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What's On @ the Barn

Spring Term 2020









Light Party 2019

Men's Breakfast

Stay & Play Christmas Dinner

OUR MISSION Meet with God, Walk with God, Serve God

Our Mission

To **MEET** with God, **WALK** with God and **SERVE** God.

MEETING WITH GOD centres on our Sunday services and is about the personal revelations, spiritual refreshing and recharging we need to empower our Christian life.

WALKING WITH GOD is reflected in our relationship with Him through the week: learning, growing, connecting.

SERVING GOD and bearing fruit are our ultimate purpose: our commission, our compassion, our commitment.

MEETING WITH GOD takes us deeper in our experience. **WALKING WITH GOD** makes us stronger in our relationship(s). **SERVING GOD** opens us wider in our influence.

Our Church Services

Coffee service finishes at 9.50am to give everyone time before the start of the service to finish their hot drinks and be seated and ready for the start of the service at 10.00am. We would be really grateful if people could keep their drinks and refreshments on the hard-flooring area at the back of the hall, please, because we're trying to keep our (relatively) new carpet in good condition.

At 9.55am, an on-screen countdown will begin and the first song will start at 10.00am.

Quite a few of our children gather at the front left-hand side of the auditorium during our praise times for ribbon-waving and dancing. Feel free to join them.

After the offering and announcements, the children will be dismissed to their relevant rooms by the Service Host. There is a banner which shows you where to go, but if in doubt, just follow the crowd!

After the service, which will finish at about 11.30 am, please collect your children from their groups and then feel free to enjoy a drink and biscuit or cake.

Our leaders will be around to answer any questions you may have, or please visit theHub for further information.

rightnow MEDIA

www.rightnowmedia.org

RightNow Media gives you instant access to thousands of Bible study videos and kids episodes. Powerful Biblical video content anywhere, anytime for you and your family!

Described as the 'Netflix for Christian Bible Study,' it contains vast libraries of Bible studies, teaching series, leadership training, and much more, to suit all ages and areas of interest ... resources designed for your enrichment, interest and entertainment.

We pay for this en bloc as a church, so if you would like access to this material, please email rightnowmedia@thebarn.org.uk.

ChurchSuite



ChurchSuite helps us to manage our address book, rotas, Connect groups, etc. It has proven to be an invaluable church tool.

It works best if we have your latest details, so please go online and update your profiles if you have not done so already.

If you haven't managed to get onto ChurchSuite yet, please contact BarnOps janes@thebarn.org.uk and she will get you connected.

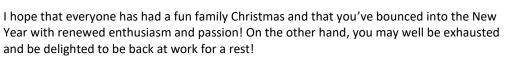
You can download the ChurchSuite app to your android or iPhone/iPad, where you can gain instant access to your family's information. We would appreciate it greatly if you could keep your records updated with changes of mobile numbers, email addresses, new home addresses, your children's details, allergies, permissions, etc., as this helps our Ministry Teams keep up with your latest information.

No data or information is given outside of theBarn and if you would like to have more information regarding ChurchSuite ask at theHub. You can view the privacy policy at https://churchsuite.com/privacy-policy.

If you are NEW to theBarn, then if you complete a ChurchSuite information sheet, BarnOps will get your record up and running for you, and send, via email, a password to access your account.



If you would like more information, please contact our Fusion Friday Team Leader, Emma King (emma@thebarn.org.uk). A message from Senior Pastor Jamie Cox



Here at theBarn, we've just come through another action-packed, but fulfilling December, and we're looking forward to what 2020 holds. The purpose of this publication is to give you an idea of what we have coming up here over the next few months. The aim is to let you know what's around the corner in each of our key ministries, including special events, dates, times, speakers and the like. Hopefully it should allow you to plan with confidence for the next few months.

As you can imagine, we have all sorts of things going on, coming up soon and being dreamt of in the pipeline. Ultimately though, our desire is to be a spark to set your relationship with God on fire. We all need a little fire! I doubt any of us wants the same old, same old in 2020, and we're all well-aware of our own limitations heading into the New Year. However, there's something about an encounter with God's fire that changes everything. It brings an exciting new light and heat, a fresh sense of purpose and direction, and a new refined sharpness in our character ... and it brings us to our knees at His feet, which happens to be the very best place we can be!

