



**WHITLEY BAY**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
growing community

**May 2026**  
**Newsletter**  
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## Sundays

3<sup>rd</sup> May

10am New Hope for Children

10<sup>th</sup> May

10am Tony Ruddle

17<sup>th</sup> May

10am Fruit of the Spirit  
6pm Persistent Prayer

24<sup>th</sup> May

10am Love

31<sup>st</sup> May

10am Joy

## What's on in May

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> after the service** - Meeting with Richard Sanderson about short term mission in Bogota

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** - Church Walk. See below for details

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 2pm-4pm** - **The Light Group** For adults with additional needs. Meeting in the Small Hall

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 8pm** - **Prayer Meeting** In the Small Hall and on zoom. To join [Click Here](#)

## Alpha - Exploring Faith

**Tuesday afternoons this summer**

Alpha is coming to Whitley Bay Baptist Church. Do you know someone who would like to know more about the Christian faith or is interested in exploring big questions about life? Maybe Alpha is for them. Starting this Summer on Tuesday afternoons we'll be running a 10 week Alpha course. Our hope is to follow this up with an evening course in the Autumn. For more information speak to Joel or David Rootham. Who will you invite?

**THERE'S  
A SEAT  
FOR YOU**



## Whitley Blaze Run Club

The Run Club has relaunched on Monday's at 6.50pm meeting outside church. For men and women, runners of all abilities. A wonderful thing to invite friends that run along to For more details see Paul Richardson.

## Church Walk:

Our next walk is on 9th May starting at 10 am and we will park in the vicinity of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Mitford, NE61 3PZ. There may be a small car park but on road parking is also available outside the church. We will walk through countryside and by the river into Morpeth and follow a circular route. We will have a refreshment break in Morpeth. Please let Tony Ruddle know if you are coming by 8th May.

### New: Offering Hospitality

As part of our value for welcoming and pastoral care for new attenders at church we would like to form a hospitality group. This would be a bank of people available at short notice to invite them to lunch after a Sunday service (or maybe at a mutually convenient time). The Welcome Team would have knowledge of who was available and indicate who was visiting. Please consider this and let Crispian or Tony if you are willing.

### Tearfund Service and International Lunch Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June

The logo for Tearfund, featuring the word "tearfund" in white lowercase letters on a teal rectangular background with a yellow border.

Put the date in your diary as we come together to hear about the work of Tearfund and join in fellowship and food and celebrate our diversity. As in previous years we need food from around the world, all to raise money for Tearfund church partners in 50 of the world's poorest countries. Please let Julie Sheasby know if you can help with catering for the lunch in anyway.

### Weekly Activities

- Carer and Toddlers - Mondays 9.45
- Chair Based Exercise - Thursdays 11am
- Take 5 and Chat alternate Wednesdays, see Facebook for details.
- Warm Welcome - Tuesdays 11:30am-2:00pm
- Whitley Blaze Run Club - Mondays 6.50pm

### Pastoral Care

The pastoral team is here to support you. If you wish support, a simple catch up, or know of a need for someone else, please get in touch. The team is available for home visits, walk and talks or café chats. To get in touch email [pastoralcare@wbcc.org.uk](mailto:pastoralcare@wbcc.org.uk) and we'll get back to you.

The pastoral care team are: Janusia Jaquiere; Miriam Lennox; Sue Pneumaticatos; Maureen Ruddle; Tony Ruddle; and Brian Wardle.

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