

7 days...

15th-21st May 2016

the Barn

### Today

Mix

3.30 – 5pm @theBarn  
Furnace

6 – 7.30pm @theBarn

### Monday

Fusion

7 – 8.30pm @theBarn

Prayer Meeting

8pm @theBarn

### Friday

Stay & Play

9.30 – 11am @theBarn

Drama Group

7.30pm @theBarn



For further details and a list of midweek Connect Groups meeting at various times and locations, please see theBarn website ([www.thebarn.org.uk/ministries/connect-groups/list/](http://www.thebarn.org.uk/ministries/connect-groups/list/)) or talk to Martin Robson; we'd love to help you connect!

On the first Wednesday of the month we hold either Worship & Prayer nights or Vision & Update meetings. On that week, Wednesday Connect Groups don't hold meetings.

This week, groups will be meeting as usual. **GATEWAY** meets at the church on **Wednesdays, 7.30 for 8.00** and is a good entry point if you're new to the church or haven't found a group yet.

**WATCHMEN** meets fortnightly on Tuesday evenings, also at the church. All men are welcome. The next two meetings are on **May 17th and May 31st**; again 7.30 coffee for 8.00 start.



## Resource of the Week

*Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast*, featuring Ravi Zacharias and friends, discussing how to share your faith in a world in which people seem to be losing their interest in Christianity. You can find it here:

<http://careynieuwhof.com/2015/09/episode53/> or on iTunes.

## Summer BBQs

We are hoping to hold a series of barbecues through the summer, each one on a Sunday afternoon immediately following the second service. Further details will follow in due course, but please pop the proposed dates in your diary: June 12<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully everyone can make one or more of those.



## FOOD COLLECTION for Birmingham City Mission

The Bible is very clear in telling us to care for the 'foreigner and stranger,' and, as Jesus said, to 'feed and clothe the poor and hungry,' 'the least of these, my little ones' (Isaiah 58, Micah 6:6-8, Matthew 25:31-46). Can we even begin to imagine what it is like to live in extreme lack and poverty, particularly for parents who see their children deprived and marginalised? In view of these Scriptures, the proposal is to have a system in place that enables us give regularly to the poor.

We are aware that lots of people have charities that are close to their hearts, and we wouldn't want to cut across any other giving. The proposal is to do it through Birmingham City Mission, because they are looking to meet spiritual needs as well as well as practical ones. They send a lorry to this area for collection periodically. They also give out clothes and sell furniture and just about everything else in their charity shop.

So, the proposal is to have a food collection point (bin) at theBarn. If people can bring food items to church periodically, then we can send a regular donation to Birmingham City Mission, which Jane Baldock has offered to oversee.

The following are always needed: Tea, coffee, cereals, all tinned goods, jam, marmalade, toiletries, including baby essentials, biscuits, sweets & chocolate (in moderation!), pasta and pasta sauce.

The following cannot be used: Bread, fresh fruit and vegetables.

In addition, the Mission also collects clothes, linen, towels, crockery, cutlery, etc. and their lorry will also pick up furniture and any suitable items for their charity shop. For further details on any of that, please contact Jane Baldock (01789 490830). And if anyone would like to join her in this venture, particularly to help her move the goods, please let her know. Thank you.



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