So, that's my prayer for you for 2020: that God would set your strengthen your faith, deepen your love and fill you with hope. That you would have fresh encounters with His Spirit, new revelation and insights into His Word, and exciting opportunities to step out in your Christian walk. As Psalm 104:4 says, *"he makes his messengers winds, his ministers [servants] a flaming fire."* If God sets us on fire, that will, at the very least, attract some attention! People are nothing if not drawn to the fire. How powerful if that's the fire of God?!

So, may the Lord bless you as you continue to meet with Him regularly, walk with Him closely and serve Him faithfully in 2020. May you indeed burn with faith, hope and love, and shine that light wherever you go. Amen!

Janie 6x



Refreshing is our termly Sunday evening meeting, designed to give people the chance to enjoy an extended time in God's presence, without the pressure of the clock and the usual busy-ness of a morning service. The service will include an extended time of worship, a message to challenge and inspire you, and then the chance to respond and receive ministry.

2020 DATES

Mar 1st – Guest Speaker: Pete Read June 7th – Guest Speaker: Jon Colyer Sep 13th – Speaker: Jamie Cox

As ever, please feel free to invite friends and family along. We have high expectations for these meetings and our intent is to open the door wide for God to move. As far as we're concerned, the more people that can experience that for themselves, the better!

We are really keen to help people, particularly our young people, develop positive daily Bible reading habits. So, our team here at theBarn produce weekday Bible reading videos, featuring a sequential Bible reading and a quick thought for the day, usually with a practical challenge and a prayer to close. You can watch it on your laptop, tablet or phone, morning, noon or night, and you'll find it on YouTube if you search for Bitesize Bible - theBarn Bidford.



Please encourage your own young ones to follow along and please feel free to 'spread the Word,' by letting your friend and families know!

For more information ask at theHub or contact **info@thebarn.org.uk**.



YOUTH LEADERS GATHERING Ministering to regional youth group leaders

After three inspiring gatherings in 2019, we are once again inviting youth leaders from churches around the region to join us at theBarn. The aim continues to be to inspire, encourage and equip them to fulfil their own visions for their youth groups.

We have youth pastors and youth workers from local churches and as far as Redditch, Banbury, Worcester and many in between coming along to be blessed with a meal, worship together and an inspiring word, followed by practical discussion time.

It is a joy to feel part of the bigger mission of reaching youth in our region for Jesus, supporting each other and connecting churches together both through these meetings and by all the youth groups now coming to Relentless, which they always love!

All youth leaders are very welcome, so feel free to spread the word!

Next YLG = Lunch @theBarn on Monday 3rd February. For more information, please contact our Youth Ministry Leader, Mary Keyte (mary@thbarn.org.uk).

On Wednesday 27th November 2019, theBarn hosted a Christmas Party for the ladies who attend Stay & Play. It was a great opportunity for Mums to dress up and enjoy an evening out ... something of a rarity for many, especially those who are stay-athome Mums and don't have a workplace Christmas party to go to.



We organised a bring & share buffet, and it soon turned into a feast with a wonderful variety of hot and cold food! Conversation flowed on each table without the inevitable interruptions from the little ones experienced during our regular Stay & Play sessions.

It was an opportunity for Claire to thank all of the Core Team volunteers who help to run the groups each week, nine of whom are part of theBarn congregation and four of whom are

Mums who used to attend Stay & Play and didn't want to leave the group when their children started school!

I would also like to thank theBarn congregation for your generous tithe each week which enables us to run Stay & Play free of charge for 120 families each week!

May God bless you!



27TH MARCH 2020 THEBARN, BIDFORD 7-9PM

Relentless is a regional youth event with a vision to gather young people aged 11-18 to connect, worship & encourage one another as we relentlessly pursue the presence of God.

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'Praying to the beat of God's heart to saturate our communities, country... wherever His Spirit leads, with the saving, healing and transforming presence and power of God.'

