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ASHWOOD NEWS – July / Aug 2026

Hello Ashwood News Readers! Welcome to our SUMMER edition of our Ashwood News! We will look back over the last couple of months as well as look ahead to things coming up in the life of the church. If you're new to us, we hope you can find what you're looking for. Feel free to contact us, if we can help you further. Thanks for reading!

Hello! At the time of writing the weather is rather warm, Wimbledon has just started and England are still featuring in the World Cup Tournament! (That may have changed by the time you read this!!)

Let me start with a few confessions! These are the things I **like**: Ice Cream, (the good stuff!) Vanilla Slices, Fully Loaded Fries, Belgian Buns, Fully Loaded Pizza, and a good English Breakfast! (*fully loaded ideally!*) I also like "sitting down"! – I do it a lot especially when I'm at my workplace. I sometimes stay up too late at night because I've started watching something on the TV later in the evening!

However, I am aware that these things are not good for me!! **I know** I should be careful what I include in my diet, **I know** I should stand up, stretch and walkaround more often and **I know** I need to get enough sleep to restore and sustain my body well! I know how to be healthy – I just need to do it! Healthy professionals tell us that we

should take vitamins and minerals that our bodies need in order to live healthy. Apparently this little collection of tablets and capsules will help: my brain, my joints and my bones! All of which I know need help!!



The basic facts are this: ***If I want my body to be healthy and sustainable for the future, there are things I need to put into practice and some things I need to moderate or remove from my daily living.*** The analogy isn't perfect, but I believe it's very similar in our spiritual lives. Why would I expect my "spirit" (the inner part of me that connects to God) to be healthy if I'm not doing anything about it?

That's why, as a church, we've been exploring spiritual practices (or you could say *habits*) that we can build into our daily and weekly routines to ensure that we take good care of our "spirituality". We've spoken about the spiritual practices of prayer, of reading scripture (the bible), of sitting in solitude, of fasting without food, of observing the sabbath, all to help us to stop for a moment or longer – to re-centre our focus and attention towards God and create time to be aware of His presence. (He's always with us, we just often forget to notice!) We've also looked at some other practices which recognise that our goal to be spiritually healthy doesn't happen just when we are on our own. The spiritual practices of: Community, Service and Mission – all recognise that we meet God **THROUGH** other people, and we are used **BY** God to bring His love into the world **TO** other people. And not only that, but God uses other people to grow our love for Him and to shape and form us to become more like Jesus too.

There are plenty of challenges in forming new habits, (or embedding old ones) but I can honestly say that for me personally, over the last few weeks I've just made small changes in my habits to re-centre my focus towards God each day and I can already see the benefits in my relationship with Him. My prayer is that you would too! Of course, in the same way that I need to keep the vitamins in my body everyday, otherwise I won't have the benefit I need to allow these practices to be my daily/weekly habits in order to benefit me throughout all the days of

my life – but my spiritual life is of significant value – so I'm determined to maintain practices for the long term!

As we continue into the summer, a time when we might be able to either go away or take a break from work or school – often space to enjoy the wonder and beauty of God's creation and take some rest to restore our souls – and slow down to



listen to God and enjoy Him. We deliberately pause some of our activities over the summer, to allow space and rest for everyone (including leaders and volunteers) so we can relaunch in September with fresh energy and life! This year that will include our LifeGroups – which have paused meeting together for a season. If you've been thinking about joining one of our LifeGroups, now would be a good time to let us know, so we can include you in the relaunch in September.



We continue to increase our prayers for our New Home for Ashwood Project – which is part of our bigger vision to create more opportunities for more people to find Jesus and know His love! Please take time to join with us – in the different places when we gather (Touching Heaven, Prayer Space, Pray First and also our monthly gatherings after the meeting on a Sunday *see dates) we believe your prayers make a difference. We're asking God to provide the finances we need, as well as working to apply for grants and funding from organisations and businesses who might want to support our vision of a vibrant facility in our community to become "home" for many more people. Look out for more information about our **"BIG GIVE"** weekend – we have some exciting plans to raise the profile of the project as well as some fund raising too!

Don't forget that over the August Bank Holiday Weekend you can join us for the whole weekend or for a day at **AWAKEN** – on the Lincolnshire ShowGround. Joining with several thousand people for worship, teaching and being together. We won't have our regular meeting on Sunday 30th August because many of us will be in Lincoln. Tickets for the Sunday are half price for Ground Level Churches, so why not come over and join us, if the weather is good we'll have a picnic together too! (Details see page 7.)

Having started with my confessions, let me finish by reassuring you that as well as some of the bad habits I also recently took some days away to rest, read and ride my bike! It was wonderful and life giving! Grateful to God for his kindness and goodness!

