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October 2017

news



Welcome:

We're very glad you're here

Highlights of the Month:

Equip 2 starts 4th October
Deeper ladies ministry 8th October
Light Party 31st October

Our Mission

Meet with God, **Walk** with God, **Serve** with God.

MEETING WITH GOD centres on our Sunday services and is about the personal revelation, 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.

Church Service Times

Coffee service now finishes at 9.50 am 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 10.00 am.

At 9.55 am, an onscreen countdown will begin and the first song will begin at 10.00 am.

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—if you're visiting, 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.

EVESHAM STREET PASTORS

"Evesham Street Pastors" are actively taking the love of Jesus onto the streets of Evesham every week. Copies of their latest Prayer Letter is available on theHub.



If you are interested in learning more about their work, John Darby on 07747 842 192 will be delighted to speak to you."



STRATFORD UPON AVON STREET PASTORS

Street pastors are trained volunteers from local churches and we care about our community. We are usually on patrol from 8.30 pm up to 3.30 am on a Friday and Saturday night.

If you are interested in learning more contact

Coordinator Name

Maureen Green

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Email Address

stratforduponavon@streetpastors.org.uk

FOOD BANK :

EVESHAM BASED SERVING THE BIDFORD COMMUNITY.

Please find more information at theHub and we have a cube shelving unit @ theHub for all your 'buy 1 get 1 free' items, your donations of food, etc.

Contact details : the Centre - **01386 765946**

Diane Bennett the Community Worker - **07721 559387**

OR email : info@chands.org.uk



In the Community & coming soon :

BIDFORD'S BIG BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

Saturday 4 November 2017, time tbc
Big Meadow, Honeybourne Road, Bidford-on-Avon

The spectacular fireworks night on the Big Meadow is not be missed! A huge success last year with visitors claiming it was 'the best fireworks show' they've ever seen! So wrap up warm and join us for a wonderful night! See the Visit Bidford website for more details.



[Visit Bidford 2017 Events Poster](#) (pdf) www.visit-bidford.com (external link).

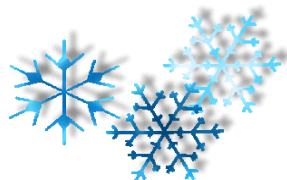
Ragley Hall ~ Frost Fair

November 24th, 2017 @ 10:00am to
November 26th, 2017 @ 05:00pm



Looking for a unique Christmas present or a festive treat? Look no further, as **The Frost Fair opens at Ragley for the first year in 2017**. The event contains a carefully selected array of crafts, gifts, unique and original presents and fine foods, making The Frost Fair a great opportunity to find special presents. The Frost Fair will be located within the lower ground floor of the House, with heated marquees on the west terraces and in and around The Stables and Coach House. Entertainment will include choirs, roving musicians, a magician and there may even be a visit from Father Christmas.

To find out more about exhibiting, please contact cliff@battenburgevents.co.uk



WELCOME to theBarn Bidford

If you are new or just visiting theBarn please feel free to join with us for refreshments before and after the service. If it is your first Sunday, please go to theHub at the back of the Auditorium and receive a Gift Bag with our love. In the Gift Bag you will find all sorts of goodies and information about theBarn that you may not already know and some of the activities which take place through the year.

theBarn KIDS REGISTRATION

Please kindly go to theHub and register your KIDS before the service begins.

theLaunchpad and theBasecamp children will be issued with 2 badges. Please can you put one on your child/children (preferably on their back as they can't take it off) and hold on to the other one to retrieve your child/children at the end of the service: this helps us match child/children to parent. Can you kindly collect your child/children as promptly as possible at the end of service? That would be most appreciated.

As a reminder, we're happy to supervise your children during Kids' Church sessions, but otherwise they remain your responsibility. Please keep an eye on them, particularly around the stage, prayer ministry and coffee areas.

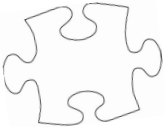
theBarn News is published monthly

If you have any events or additions you would like to have in theBarn News please can you make sure that you let BarnOps (janes@thebarn.org.uk) have any details so it can be added to theBarn News.

Anything that is requested to go into theBarn News will be looked at and a decision made if appropriate for addition to theBarn News. Please do not be offended if your item is not included.

Any information needs to be with BarnOps by the THIRD Wednesday in the month allowing time to put theBarn News together and get ready for print. Anything after the THIRD Wednesday will go into the next month if still relevant.