4th Sunday of the Month

For more information please speak with Anne Le Tissier or Jamie Cox



is our monthly gathering to pray in response to 2 Chronicles 7:14: 'If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.'

Weaving worship with prayer, we focus the eyes of our hearts beyond the walls of theBarn as we wait on the leading of the Holy Spirit to teach us how to pray. Sometimes we take turns to pray or else raise our voices together; we may wait on God in silence, pray out scripture, sing our prayers or adopt some liturgy; we pray in pairs, in small groups, or gather around an individual representing a wider theme; and sometimes we split in two groups, one continuing to worship while the other continues to pray - always remaining open to hear and respond when God inspires a word or picture.

2 Chronicles 7:14 offers an awesome promise, but one that begins with 'IF...' So do join us as we align our wills to pray to the beat of God's heart for our communities, country, and wherever His Spirit leads.

We start and end promptly, 6.30 to 7.30pm on the 4th Sunday of the month.

UPCOMING DATES

January 26th

February 23rd

March 22nd

Please feel free to contact Anne Le Tissier for more information (anne@thebarn.org.uk).

Mix is our monthly accessible Sunday afternoon meeting.

We welcome people of all ages from across our region with additional needs, plus their families, friends and carers, knowing that we are ALL beloved of God, made in His image and valued beyond measure.

We meet at 3.30pm for an hour and a half of worship, teaching, prayer, arts, crafts, games and tea together.

We aim to be inclusive, flexible and caring, but most of all we are God's family – alongside each other and sharing Jesus' love.

Do invite folk to join us whom you feel might enjoy **Mix** – but come along too and be hugely blessed by being in the **Mix!**

Upcoming dates:-

February 16th

March 15th

For further information please contact Ruth: ruth@thebarn.org.uk

January 19th

SAVE THE DATE

Prayer, Vision & Update Meetings

Wednesday 5th February & 6th May (AGM) @ 7.45pm

Our PVU meetings are formatted to remind ourselves of our mission & vision, hear the latest updates and pray into all we do as a church.



Everyone is welcome, whether you're officially a member of theBarn or not.

We also vote in new church members. To do that, we need to be quorate. So, as part of your responsibility as church members, please make every effort to come along.

If you'd like to know more, please talk to our Church Secretary, Paul Johnson (paul@thebarn.org.uk).



Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Groups

'Discovering treasure in life's scars'

Kintsugi is the Japanese art of mending broken pots with glue and gold. This makes them more valuable, not less. As humans, we can often feel or have felt broken. Through attending a Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group, it is our hope that you too can discover that there is 'treasure in our scars.'

Kintsugi Hope's vision is to run wellbeing groups where people can experience

- Safety and support, where there is no shame and embarrassment in struggling.
- An increase in self-worth, confidence and wellbeing.
- Deeper understanding of the reality of God's love for them.
- Clear pathways to receive additional support if needed.

We are starting one at theBarn in the New Year. The first meeting will be on Thursday 9th January, starting at 7.30pm and it will run for 12 weeks in total.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact either Pam Hudson (pamhudson6@btinternet.com) or LA Dean (lesleyannedean@yahoo.co.uk).



We run Alpha here at theBarn! If you want to wrestle with the big questions of life or have heard of the Alpha Course and are interested in finding out more, please pick up a leaflet from theHub or contact Darren Hudson (alpha@thebarn.org.uk).

Barn GLOBAL

Barn Global is our monthly meeting to hear about and pray for our family members serving in different places around the world, including in Central Asia, South East Asia and Europe.

Everyone is welcome and we normally meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the Basecamp upstairs at theBarn. (Please note that this is a new 2020 meeting time!)

We start with a time of worship to focus on God, and acknowledge His power and greatness. Then we hear the latest updates from recent emails and other prayer requests, enabling us to pray into each of those situations, as we ask God to meet the needs and grow the ministries of those serving Him overseas.

In our October meeting, we focussed our prayers on Esther as she prepared to leave for six months in Thailand. In November, we had an update from Will as he joins an Operation Mobilisation (OM) team in January.