Matt Bell

Senior Leader Ashwood Church

ASHWOOD CHURCH'S

BIG GIVE WEEKEND

2ND – 4TH OCTOBER 2026

We are building a brand new vibrant community hub and church home – a space designed for worship, mission and community impact – we're creating something that will serve Kirkby for generations to come.

LUNCHEON INVITATION

We would be delighted if you could join us for a luncheon to meet the team and hear about our exciting building project.

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026	12.30PM THE ASHWOOD CENTRE
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Enjoy lunch with us and discover the impact this project can have in our community.





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RSVP BY MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
claire@ashwoodchurch.org.uk





Sunday Mornings Guest Speakers 2026

19th July – Paul Blundell Alive Church Lincoln

16th August – Annie and Francis Mkandawire from Malawi

13th September – Stuart Bell – founder of Alive Church and the Ground Level Network

15th November – Ness Wilson – Open Heaven Church Loughborough / Pioneer Network Leader

SERVING HIGHLIGHTS

During the final two Sundays in June and the week in-between we highlighted some of the teams that serve regularly in our wonderful Church family. We highlighted: Seesaw Team (Our Toddler Group) / Welcome and Hospitality Team (Sundays) / Foodbank (Kirkby Storehouse) / Elevate (Young People) / Worship Team Tech / Car Park Team / Pastoral Care Team / Gathering Team / Café 22 / Earthshakers Team (Sundays).

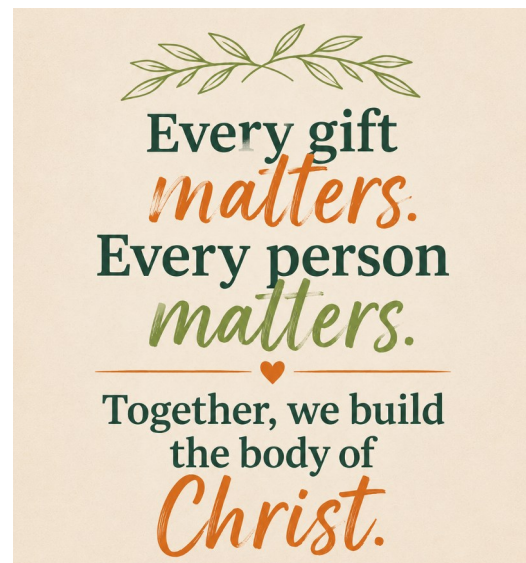


It was great to hear the stories from people about why they love to serve in these different teams. Huge thanks to everyone who give their time and energy to make all of our teams better and serve people so well.

If you'd like to join one of these amazing teams, please contact the team leader (see website) or contact admin@ashwoodchurch.org.uk and we can connect you to the right persons.

THANK YOU!!

Claire Bell



new home for ashwood

New Home for Ashwood Prayer Gatherings

We believe that right now, our prayers are the most significant part of our journey towards our New Home for Ashwood. We are encouraging everyone to pray in faith every day that God would make it possible for us to have the finances to build our new home.

We also are encouraging as many people as possible to join us each month, online (see new times below). We believe that it's as we pray and seek God that we will see the breakthrough we need! These are the dates for your diary.

Prayer Gatherings:

Sundays after the church service 12.15-12.45pm	26th July
	No meeting in August

NHFA Giving

For
donations,
please
scan one
of the QR
codes



Via Stewardship pg



Via ChurchSuite

PRAYER FOR PROVISION

Heavenly Father,
We thank you for the vision you have given us to build a house for your glory. We declare that this project is in your hands, and we trust you as our provider. You are the source of every resource, every opportunity, and every generous heart.

Lord, we ask you to stir faith and generosity among your people. Open doors for resources we have not yet imagined, raise up partners and supporters, and supply every need for this building project. Bless every gift that is given and multiply it for Your kingdom.

We declare that this building will be a place of worship, prayer, salvation, and transformation for many lives. May it stand as a testimony of Your faithfulness and your goodness for generations to come.

Remind us, Lord, that unless you build the house, the builders labour in vain. So, we place this entire project into your hands. Jehovah Jireh, our Lord who sees the need and provides. May the provision arrive in your perfect time, and let this building stand as a testimony of your faithfulness and goodness.

May your kingdom be advanced through it. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

New Home for Ashwood Update

There has been so much happening behind the scenes over the last few weeks, and we wanted to share a snapshot of the journey with you. Thank you for continuing to pray, encourage and believe with us.



Building Our Future on Faith

Following our Sunday gathering on 28th June, many of us stayed to pray for the New Home for Ashwood. It was a powerful time as faith grew together.

We reflected on Luke 17, where Jesus told the ten men with leprosy, *"Go, show yourselves to the priests."* They stepped out in obedience before they saw the miracle. We sensed God reminding us that this building project is also a journey of obedient faith—taking the next step and trusting Him with what we cannot yet see.