Dates for October Diary:

4th October	EQUIP 2 wk 1	
5th October	Stay & Play - 1.00 pm till 2.30 pm	
6th October	Stay & Play - 9.30 am till 11.30 am TheBarn Youth 11-18 Years: Fusion Fridays 6.45 pm start	
8th October	Deeper Women's Ministry	
10th October	L.I.F.E.	
11th October	EQUIP 2 wk 2	
12th October	Stay & Play	
13th October	Stay & Play Barn Arts Fusion Fridays	
18th October	EQUIP 2 wk 3	
19th October	Stay & Play	
20th October	Stay & Play Fusion Fridays	
21st October	Youth Connect 11.30—12.30	
23rd October	Barn Global	
27th October	Barn Arts	
31st October	Light Party 5.00 pm (alternative to Halloween)	

Dates for November Diary:

EQUIP 2 Starts again wk 4: Wednesday - 1st November

connect

CONNECT GROUPS We have a growing network of midweek Connect Groups meeting at various times and locations across the area and would like to encourage everyone to be part of a group. They are a great opportunity to make friends, learn, grow and support one another. You are welcome to contact the rele-

WATCHMEN All men welcome (including your mates from outside the church). Watchmen will be meeting on Tues 10th and Tues 24th October, starting with tea/coffee from 7.45pm, at the Barn. In October we will be building on the 'Play the Man' sessions we have been working through over the summer. Also golf and a wider social being planned - WTS! For more details, contact Paul Johnson



Barn Arts: Barn Arts will be happening in the Barn on 13th and 27th October. 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.

theBarn Arts is a community arts group that meets on the second and fourth Fridays of every month at theBarn. People are welcome to join in with creative activities or just to enjoy coffee, refreshments and chat in a friendly atmosphere.

L.I.F.E. (Living Is For Eternity) friendship based outreach group

COME BY YOURSELF OR BRING A FRIEND

Subject: 'Christians in Politics'

We will be meeting upstairs at theBarn (theBasecamp) starting with tea, coffee and cakes followed by two short videos and a chance to talk and consider our response—should we, as Christians, keep our 'Church Life' and 'Secular Life' separate? How should we respond to the issues of the day? Should we watch from the sidelines or get involved, and if so, how?

'Christians in Politics' is an all party, non-denominational organisation which seeks to encourage and inspire Christians to get involved in politics and public life. Emphasis is placed on our membership of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, as opposed to the earthly allegiances which may separate us.

We are currently trying to put together a programme for future LIFE meetings. If there is anything which you would like to be included please let us know.

For further information contact Rod or Barbara Perkins on 07548 381555 or email rodney.perkins@btinternet.com





ChurchSuite

We implemented ChurchSuite (previously ChurchApp) @theBarn a while ago. It helps us to manage our address book, rotas, connect groups etc. It's proving to be an invaluable tool. It

works best if we have your latest details, so please update your profiles if you have not done so already. If you haven't managed to get onto ChurchSuite yet, please contact Jane Scott janes@thebarn.org.uk. She will happily update your details on your behalf or provide any help to get you up and running. Alternatively, there is a form at theHub that you can complete.

Thank you!



Hello ladies, the next **DEEPER** meeting will be on October 8th. We're looking forward to seeing you all again, following the summer break.

Many have found the previous Deeper meetings to be a special time resting in God's presence. All ladies are welcome, including youth girls in year 10 and above. If you've not been along before and you'd like to give it a try, we'll meet at TheBarn with a prompt start at 6:30pm.

We also look forward to hearing from a guest speaker, Helena Myers, who has experienced times of soaking for many years.

rightnow MEDIA RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

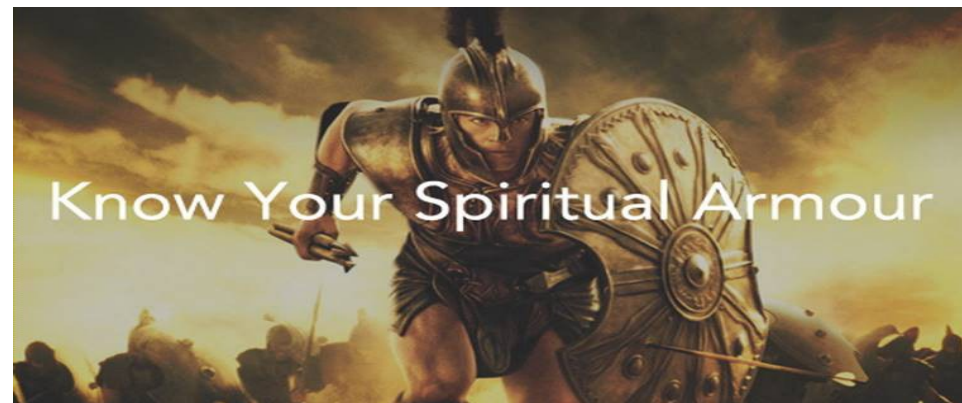
'Greatest Heroes & Legends' narrated by Charlton Heston



