

Hello Everyone

Please do share the following dates widely with your church / organisation / community.

A copy of this newsletter can also be found on the CTBS website.

Thank you

Love Stortford 2026 A message from John Barfoot

I emailed recently about Love Stortford 2026 which will take place during the week commencing Monday 15th June and will culminate on Carnival Day Saturday 20th June.

I am just about to compile the literature for this venture and would like to know if your church will be putting on any special events, during this week, that you would like included in the leaflets.

God Bless,
John Barfoot

Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Course starting 16th April 7.30pm St Barnabas Centre

Kintsugi 金継ぎ is a Japanese technique for repairing pottery with seams of gold.



It is with the same respect for the brokenness that we journey with each other towards a world where mental and emotional health is understood and accepted, with safe and supportive communities for everyone to grow and flourish.

This gentle course encourages us to look after our own mental health and wellbeing, and to care for others who may be struggling. The 12 week course looks at themes such as anxiety, depression, loss, self-acceptance, healthy relationships, and resilience. Each session starts with refreshments, followed by opportunities to discuss and reflect on our experiences, building a toolkit for future support. The course is free, and open to everyone, Christian and non-Christian. The first week is a 'taster session'. Do sign up if you are interested, and pass the details on to others.

Please see attached.



De-Greecing the Church 25th April 9.30am-4.30pm

Unlock the scriptures with Mark Hendley at this conference at the Charis Centre. Mark is an expert on the geographical and historical context of the bible and Christianity. For more details about the conference and to book in click [here](#). For more info about Mark click [here](#)

Gather & Pray Youth Workers & Leaders Monday 27th April Everyone Welcome



YMCA

We're excited to share with you our first Church partner newsletter, giving you an update on all that has been happening as well as some items for continued prayer.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:EU:d9396bd8-c4a7-4ba6-b4fc-95ac845d4a00>

Coming soon..... please save the dates:

'What's happening with God and Gen Z' Youth Workers Conference

Saturday 6th June 10am – 1pm St Barnabas Centre Save the date! Everyone Welcome!

An opportunity to gather together, pray, raise awareness, equip, and affirm our Youth Leaders. There will be key note speakers, displays from local organisations, and a lots to celebrate. Open to everyone. More details to follow, but please put the date in your diaries!

Love Stortford's Outreach Week 15th – 20th June

Details are being sent to all Churches. This video may give some ideas for starters.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejBqkDKqAPE>

This year, the Baptist Church will be organising the Carnival entry and the Community Church will host a corner of the Funday Field. These will be the only centrally organised events. The rest of the activities that take place during the week prior to, and on, Saturday 20th June are in the hands of *your* church's passion and imagination.

I very much welcome the individual Church Projects such as St Michael's going to the Skate Ramp with hot dogs, Methodist, Baptists and Hockerill fellowship supplying free teas and coffees and

the many different ways in which Churches Together have reached out and blessed the residents of our town.

If you would like me to visit and discuss the vision and practicalities of Love Stortford, please do let John Barfoot know. Also, please let me know if you would like to set up a project which you would like other churches to join in with. john@barfoot.org

CTBS Songs of Praise 4th October more details soon

Please send me details of events at your church, including Alpha groups, courses, concerts etc. Updates will generally be sent the first week of each month. Please note, we now have an 'events' page on our website where you can check dates and avoid clashes.