Psalm 24 also shaped our prayers: *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."* This is God's project, not ours. We prayed for Him to open the right doors—for favour, provision, partnerships and opportunities—in His perfect timing.

Matt also shared how God prompted him not to be overwhelmed by the overall cost, but simply to pray for the

next £100,000... and then the next. It was a wonderful reminder that God faithfully leads us one step at a time.

Practical Progress

Alongside praying, we're also working hard. Bob, Gisela and Claire began preparing funding applications, developing resources to support them and researching charitable trusts that

could help fund our new home. There is a huge amount happening behind the scenes, and we're excited to see where God leads.

We're also delighted that **Seesaw** is launching its own £10,000 fundraising campaign to help create the new crèche and children's space in our

future building—a wonderful investment in the next generation.

Save the Date

Please keep **2nd–4th October** free for our **Big Give Weekend**. We'll be sharing full details later this month, but it promises to be a fantastic weekend with opportunities to gather, celebrate, give and invite friends as we continue writing the next chapter of Ashwood's story together.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer. We truly believe this journey is being built on faith, obedience and God's miraculous provision. Together we declare with confidence: **God can do this.**

Claire Bell
on behalf of the
NHFA team





Sunday Tickets

A special offer exclusively for Ground Level Churches who close their doors on the Sunday of Awaken, this discount allows day entry for the Sunday of the event at half price.



Tickets / Prices

The earlier you book, the better price you get!

“Summer Saver”

3rd June—31st July

“Event Price”

1st Aug—Event

AWAKEN 2026

**Friday 28th – Monday 31st
August**

The annual celebration event on the Lincolnshire showground of the Ground Level Network of churches. You can either bring a tent/caravan and camp with us for the weekend, book some local residential accommodation or just come over a day or two.

The final discounted booking deadline is: 31st July and it's best to book in by this time to guarantee camping together with us. The day visitor tickets

are also cheaper if you book in advance.

If you can't come for the whole weekend, why not just come for the Sunday. Because we are a Ground Level Church not meeting as normal on that Sunday, we have special access to HALF PRICE tickets. Why not book in and join us. (Bring food for a picnic tea on that day too and we'll eat altogether.)

Matt Bell

Senior Leader Ashwood Church

For more information or to book tickets for the whole weekend, go to <https://awakenevent.uk/>

If you have any issues with camping gear or transport, please talk to Janet Wright or Gisela Beighton and we will try to help you out.



prayer

Opportunities to pray TOGETHER:

We believe prayer is so important in the life of Ashwood. If you consider yourself part of our Ashwood Family – please find ways of joining with us to pray.

“Prayer Rally”

Every **Sunday** morning 9.50am
at the Ashwood Centre before the
meeting

“Pray First”

Fridays 7.00-7.30am on Zoom*

“Prayer Space”

Thursdays 9.30 -10.30am on Zoom*

“Touching Heaven”

Please join us! Everyone welcome!
The people of God in the Presence of
God. **Wednesday’s:**
2nd Sept, 7th Oct (no TH in Aug)

“Prayer for the New Home for Ashwood”

See separate section, page 6.

***For Zoom meetings,
find details on your
weekly email.**



TRANSFORMED WORSHIP NIGHTS 2026 – Sunday Evenings 7pm.

Let’s gather together to worship and to press in to all that God has for us! Join us for a night of praise, worship and seeking God. And make sure you have the other dates for 2026! On these evenings we gather together to worship, recognising that as we do that, we can be transformed in God’s presence. We often find ourselves praying for a fresh in-filling of the Holy Spirit and praying for those who need

a touch from
God.

**20th Sept /
22nd Nov**





prayer local and global

Jesus, our great high priest, is able to save completely those who come to God through him because he always lives to intercede for us. Hebrews 7:25

We give thanks and praise for each and every person who is finding and following Jesus each week through coming to Cafe22 and Foodbank. We pray that their stories of finding a welcome and belonging will encourage their friends and family to come to Jesus, who is able to save completely.

We pray for our children and young people to enjoy freedom within God's safe limits over the summer. We hope they will encounter Jesus, who is able to save us completely.

TEARFUND: DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal:

After several earthquakes struck Venezuela on 24 June, more than 3,600 people have died and 16,700 are injured. With a population of nearly 500,000, the state of La Guaira has been hit hardest by the disaster and has officially been declared a 'danger zone' by the government. Tearfund is working as part of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) to reach those in need as quickly as possible.



We pray for the ongoing work of Tearfund partners and other DEC Aid Agencies to be enabled to reach those in need with practical and emotional trauma support for survivors.

