

A GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER 6-13 SEPTEMBER

Along with millions of our brothers and sisters we will seek to encounter the beauty and power of Jesus through prayer and carry His love into our towns, cities and nations. Beginnings at our OPEN HEAVENS event on the 6th and continuing right through the week we will be crying out to God on behalf of our nation and the nations.

We would love you to join with us as we pray together night and day. You can book an hour slot to come by yourself or with others to engage with the creative resources designed to make prayer accessible. Look out for the sign-up sheets and plan your week around times in the presence of God. It's going to be world-changing but God responds when His people unite in prayer.

Setting apart a dedicated physical area tells the brain it is time to slow down and shift focus. By leaving daily stress at the door, you

can access inner stillness and fully be present to God. Whether someone chooses to write a letter, mold playdough, or listen to music, these tools offer accessible starting points for dialogue with the God of heaven. You'll be amazed how quickly the time passes in a prayer room. Book your visits today and seek the Lord.



TODDLER CLUB

For babies and toddlers of pre-school age, Toddler Club is run by a friendly team of helpers every **Wednesday** from **10.00 to 11.30am**. We have a craft activity, singing time and a large variety of toys. Generous fruit and snacks for the children and endless tea and coffee

for the adults all included in the entry price of £1.00 for each child and £2.00 for adults.

Toddler Club restarts on Wednesday 16th September.



FAMILY LUNCH

Sunday 13th is our bring and share **FAMILY LUNCH TOGETHER** in the top hall from around 12.45pm. We will provide jacket potatoes, bring some of your favourite toppings or a dessert to share.

These occasions are a great way to chat to people you don't know yet - and make friends. Some people spend a lot of time on their own so having food prepared and people to chat to is an important part of belonging to a church family.



LADIES FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is on **Monday 28th September** at **19.00** in the counselling centre lounge. We will have a time of worship and fellowship together and our speaker is Karen Beament. Do come and join us, we would love to see you.

QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 16th September at 19.00

Tickets are £5.00 each and up to 8 in a team.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

There will be a raffle on the night too with lots of great prizes to be won.

CRAFT EVENING

Bring along your own craft project, join in with ours or just come along for a cuppa and chat. Our next meeting is on **Monday 21st September** from 7.00pm in the top hall.

It's all very relaxed and great fun and you would be made most welcome.



COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community groups are an essential part of our apprenticeship to Jesus. They are where you will be loved and listened to and helped to grow in your faith. These groups are spread across the week and for the most part happen at our premises here at Wilmington.

MONDAYS

The **CHESED** ladies group meet at 11.00 - 13.00. Contact Ruth on 07926 791228 or Joy on 07477 696652.

The **EMMANUEL GROUP** meet at 19.00 on the second and fourth weeks of the month. Contact John on 07586 561478.

TUESDAYS

CAMEO meet between 12.30 and 14.30.

Contact Karen on 07768 977787 or Alan and Pam on 07969 627009.

WEDNESDAYS

THE JOURNEY meet 19.00 to 21.00 and is led by Lara (07949 089393) and Voke (07576 890696)

OLIVE BRANCH meet online via Zoom (Code: 974-120-1444 'community'. Contact Mike on 07913 476624.

THURSDAYS

The 19.00 group meet 19.00 - 20.30 and is led by Karen (07506 543432) and Janice.

The MEN'S GROUP meet between 12.30 and 13:30 and is led by Brahm (07746 092273) and Andrew (07415 049470).

FRIDAY

PRACTISING THE WAY COURSE starts at 7pm for a meal and discussion in the top hall. Contact Kirsty (07774 315863) or Gordon (07949973361).

SATURDAYS

Our 18-30's group **GENERATION SURRENDER** meet twice a month led by Kim (07989 844174) and Damola (07983 550018).

We are starting a new course

Alongside our regular weekday Community Groups we are adding a new event for anyone who would like to participate. It's going to be held on Friday nights at the church and will start with a cooked meal followed by great video teaching and group discussion.

The Practising the Way Course features eight sessions of teaching, guided conversation, and spiritual exercises designed to lay a foundation for lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus.

It's an ideal opportunity for those who want to find out how to follow Jesus or who wants to be refreshed in their belief and connection to Him. It's very practical and will provide you with a solid understanding of the habits that will help you grow to be like Jesus. Each participant will receive a companion guide containing the teaching notes and practises to help you in your apprenticeship.