Many of the prayer requests we receive can be summed up in one of Paul's great prayer requests in **2 Thessalonians 3**: *"Finally, our friends, pray for us that the Lord's message may continue to spread rapidly and be received with honour, just as it was among you. Pray also that God will rescue us from wicked and evil people; for not everyone believes the message."*

We love to pray for our friends using words from **Ephesians 1**: "We pray that the eyes of their hearts may be enlightened in order that they may know the hope to which he has called them, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for all who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms." Will you join us too?!

UPCOMING DATES:

13th January 10th February

9th March 6th April

For more information, please contact Heather Potts (heather@thebarn.org.uk).

Men's Ministry

We aim to enable men at theBarn to find fellowship, growth, accountability and fun, as well as events to involve your mates from outside the church. This is achieved through the various groups explained below – we would love to see you at any or all of these!

Watchmen (contact Neil Collings)



Our small group meeting at the church on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evening each month. We worship, study and pray together to learn more about God, have real discussions about being men of God, and act out what it means to be Watchmen for our lives, families, friends and church.

THIS TERM: 'Wise Watchmen Will ...' Neil will lead us through studies in the book of James to help us build practical and Godly wisdom for everyday living.

Men's Breakfasts (contact Simon Meek)

Excellent social Saturday morning breakfasts at a local café. These draw in around 30 men from theBarn (and our mates), and is a great way to get to know each other better, and introduce your friends to the men here at theBarn.





Weekend Men's Camp (contact Colin Pittam)

Annual trip to The Gathering, organised each June by Christian Vision for Men (CVM). A great time to get to know each other better, worship God with over 2,000 other men and share a weekend of teaching, sports and crazy stunts!

Golf (contact Paul Johnson)

We play ad hoc golf non-competitively throughout the year – open to all standards of play! Find out what's going on via the Golfing WhatsApp group.



Social Media

Join our WhatsApp groups:

- Men at theBarn keep in touch with other men here, and also get involved as we organise help for other parts of the church
- Watchmen for regular attenders of our group
- Golfing to suggest and arrange games

This term's calendar

- Watchmen Jan 14th, 28th; Feb 11th, 25th(pancakes!); Mar 10th, 24th; Apr 14th, 28th.
- Men's Social Breakfast Sat 9am at Osco's, Bidford (date to be confirmed). £2 (free for non-church mates). Please book in advance with Simon.
- Weekend Camp @ The Gathering, Swindon. 26-28 June 2020.



6:10 – To saturate all that is theBarn in prayer

When? February 24th

uary 24th **Time?** 6am – 10pm

What? Day of Prayer to give everyone who attends theBarn the opportunity to come into the building

and give thanks for all that the Lord has done and provided for us.

To pray for His Spirit to be a real, tangible presence in everything that we do here, to seek God for his heart and vision for theBarn and for Bidford.

The doors will be opened from 6:00 – 22:00 for people to come in and pray.

For more information, please contact Steve King (steve@thebarn.org.uk).



Freedom in Christ helps people to know and apply biblical truths, finding spiritual freedom in Christ.

The course runs over 12 weeks, with the heart to see everyone released from personal and spiritual conflicts; discovering freedom from negative influences of the past; freedom from the damaging effects of sin, guilt and unforgiveness; freedom to live in God's grace, favour and fullness of life.

The course is open to all, meeting Thursday evenings between 7:30 to 9:30 pm. The introductory session begins on Thursday 5th March 2020, meeting at theBarn. Please do speak with Peter Bishop, Trudy Wilkins or Simon Meek for more information, or email **simon@thebarn.org.uk** if you'd like to join us.

Session 0 | Introduction: Why Believe The Bible? Session 2 | Choosing To Believe The Truth Session 4 | Our Daily Choice Session 6 | Handling Emotions Well Saturday Session | The Steps To Freedom In Christ Session 9 | Relating To Others Session 1 | Who Am I? Session 3 | The World's View Of Truth Session 5 | The Battle For Our Minds Session 7 | Forgiving From The Heart Session 8 | Renewing The Mind Session 10 | What Next?

the Barn Choir

We're a Connect Group that sings! We occasionally perform on special occasions, but our primary reason for meeting together is because we enjoy singing, worshipping and just getting together for the fun of it! It's a well known fact that singing is good for you! It burns calories and reduces stress. It's energising



and makes you smile! We have lots of fun as we learn to sing all sorts of different music from the choral greats through popular worship songs to pop classics and lots in the gaps in between. All the music we sing is either Christian or uplifting or both.