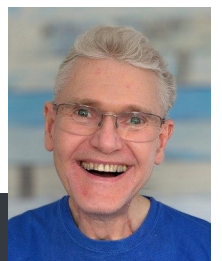
Forgotten Crisis Appeal:

Burkina Faso: over 2million people have been forced to flee their homes because of conflict and violence
Chad: over 900,000 refugees have fled into Chad from Sudan
Colombia: 130,000 people have been affected by severe flooding,
Mozambique: 720,000 people have been affected by floods and cyclones
Myanmar: ongoing conflict has displaced communities and humanitarian access is restricted
Yemen: over half the population are in need of humanitarian aid...

These countries seldom make the news headlines...

But Jesus is there and so is Tearfund working through local church partners. Families are living through increasingly severe crisis. Without support, daily life becomes a challenge for survival.

Dave Redfern



LINKS Charity:

We pray for LINKS Africa Hub in Embu, Kenya: There's been a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in the area so we



pray for protection for their two cows, one is pregnant. We pray for the staff team and volunteers at the Hub to be a blessing to their neighbours, who are obviously anxious

about the impact of the foot -and- mouth disease on their livelihood. Merciful Father, we ask that what the enemy meant for harm, you will turn for good and for your glory in Kenya. Amen. We pray for the Hub staff team and volunteers to continue to grow and expand their hospitality business, and sustainable farming methods.

Sam Walker, LINKS Africa director has been on his travels, recently visiting LINKS projects in Nakuru, Kenya. We give thanks and praise for the encouragement Sam shared of seeing

the projects now sustainable and flourishing. Ashwood Church invested in buying a donkey some years ago and its 'grandchildren' are helping to carry water tubs. We pray for Sam (and his Landrover) as he travels to visit LINKS Africa projects.

JUNE e:link newsletter: <https://www.links.charity/blog>

Be inspired with a word from Sam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdlhdzGBaMk>

LINKS current appeal focuses on prayer and support for their partners in Venezuela following the recent catastrophic earthquake to hit the country. We pray for LINKS partners facing grief and loss to find hope for their future in Jesus, who is able to save completely. LINKS have a new exciting appeal being launched soon on their website.

We look forward to Annie & Francis visiting Ashwood Church on 16th August to share an update on Hope Missions in Malawi. We pray for safe travels and encouragement for them.

The National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

is an annual recognition of the contribution that Christianity makes to the national life of the UK. The theme for this year is 'Hope for the Future', helping us consider how the Christian message offers us personal and political hope for our future. Attended by 700 people, including MP's and senior government leaders, gathered in Westminster Hall.

You can watch the livestream at any time on Christians in Parliament YouTube channel: [National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast 2026](#)

There's also a shorter [NPPB Promo \(2026\) video](#)

I found watching these videos so encouraging, they inspired me and acted as a catalyst for my own prayers. I hope you'll agree, now is an important time for us to be praying for our local and national leaders, the UK government, King Charles and our royal family. In 1 Timothy 2:1-4 Paul encourages us to pray.





Ashwood LifeGroups

LifeGroups have always been important for maintaining support and care and also a place to grow spiritually.

LifeGroups are a committed place in Ashwood where you can get to know a group of people, share life together and support a smaller group of people. It's also a safe place where we encourage one another to be followers of Jesus.

In Ashwood we aim for our LifeGroups to be: Welcoming, relational, Jesus centred and a place to grow!

LIFEGROUPS RELAUNCH SEPTEMBER

After taking a LifeGroup Meeting pause – we're looking forward to

relaunching meeting together in September.

We believe that our LifeGroups are such a vitally important part of church life. To help all of us to grow spiritually, stay planted in church and connected with each other and to become more like Jesus.

As we relaunch in September some of our groups will have some changes with different people and some will remain the same. If you aren't currently part of a LifeGroup and would like to be, this would be a great opportunity to join, as we restart meeting together! Please contact: admin@ashwoodchurch.org.uk now to find out more.

Look out for more information over the summer.



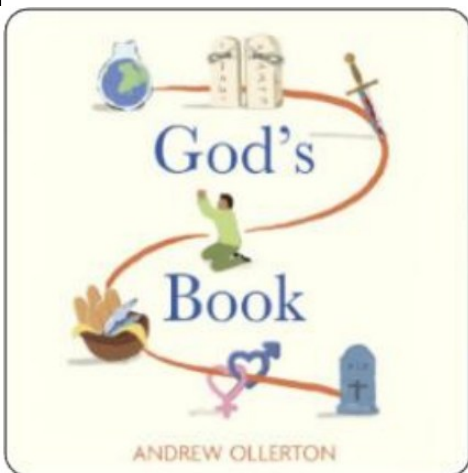
LIFE GROUP PAUSE

For the last couple of months we pressed pause on our regular LifeGroup meeting patterns. We have been thrilled that during this pause we were able to run four, very different courses that around 95 people engaged with. We are receiving

some great feedback at the moment. But for now, read on to get a snapshot of what each course was about and some of the wonderful reasons people have got a lot from them.