If you would like to join the course then let Gordon or Kirsty know and we will add your name to the list - and so we know to prepare you a meal.

BAPTISM

We are planning another **BAPTISM SUNDAY** on 25th October. Often this one of the most powerful and joyful events in our church calendar. So from Sunday 27th September we will be running three *Understanding Baptism* classes from 1.00-2.00pm with lunch provided. If you would like to explore more about what baptism is all about and whether you are ready to take this next step on your journey with Jesus, then do register your interest by talking to someone on the Welcome Desk.



Open Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am.

We continue to support people in our local community with top-up supplies of food and hygiene products. We are now a registered warm space, so anyone is welcome to pop in for a free coffee and refreshments during the winter months. We have been provided with blankets, thanks to Bali, to give out to anyone in need. If you would like to know more, or get involved, please speak to Gill, Katherine or Di.

GIVING MONEY

We don't take a regular money collection and encourage giving by bank transfer. But if you would like to make a donation there is a collection box on the wall near the main doors to the worship space.



Standing Order

Giving by standing order enables you to give regularly and is a great help to the church when it comes to budgeting for the future. You can get a standing order form from the church office or set up your own standing order using online banking. **Our account details are—Sort code 20-54-25 Account number 03194604 Wilmington Community Church**

Gift Aid

The church is a registered charity funded almost entirely by gifts and offerings. If you pay UK income tax, Capital Gains tax or tax on savings (including pensions), WCC can claim back 25p in every £1.00 given. All you need to do is ask the office or someone on the Welcome Desk for a Gift Aid Form.

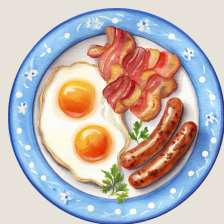
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MOMENTUM

Momentum is a monthly breakfast meeting for men. Our aim is to create a movement through which men feel empowered and supported in living authentic and impactful lives. We want to grow a space where honest conversations, real accountability and deep friendships can be formed. A space for fun and laughter.

We will have a short talk, lots of great discussion, prayer and interaction so that men can feel fully alive living their true identity, gripped and excited by Jesus.

Oh, and there's the food. We like good food - especially a hearty breakfast.



Always on the first Saturday of every month from September to June. See you on **5th September at 9.00am!**



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BRIDGING PLACE OF WIND



So glad to have you with us here at WCC! We hope you feel at home here. If you are new we would love to get to know you so please do chat with someone at the Welcome Desk.

This month we are learning about what it means to belong to God's family. There's a great verse in the Bible that starts like this: *"Who will bring a charge against God's elect?"* The word elect means "chosen one." We did not choose God and place ourselves in His family. No, God chose us and placed us in His family. He did it by pursuing us in love. Seeking us out and finding us. He saved us by His grace and now He constantly Fathers and cares for us and will bring us into His eternal presence. We are members of his family, and He lovingly and tenaciously watches over us. To be a member of the family of God means to be secure and confident. We can take bold steps of faith because we know who is with us, who supports us, and who fights our battles.

But as in every human family, there are struggles and challenges. You don't choose your siblings or cousins! You have to work hard to remain loving and connected to each other. Harmony is always being contested! And so we too have to learn the ways of love in God's family. This is what our new teaching series is all about. We hope you enjoy it. And the best way to really gain maximum benefit is to join one of our Community Groups which meet midweek. We get to reflect, share and grow together as we apply what we are learning to our everyday lives.

If you have questions about faith, we would be only too happy to help. Speak to someone at the Welcome Desk or Gordon on 07305 994755.

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SUNDAYS THIS MONTH

6th FAMILY SERVICE at 10.00am learning together about the power of prayer

6.30pm is our **Open Heavens** event as we launch our Week of Prayer. A whole week to spend time together in God's presence.

13th Rehearsing together and celebrating together what God has done during our week of prayer. Today is an **OPEN MIC** session so please come prepared to share your stories. Our church family lunch together follows.

20th Today we launch our new teaching series **WE ARE FAMILY** as we begin to unpack what it means to be a part of God's family.

27th WE ARE FAMILY continues as we take a deep dive into the topic of **LOVE**. *Did you know the word love occurs over 200 times in the New Testament?* It's where we have to start and finish our series on being God's family together.

After the service today, the first of three *Understanding Baptism* classes will take place in the Counselling Centre lounge. Lunch will be provided if you would like to join in the learning about baptism.