It really doesn't matter if you can't read music or don't know if you're an alto, tenor or bass. In this choir, enthusiasm and a willingness to have a go is all that's required, because we are a Connect Group that sings; music and performing is secondary to getting to know you, connecting you to the life of theBarn and sharing what we know of Jesus' grace.

We meet most, but not every Monday between 7.45pm and 9pm. You would be welcome to come and join us.

For more information, speak to Iain Willis (07891146903 / iain@willisfamily.co.uk).

the Barn Drama

theBarn Drama is made up of a number of folk who enjoy using their theatrical abilities to help get a message across ... and hopefully entertain at the same time!

We contribute to Sunday services, church youth and children's events, and special occasions, such as Christmas and Easter.

We rehearse on an 'as required' basis when preparing sketches for performance, usually meeting at theBarn on Sunday evenings.

We also have the occasional social / team building get together (often involving food).

If you are interested in joining us, either on stage or behind the scenes, and for more information, please speak to Carole Massey (carole_massey@hotmail.com).



LIFE (Living Is For Eternity) is a monthly, daytime, friendship group

We meet upstairs in the Basecamp, interspersed with activities outside theBarn building, such as going for a walk or meeting for coffee or a meal. Meetings usually start at 10.30 am with refreshments, followed by

either a talk on a topic of interest, a time of sharing, board games or other activities, and the meetings normally finish by 1.00 pm. The group gives people an opportunity to get to know each other on a deeper level than is possible before or after a Sunday morning service, and to hear about some of the ministries that individuals are involved with, inside or outside the church.

Anybody at home in the daytime is welcome and this group is suitable to invite your non-Christian friends to.

Upcoming meeting dates: 14th January 11th February 10th March

For more information, please contact Rod Perkins (rodney.perkins@btinternet.com).



theBarn Arts group consists of people who meet upstairs in theBasecamp on the second and fourth

Fridays each month to create with paint, paper, wire, glue or anything else which takes their fancy! We are a small group which has a good mix of 'church' and 'non-church' people. However, BarnArts is so much more than an art group. It has become a safe, caring place where friendships are being forged, laughter is in abundance, coffee, meals and other social events are being shared and our faith is being openly discussed. We are praying persistently for those who come. Anyone wishing to try their hand at a creative activity, able to share their gifting, or just wishing to come along for coffee and a chat is welcome - bring your own art materials or there are plenty of materials in our cupboard to get you started.

What our members say about BarnArts:

"Lovely creative atmosphere with lots of laughter and chat about life's issues." "Lovely people, good atmosphere, good conversation."

"A good way to wind down on a Friday, to try new ways of painting and to chat about life." "I love it. Such a good atmosphere."

"Lots of laughter!"

Meeting dates for the Autumn Term:

10th & 24th January 14th & 28

14th & 28th February 24th April

For more information: Rod Perkins (rodney.perkins@btinternet.com).



Thursdays 1.00 — 2.30pm

Fridays 9.15

9.15 — 10.45am (Session 1) 11.15am — 12.30pm (Session 2)

Stay & Play is for parents with newborn babies up to their first day at school. Each session is great fun and includes games, snacks and singalongs. On your first visit, please make yourself known to one of the Stay & Play team. We do ask our regulars to complete a registration form. Our groups are very popular, so please contact Claire Griffiths for more information. (claire@thebarn.org.uk).



theBasecamp & theSummit

If you would like more information, or have questions about our kids work, please speak to our acting Key Stage 1& 2 Children's Pastor, Steve King, or email kids@thebarn.org.uk.

Similarly, for any information about our Youth Ministry, please contact our Youth Ministry Leader, Mary Keyte (mary@thebarn.org.uk).