A Snapshot Of Our Four Courses

God's Book

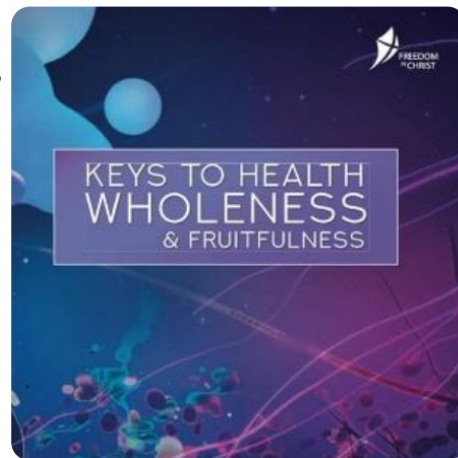


This course gave people fresh confidence to engage with difficult questions about the Bible and today's ethical

issues. The mix of excellent teaching, thoughtful discussion and diverse perspectives helped participants deepen their understanding, build meaningful relationships and feel better equipped to live out and explain their faith.

Keys to Health, Wholeness and Fruitfulness

Participants described this course as a safe, supportive environment where they could explore their faith, build deeper relationships



and be challenged to grow. The practical biblical teaching equipped people with tools for everyday life, while many shared that they continue to experience lasting change as they put what they learned into practice.

The Marriage Course

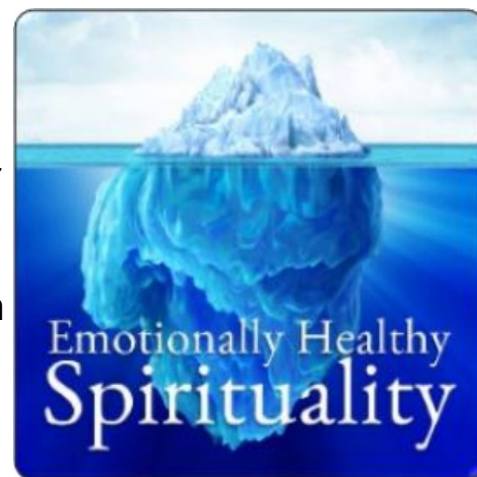
Participants described The Marriage Course as enriching, encouraging and highly practical. The relaxed, welcoming atmosphere created space for honest conversations, helping couples strengthen communication, rekindle romance and navigate important issues together. The combination of excellent hospitality, engaging content and intentional time



together made each session feel like a valuable investment in their relationship.

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Participants consistently described this course as deeply transformative, helping them slow down, embrace healthier rhythms with God, and grow in emotional honesty. The combination of vulnerable group discussions, practical spiritual habits and challenging content led many to experience greater freedom, deeper trust, richer prayer lives and renewed intimacy with Jesus.





Ashwood Church Financial Giving

We are so thankful to everyone who gives financially. We can't do anything without you! With your help, we can play our part in seeing God's Kingdom built and lives transformed for Jesus.

The easiest and most cost effective way to give to Ashwood Church is directly into the church bank account.

You can make a one off bank transfer or set up a regular standing order using our bank details:

Account Name: Ashwood Church
Account Number: 00216525
Sort Code: 60-01-73

This account can be used for donations for the general work of the church and the New Home for Ashwood project (if making a donation towards the New Home for Ashwood project, please use 'NHFA' as the reference so your gift can be correctly allocated).

Alternatively, you can:

- Donate by cash during the offering on a Sunday morning
- Make a debit / credit card donation via our online **Stewardship** page (visit <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20024077> or scan the QR code)
- Make a debit / credit card donation via our online **Donate** page (visit <https://ashwoodchurch.churchsuite.com/donate> or scan the relevant QR code)
- By debit / credit card on a Sunday morning (please see Becky if you would like to donate this way)

Please note that due to local branch closures and increased banking costs, we can no longer accept cheque donations



Donate - via Stewardship page



Donate - NHFA



Donate - General Fund

	Total Giving	General Offerings	Development (NHFA) Fund*	Building Fund
April 2026	£13,774	£11,024	£1,925	£825
Mai 2026	£15,642	£11,284	£3,663	£695
June 2026	£15,091	£12,079	£2,017	£995

Finance Focus: Building and Support Services

The Ashwood Centre is a place for people – a place where Ashwood church meets and a popular community centre at the heart of Kirkby in Ashfield. The Ashwood Centre welcomes hundreds of people each week.

