people.”

Philemon 1:4-7 NIV (amended)

God bless you all

Geoff Haynes
for all the Trustees