

## H.B.C.F NEWSLETTER

JULY/AUGUST 2025

Joanna's Jottings



Written on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025

It is an early summers morning by a lake beneath the Welsh Brecon Beacons mountain range.

Unlike the costal scenes that bring me inspiration, this lake side has taken me into a particular world I have not had much knowledge about to date, but yet, the wildlife that lives in and around the lake oozes *inspiration, life and hope*.

Can you imagine my delight to see a bright blue flash, fly past me, then settle on a reed then swiftly fly past again, it filled me with such joy – a Kingfisher, a smaller bird than I imagined, but so beautiful. As my daughter commented “How can people not believe in a creator?” or indeed “The Creator”.

As we know to be our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, as recounted in the Bible, in the first book of ‘Genesis’. The Red Kite takes flight and soars and soars until it reaches those breathtaking heights of which the kite can just relax in the thermals in the sky from the Beacons. Some people recognise these once, nearly extinct birds, as a sign of hope.

Kites can represent a perfect example of positive changes we can make if we act swiftly and decisively to save these incredible birds.

I often can be asked as a leader, about “the vision” ...

Taking a step back into the past...? Dare I??

Yes, for without the past, there would not be this present, nor God’s hand in the future – read ‘Miracle Valley’

As a Church, we have had an exciting first half of the year.

- 1) ‘Power House’ Prayer Meetings (Tuesdays at 2:30pm)
- 2) Days of Prayer – House Of Prayer evenings
- 3) Sunday Services 2:30pm – full of zeal, praise, worship and the word.
- 4) Friday Evening Celebrations.
- 5) Prayer for Israel – Gatherings
- 6) Easter Weekend Celebrations
- 7) Wedding
- 8) Thanksgiving/funeral services of those gone to Glory.
- 9) Simply Christians outreach (Mondays and Wednesdays)
- 10) Open Air Gatherings/services – Local community
- 11) Revival Bible Study’s/revelation Study’s
- 12) Church weekends from various Church groups to use the facilities
- 13) Mighty Men Of Valour weekend
- 14) Ladies day – 90 plus attendees
- 15) Conferences – G.N.F.E (Good News For Everyone) , Gideons
- 16) Pastoral visits/ caring and sharing
- 17) Fun, food & Fellowship (Thursdays 11am-2pm)
- 18) The Birth of ‘Hollybush Church Festival 2025’! –

Tickets are on sale for next year (Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026)

Months and months of preparation but worth it all “For God’s Glory”

A vision and dream that I had about 15 years ago.

God sees the heart, the visions and dreams going forward, God fans the flame of the Holy Spirit and seals it – It's done.

Vision can often mean, change, and how many people like change?? I for one, find change sometimes difficult, however, my vision and my hope is for the body of Christ to –

Offer Salvation – proclaiming the truth and the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ with excellence.

To live with purpose and live by the word, the book of life, the Bible.

To be committed and show commitment as part of Gods family and strive to show Christs love to all – for the “Glory of God”.

To inspire and resonate the love of Jesus to each other and those we serve and share this with.

And most of all – Matthew 22v37

Jesus said to Him “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind; To live victoriously, grow spiritually, know God intimately...”

To conclude – back to the lake!!

The family of Swans, mummy, daddy and five signets watching these graceful, beautiful Swans with their precious offspring with mum and dad's devotion to them. Their strength and protection over them. Mum and dad's loyalty and commitment to each other, apparently soul Swans for life. And, believe me, I have seen the odd argument (true) when daddy Swan took the signets off on a track away from the lake, oh, boy, daddy Swan was well and truly 'told off' by mummy Swan when they were finally reunited.

So yes, Swans do argue as humans can sometimes, not see eye to eye or have disagreements and differences of opinions.

It can happen, as with the Swans.

But, we forgive one another. Let's stick together in the good and the bad. Let's hope and dream together, vision together.

John 14v12 reads

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing and they will do even greater things than these”.

Oh, one more thought, the fish in the lake, all types great and small.

For those that know me, I am still trying to master the Paddle Board!!!

But, what about that little one-man boat that's moored in the boat house? Am I going to risk the challenge of getting into the boat and try and catch some fish?!!

God is not asking me to walk on water, like Peter tried.

But what if he is asking you or I to get out of our comfort zone?

We can all look on at the lake (our lives, our Church) and sit and receive the benefits of sitting at the sides and watch on, or step out in **faith** – in your life, in your Church. And get “stuck in” – a good Yorkshire term!

Any one of our Church members and friends of Hollybush can look at themselves and look at your calling and ask what He wants you to get involved in.

And for those reading these jottings of joy, I encourage anyone to ask Jesus what He wants you to do and then “push the boat out”. Do it!

It will encourage your leadership and those around you, that Gods will be done in each and everyone’s life.

Can you imagine, you can buy those little signs that have quotes on them which I have seen on various front doors ‘Gone Fishing’ or ‘Busy’ ‘Do Not Disturb’.

What sign would be at your door and why?

Back to change – yes, things are changing, but seasons do change both naturally and supernaturally.

But for “God’s Glory” bringing with it expectancy? Excitement, new life. And, I suppose, I have come full circle.

Hollybush was called ‘For God’s Glory’.

Let’s make an “unshakeable commitment” to “press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”.

Philippians 3v14



Serving Jesus,  
Serving others,

*Sincerely,*  
*Pastor Joanna*



## Dates For Your Diary

### **‘Power House’ Prayer meeting**

Every Tuesday at 12:30pm

In the Small Church

### **Sunday Meeting**

Every Sunday at 2:30pm

### **Friday Evening Celebration**

With Guest Speaker

Howard Morgan

At 7:30pm



### **House Of Prayer**

Every Monday at 7pm-8pm

In the Small Church

### **Hollybush Family Camp 2025!**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August

To book please fill in the booking form on  
the website

[www.hollybushchristianfellowship.uk](http://www.hollybushchristianfellowship.uk)

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