Gift Aid

If you are a UK Tax Payer, there's some really good news! Ashwood Church can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give from the Government, using the Gift Aid scheme. Just email

becky@ashwoodchurch.org.uk for a Gift Aid form.

From Kirkby Storehouse (Foodbank), Café 22 (our Community Café) and the Seesaw Toddler Group to a centre for our Youth 'Drop-In' and a meeting place for many local groups, the Ashwood Centre is at the heart of our local community.

Your regular giving, whether large or small, helps us to keep the Ashwood Centre open and thriving. We have some ongoing maintenance issues – which is one reason we're planning a new building!

Over the last 12 months your giving has enabled us to:

- Run our twice weekly toddler group **Seesaw**. We currently average between 50 to 60 children at each session
- Maintain a safe and welcoming space for young people
- Run Kirkby Storehouse (**Foodbank**) and **Café 22** (our community café)

- Maintain the Ashwood Centre (including building redecoration, repairs and servicing)
- Run in house PAT testing for equipment
- Purchase equipment for the Ashwood Centre (including cleaning, health & safety and first aid items)
- Pay all our bills (including gas & electricity, phone & internet, water and waste disposal)
- Hire out the rooms at the Centre (we have 10 organisations / groups that use the Centre regularly during the month plus one off bookings!) *Did you know that since we took over the Ashwood Centre in 2018 / 2019, the income raised from hiring out our rooms has more than tripled! In 2025-2026 we received £15,358.21 in income from venue hire*
- Part time employ Caretaker Dave – who does an amazing job of caring for the Ashwood Centre and training staff and volunteers to keep us safe and healthy

Alongside the running of the Ashwood Centre, there is so much that happens behind the scenes. Gisela Beighton i (our Office Administrator) and Becky Holmes (our Finance Administrator) do an amazing job!! Here's just a snapshot of some of the things they do:

- Update the website and social media with news, events and talks
- Create and manage bookings for all of our events (including our community Christmas events, holiday clubs, Friday Night Takeaway, LifeGroup & discipleship courses and Refresh Youth Weekend away)
- Take care of policies, assist with safe-

guarding administration and support our team leaders with rotas and volunteer forms

- Watch over Communications – including our weekly information email
- Produce the amazing Bi-Monthly Ashwood News
- Administer the finances of the Church (including banking and processing all income and expenditure)
- Set up additional giving methods to make it easier for people to give (in person, online, direct to the bank)
- Prepare the annual budget and process salaries
- Process expenses claims (for staff

and volunteers) and pay invoices

- Produce monthly financial reports for trustees and the Year End Accounts
- Submit the annual Gift Aid claim to HMRC
- And much, much more!

Thank you so much for the money you give which has enabled us to do this and much more!

Everything we do is connected to our mission to help people find and follow Jesus!

Becky Holmes
Financial Administrator



Our NEXT Baptism Sunday date is 11th October

If you've never been baptised, please speak to someone, and find out more.

We already have a number of people interested in being baptised. Could this be you next time ?

Please contact your LifeGroup Leader or Youth Leader or email admin@ashwoodchurch.org.uk or bec@ashwoodchurch.org.uk to register your interest or if you would like to have a conversation.



“Belonging to Ashwood” – Next Session Sunday 2nd August / 20th Sept / 22nd Nov 12-12.45pm after the morning meeting.

If you'd like to find out what it means to be part of Ashwood – please join us for this short session. This is the perfect place to ask questions, and hear about our vision, values, and mission as a church. You can also find out how to join a LifeGroup or one of our serving teams. If you're new to Ashwood or been around for a while this is also perfect for you. You can just turn up or let us know you're coming

claire@ashwoodchurch.org.uk or
bec@ashwoodchurch.org.uk





It has often been said to me that I talk, and smile a lot! I suppose that could be considered ideal traits to have as part of the welcome team. However, when we welcome people into our own homes, we want them to feel looked after, special and part of our family. It is such a privilege welcoming people into the House and family of God, especially if they are stepping into church for the first time, helping them to feel "at home" and cared for.

So volunteer and be part of the team, you will get to know more of our church family. You will be blessed, but also serving God and others, so they will be too.

Elaine Torr



Why not come and be a part of our amazing welcome team and help provide a welcoming space for everyone coming into Ashwood? Whether you can make a cup of tea/coffee or simply greet people as they come in with a smile and warm welcome - we'd love to hear from you!

Chat to Janet Wright If you want to find out more!



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Summer PICNIC

 **Date:** Sunday 16th August

 **Time:** 12.30

 **Location:** Kingsway Park, Kirkby

We love to gather together in the sunshine (!) to eat and catch up in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. There's things to play on for children and plenty of space to be together. Bring your picnic, a chair or rug and let's hang out together!



community

Cafe Living the Dream!

