



NEWS BULLETIN

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Ladies Fellowship announce their 2025 Summer Programme

Our Broadstone Baptist Church Ladies Fellowship is by far our longest running weekly meeting. Now in its eighth decade our ladies continue to meet every Wednesday afternoon throughout the year in conjunction with the school academic year.

The group continues to thrive and they have just released details of their 2025 Summer Programme details of which are shown below. Ruth Pettifer the All-Age Ladies Fellowship group co-ordinator has pulled together an excellent varied schedule of individual speakers and presentations from Evangelical Christian organisations.



Ruth Pettifer

The summer programme runs from Wednesday the 23rd of April through to Wednesday the 13th of August when they break for the summer holidays. On each of the printed programmes Ruth writes an editorial for the back page and we have reproduced her latest article here:

Small Things in Summer

What kind of small things do you have in your life? Well, I've been planting seeds in the hope that I will be able to fill my garden with flowers this Summer. Some of the seeds (sunflowers) are quite large and easy to handle, and I could plant one seed per pot. However, some of the seeds were more like black dust and all I could do was to sprinkle the seeds lightly over the compost and hope that they would grow!! I am happy to report that so far, some seeds from each packet have begun to germinate, thanks to the warm sun that we have been enjoying. It made me think. The Bible mentions lots of small things, chicks, mustard seeds, grains of wheat, eggs and even bread crumbs! Some of these will grow much larger and be useful in our everyday lives. I'm hoping that my seeds will continue to grow big enough to plant out eventually. As I sprinkled the seed, there was quite a lot that I could do to encourage it to grow, and I wonder if we cherish our own small grains of faith in the same way?

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We need to look at the state of our hearts and souls daily, just as I go out to inspect my seeds. We need to study our motives and our actions, to keep a watch on our words and our thoughts, to make sure that they are heading in a godly direction, heading always to what is good and life affirming. Every day, I turn my seed trays so that the seedlings don't get leggy and lean in one direction! Do we pay attention to our lives, making sure that they are always leaning towards the light of the God? In Phillipians 4:8, we read, *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.* In these days of gloomy, sometimes distressing news, it's good to be reminded that we don't need to dwell on those things, but we can be looking for things that will help us to delight in a good Heavenly Father who has given us so much to enjoy.

BBC Ladies Fellowship Summer Session 2025

DATE	OUR SPEAKER	WORD
Weds. 23rd Apr.	Henry Harley Good news for all (Gideons)	Testimony
Weds. 30 Apr.	Brian Rawlings Report on <u>Mandritsara Hosp.</u>	Call
Weds. 7th May	Ruth Pettifer	Condemnation
Weds. 14th May	Own Programme - Reports & Favourite Bible Verses	Steps
Weds. 21st May	Tim Shenton	Children
Weds. 28th May	Half-term Break	
Weds. 4th June	Stephen Gillham	Justified
Weds. 11th June	Mike Dove <u>Gospel Mission B'mouth</u>	Household

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Weds. 18th June	Julie Edwards.	Distress
Weds. 25th June	Rev Ralph Goldenberg	Portion
Weds. 2nd July	Clive and Ruth Hobbs	Flesh
Weds. 9th July	Own Programme Favourite Hymns	Reproach
Weds. 16th July	Georgina Gray <u>Wycliffe Bible Translators</u>	Able
Weds. 23rd July	Steven Driver	Quietness
Weds. 13th Aug	Summer Break Cream Tea at Church 2.30-4.00 pm	
Our next Session Meetings start on Wednesday 10th September 2025		