Tacebook connect group The Barn Mummies LOVE | ENCOURAGE | SUPPORT | PRAY

Facebook Connect Group @theBarn Mummies are taking a group of their ladies to a lovely secluded home in the countryside in January. A home from home but without kids or husbands, a time to reflect, pray, learn and enjoy one another's company.

Please pray for the leaders and the ladies that go to have a safe trip and a blessed time.

For more information, please contact Sophie Jones (thebarnsophie@gmail.com).



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Connect Gateway Spring 2020

Connect Gateway? - What is it?

Simply put, it's our way of welcoming you to a 'fuller' life at theBarn. We believe in Church that is alive, that is growing, that is a family - with a mission to Meet, Walk & Serve as God leads us. 'Connect Groups' are a hugely important part of that 'meeting & walking' - as we share life and friendship together beyond Sunday morning; living out 'family life' as His Church, day by day.

What will we do?

There are 3 main things we aim to do as part of Gateway:

- Give you a chance to find out a bit more about us.
- Give us a chance to find out a bit more about you: how can we serve you best?
- Do all we can to help you find your own place in God's family, everyone is welcome!

How often is it?

Gateway meets fortnightly, for one term, 7:30-9.00pm at theBarn.

For this term the dates are:

- 22nd April Welcome week
- 6th May 'Life @ theBarn'
- 20th May 'Getting to know you'
- 3rd June 'Try a connect group'
- 17th June Social week
 - 1st July Welcome Home (joining the family)

How do I get involved?

If this is something you'd like to do, we'd definitely recommend it! Please contact Barry Griffiths - barry@thebarn.org.uk (or speak to any of the leadership / welcome team on a Sunday morning).



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Connect Groups

Connect Groups @ theBarn

We believe in Church that is alive, that is growing, that is a family - with a mission to Meet, Walk & Serve as God leads us. 'Connect Groups' are our small groups, or friendship groups, that meet, usually once a week, to share this experience of life together. These groups, along with 'Life' & theBarn Choir are a hugely valuable part of living out 'family life' as His Church, day by day ... meeting, walking, and serving God together. The list below shows our current midweek groups and the names of their leaders. If you'd like to know more, or are interested in starting a new group please speak to Barry (barry@thebarn.org.uk).

Group	When do they meet?	Who to talk to?
'20s – <u>ish</u> …'	Weekly, Weds nights in homes	Jenny & Matt Gilham
Alcester Ladies	Fortnightly, Thurs daytimes in Alcester	Trudy Wilkins
@theBarn Mummies	Online, socials, retreats & much more!	Sophie Jones / Kat Speight
Barn Ladies	Fortnightly, Fridays in school term	Nicky Dixon / Jane Pirson
Barn Youth Connect	Fortnightly, Tues nights @ the Kings	Steve & Emma King
Bidford Connect	Weekly, Weds nights @ theBarn	Dave Charlton / Charlotte Lodge
Bidford 'Willis'	Fortnightly, Weds night @ theBarn	Iain & Helen Willis
Evesham @ Wendy's	Weekly, Weds daytime in Evesham area	Wendy Mogg
Stratford @ Welland's	Weekly, Weds nights in Stratford & lots more activities as God leads!	Alison <u>Welland</u> / Cliff Hayward
Stratford @ Streets	Fortnightly, Thursday nights in Stratford area	Mike & Caroline Cresswell
Watchmen	For the men – 2 nd /4 th Tues @ theBarn	Paul Johnson / Simon Meek
Welford Ladies	Weekly, Tues daytimes @ Ruth's home (Welford)	Ruth Shipman

Pastoral & Prayer Support

Connect Groups play a key role in pastoral support at the church, praying for and supporting each other 'along the way'. However if you find yourself in need of personal pastoral support or prayer support, there are also the following things you can do:

> For **pastoral** support needs, please contact **barry@thebarn.org.uk**. For all **prayer** requests, please contact **prayer@thebarn.org.uk**.

Prayer requests sent to this email address will be shared, as appropriate, with our prayer chain at theBarn. This is a group of folk who commit to praying and interceding for situations as they are shared. If you would like to commit to praying and be added to the list / be taken off the list, or even just have questions - please email barry@thebarn.org.uk.