For longer than I'd like to admit I've had a quiet dream of running a cafe where access to art and craft was a part of it. I now find myself living this dream with Cafe22

This is how it's come about.



Ashfield Creates is an organisation that has been funded and set up to bring The Arts to the Ashfield area in a wide variety of

ways. They are wanting to fill a very large gap in the community.

One of the ways they are doing this is by taking art to where people are instead of expecting people to come to them. Coffee and craft is a great combination and we have already had the pleasure



of meeting our first artist. Bailey Revill is a lino print artist who came to the cafe for a morning. It was so good to see our customers spend time

with her and produce their own printed

cards to take away with them. It was a delight to see people who had nervously approached the printing table then leave with proud smiles and a sense of achievement, showing off their cards.



I am looking forward to the next artist, Lucy Davis, coming on the 13th July. She uses nature and natural pigments in her art.

Hopefully some of you will meet her when she comes, and you will enjoy coffee, cake and a bit of art.

I am also looking to use some Ashwood art and



would be happy to support and include you.

Christine Redfern



craft talent from September so that we can do something monthly instead of every two months. If you'd like to share your talent on a Monday morning please let me know. I



Foodbank

the donations we receive week in and week out, especially as needs are rising and our food needs to go further.



Grateful!

There's so much to celebrate and be

thankful for at Storehouse Foodbank. We are really welcoming some of our Storehouse Foodbank users becoming volunteers, and enjoying the change it's

making in their lives. We continue to be thankful for all



We couldn't work without our amazing team who turn up week in and week out. Please

pray for Storehouse Foodbank and the church as many of our users are finding a real welcome at church on Sundays.

Gill Isterling
Storehouse Foodbank
Team Leader



Save the date and invite your friends to this amazing NHFA Fundraiser:



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Lynne & Barrie's OPEN GARDEN DAY





SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER | **1.00 – 4.30PM**

REFRESHMENTS
(including home-baked cakes)

**PLANTS
FOR SALE**

**PAINTINGS
AND CRAFTS
FOR SALE**

ENTRY: £4.00 / PERSON – CHILDREN GO FREE

160 SOUTHWELL ROAD WEST, MANSFIELD NG18 4HB



Anybody wishing to sell crafts etc. (excluding food), please contact admin@ashwoodchurch.org.uk

Come along, enjoy a lovely afternoon and support the New Home for Ashwood



All proceeds go to New Home for Ashwood



Signposting

At Ashwood, we strive to create a culture of care and to support people pastorally to the best of our abilities. Some issues however are so complex and deep that they may require additional support. If you're unsure of where to go, here are a few ideas. This may be for you or someone you're supporting, but we hope you find it useful. Don't hesitate to get in touch with me for more information.

Bec Goody
Pastoral Care Team Leader



Debt Advice

christians
against
poverty

CAP

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) have some really useful stuff on their website, helping with developing a budget, making your money go further, debt advice and even help finding work.

<https://capuk.org/>

PayPlan

PayPlan can also offer help and advice online or on the phone.

<https://www.payplan.com/>

Children's Mental Health

Be U

NOTTS

SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

Be U Notts is a free Mental Health Service for children and young people. Their free counselling options offer a safe and comfortable space for children/young people to talk about their feelings, whether it is with a professional counsellor or other people like them.

<https://www.beusupport.co.uk/>



Nott Alone Is a brilliant website that provides local mental health advice for help for young people in Nottinghamshire. For all involved in the suffering of a young person with loads of topics and resources. <https://nottalone.org.uk/?a=yp>



GREEN LANE
Counselling & Psychotherapy

Green Lane Counselling and Psychotherapy work with children and young people in a variety of settings and offer affordable rates! <https://www.greenlanecounselling.co.uk/>



Kooth is a brilliant free app for young people. It's a free, safe and anonymous place for young people to access support. They can express themselves, receive tips, join discussion boards and receive free anonymous support from trained professionals in the chat function. <https://www.kooth.com/>



Eco Tips

Month: July

Big Impact: Inspire the next generation get out into nature, appreciate God's creation and teach the young ones to look after it the rest of their lives.

Little Stuff: Going on holiday? Grab some reef friendly or reef positive sun cream to reduce your impact on coral and other marine life.

Easy: Wash up the cleanest items first, and the dirtiest ones last.

Month: August

Big Impact: Switch to a 100% renewable energy supplier/tariff

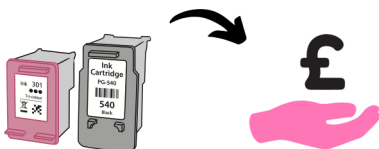
Little Stuff: Talk to someone about climate breakdown and global warming, see what they care about and why

Easy: Run your dishwasher full to use less energy.