Is a wonderfully animated series that bring the best-known and best loved Bible stories to life for the whole family. Each program details the Bible stories with the reality of the lives of the characters from Moses to David in the Old Testament to the New Testament from the life of Jesus to the disciples spread the Good News of God's love and salvation.

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October teaching series:



EPHESIANS 6:11-13

¹¹Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

There is no doubt that we are in a spiritual battle. There is, at the moment, a sense that we are not in an easy season. There is a measure of resistance; forward steps seem to be a little sweeter. Revival doesn't appear to be in the air. Instead we seem to be in a season of preparing: of equipping, of pruning, of waiting. No-one who has read Ephesians 6 should be in the least surprised.

However, God has not left us unprepared, ill-equipped or under-resourced. In fact, as 2 Peter 1:3 says, "He has given us everything we need to live a godly life." He has given us His Word. He has cloaked us with His Spirit. And He has given us a powerful coat of armour to wear.

This series takes a look at each piece of that armour in turn: The belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, helmet of salvation, shoes of peace, shield of faith and sword of the Spirit. The idea is this: Yes, we should put the armour on, but, actually, we should never take it off! That armour sets us up to stand our ground, to resist and to overcome in our spiritual battle. *Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground.*

Coming in October:



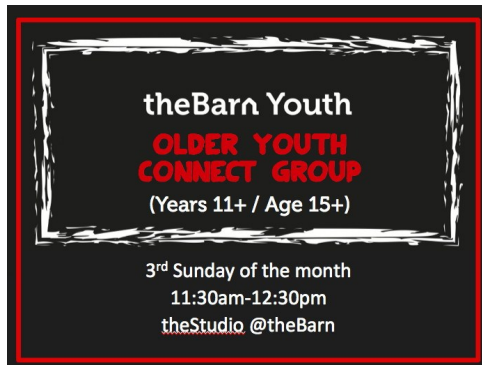
1. Freedom in Christ Part 2—Peter Bishop (must have completed part 1 to qualify)
2. Bible Foundations with Dave Charlton
3. Listen Learn Love with Cliff Hayward
4. Lead Like Jesus with Jamie Cox

DEEPER - Ladies ministry meet on the 8th October following the summer break.
Guest speaker: Helena Myers
Start time: 6.30 pm
More information on page 8



21st October

NEW! theBarn Youth .. 15yrs+ Connect Group.
Third Sunday of the month
straight after the service upstairs
in theStudio from 11:30am-12:30pm.



Come and join us at our light party. A fun alternative to halloween. We have UV lights set up around the room so wear something white or neon to glow in the dark. There will be games, activities, crafts, food and sweets. Flyers can be found on theHub at the back. Also if you would like to help out there is a sign up sheet on theHub



Coming in November:

EQUIP 2 starts for second session wk 4 -1st November

Deeper — Ladies Ministry - 12th November

NEW! theBarn Youth CONNECT - 17th November 15yrs- Third Sunday of the month straight after the service upstairs in theStudio from 11:30am-12:30pm.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

As you may be aware, theBarn's Baby and Toddler Group 'Stay & Play' is one of our biggest outreach opportunities and it just keeps getting busier! We have new parents/carers arriving every week with their little ones and they often remark that there is something special about the group, not least because they receive a very warm welcome! We already have a fab Core Team but as the group grows, we would really value some extra people on our team and you could help in a variety of ways: You could help to prepare the snack in the kitchen and/or top up the tea and coffee through-out the morning (we get through plenty!)

- You could chat to parents and carers, be that friendly face and ask 'How are you?' in a way that encourages the person to respond with more than the standard response of 'I'm fine'.
- You could engage the children in an activity, be it a craft (it would be all set up ready for you!), playing with the train track or reading a story.
- You could arrive at the end (on Friday) to help tidy up and put the toys back into the Pre-school rooms at theBarn.

'Stay & Play' runs on Thursdays 1pm - 2:30pm and Fridays 9:30am - 11am. If you think you'd like to help in any of these ways, please get in to contact with me via claire@thebarn.org.uk or 07969 110878... I'd love to hear from you!