Jono Wright



Help Us Raise Money!
Recycle Your Ink Cartridges

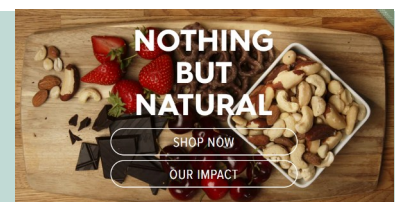


recycle them at recycle4charity.co.uk

Empty ink cartridges -> cash

Did you know that you can raise money for Ashwood Church with your empty ink cartridges? You can either create your own account on [Recycle4Charity](https://recycle4charity.co.uk) and name Ashwood Church as your selected charity or you can bring them along to church (Dave Redfern). Thank you!

A Win, win swap! Fairtrade High-protein, plant based snacks: Choose Liberation: <https://chooseliberation.com/> Good for us, good for producers and good for the planet. Dave & Christine love them.





Regular Meetings:

- **Sunday Morning:** Ashwood meets in the Ashwood Centre starting at 10.00am for refreshments, meeting starts at 10.30am
- **Touching Heaven Gathering:** 7.30 – 9.00pm usually 1st Wednesday in the month: 2nd September, 7th October - Details see page 9
- **LifeGroups** are currently on pause.
For more info, see pages 12-13 - to join, talk to Bec Goody
- **Ashwood Youth** meets on Fridays 24th July, 14th August, 11th and 25th September
- **Prayer Opportunities** see pages 6 7,9,10 and 11
- **New Home for Ashwood Prayer** dates: page 6
- **Belonging to Ashwood Meetings** see page 16
- **Opportunities to Serve**, see pages 5 and 17
- **Transformed Worship Nights**, dates and details see page 9

Ashwood in the Community

- **Ashwood Men:** Weekly Breakfast on Thursdays 9.30 am
- **Café 22:** Mondays except Bank Holidays 9.30 am – 1 pm
- **Foodbank:** Tuesdays 2.00pm - 3.00 pm
- **Seesaw (toddlers):** Tuesdays & Fridays term time 9.30am – 11.15 am
- **The Gathering Place:** First and third Friday of the month 2-4 pm

For Your Diaries:

16th August	Summer Picnic	pg 17
28th-31st August	Awaken	pg 8
13th Sept	NHFA Fundraiser	pg 19
2nd-4th October	NHFA Big Give Weekend	pg 4+7
11th October	Baptism Sunday	pg 16





sunday messages

The best way to get hold of our Sunday messages is the 'Talks' section of our church website (or Facebook). Here's a remind of what has been preached over the last few weeks

Sunday 17th May	<u>Fostering Sunday</u> Zoe Bell
Sunday 24th May	<u>Pentecost Sunday</u> Michael Olajide
Sunday 31st May	<u>Rooted - Part 3 - Scripture</u> Julian Bingham
Sunday 7th June	<u>Rooted - Part 4 - Fasting</u> Helen Tomlinson
Sunday 14th June	<u>Rooted - Part 5 - David's life</u> Matt Bell
Sunday 21st June	<u>Rooted - Part 6 - Community</u> Paul and Zoe Bell
Sunday 28th June	<u>Rooted -Part 7 - Serving</u> Andy Beighton
Sunday 5th July	<u>Rooted - Part 8 - Sabbath</u> Joe Gisbey
Sunday 12 July	<u>Rooted - Part 9 - Witness</u> Bob Goody



Further information

For further information about any church activities, please speak to one of our welcome team or one of the people taking part in the meeting. Alternatively, feel free to make use of the following contact information:

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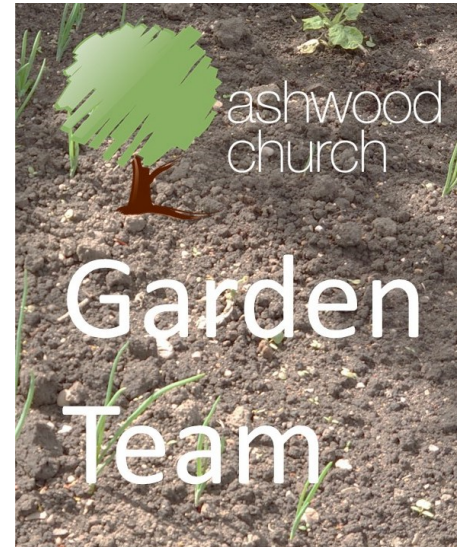
In case you miss any of the information from Ashwood News or the weekly notices, then visit www.ashwoodchurch.org.uk.

We have a Church Weekly email with lots of information to help keep you up to date with what's going on and how to get involved. To be included in the mailing list to receive this information please come along to our next "Belonging to Ashwood" Session (pg 17) or for more information, email admin@ashwoodchurch.org.uk.

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