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FOR WORLD PEACE AND UNIFICATION **UK**

Newsletter

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Welcome to this week's newsletter! Inside you'll find highlights from Annual Gathering Festival 2026, inspiring stories from our communities and the latest news and opportunities from across the UK.

MESSAGE OF THE WEEK



Dear brothers and sisters,

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Annual Gathering Festival 2026 such a joyful and memorable weekend.

If you couldn't join us, I hope the photos, videos and reflections in this newsletter give you a glimpse of the joy, creativity and faith we shared together as individuals, families and one

community pursuing God's Dream, the Original Ideal. This is simply who they are, who you are, who we are.

Since returning home, we've all stepped back into a world filled with uncertainty and challenges, globally, nationally and personally. Let us face them together. Let us rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn, and make space for play, wonder and hope.

During this year's AGF, we felt clearly how essential creative playfulness, or playful creativity, is to making God's Dream a human reality at every level.

Playfulness is not about closing our eyes to reality. It's about seeing with children's eyes. It is an act of rebellion against those who try to rule through the logic of fear and power. It is about relating to God and living in this world as it was originally intended.

We hope these stories encourage you, bring back happy memories and inspire you for the weeks ahead. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

Bogdan & Yoshiko

UPCOMING DATES

- Family Camp: 24 Jul - 29 Jul
- Children's Camp: 3 Aug - 8 Aug
- Memorial Service: 9 Aug
- 21-Day Spirituality Workshop: 4 Sep - 24 Sep

AGF 2026



We had a successful Annual Gathering Festival! It was beautiful to see the UK community come together for the weekend, like one big family~

Find pictures of the weekend here: [Annual Gathering Festival 2026](#)

NOTE The recorded sermon will be available to watch soon! Please keep an eye out



A Weekend of Faith, Fellowship and Connection at Cleeve House

A weekend of faith, fellowship and joy at Cleeve House ✨ The Annual Gathering Festival 2026 brought our UK community and international guests together for worship, connection and shared celebration. [Click below to read the recap!](#)

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Koken: I was born in Tokyo (My parents are 1800 couple) and raised in Niigata, I graduated from Sun Moon University in South Korea. I moved to the UK 15 years ago and currently live in Watford. Three years ago, I established my own consulting company, specializing primarily in the food industry. My wife is Korean, and we are blessed with three children: a 20-year-old daughter, an 18-

year-old son, and a 15-year-old son. Church is my home and I hope to give back and support our church community in any way I can through my role as trustee.

Simon: My name is Simon and I'm a Scottish 2nd gen. My roots are in my parents' countries - Slovakia and Albania but I have grown up in south-west Scotland which is now my home. I recently finished university and will start working as a resident doctor. I enjoy hiking, the gym, sports and meeting other young people to organise activities. I strongly believe in the family model and inspiring others to achieve their best selves and meaningful goals.

SUMMER READING LIST



Here is a beautifully made summer reading recommendations by Children’s Ministry Officer Ala Zubovskis~ Find the perfect books for you and your family below!

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Application Deadline: July 1st 2026

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Wednesdays 7pm

North and East Europe Devotion

Thursdays 6-6:30am

UK Weekly Devotion

Fridays 6-6:30am

Prayers for Peace

Every Other Monday 7-7:30am

ZOOM ID: 831 8650 7184

PASSCODE: BCLCpfp26

North of Thames Morning Prayer

Mondays 10-10:30 am

Meeting ID: 349 412 689 143

Passcode: 79c4vA7H

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Annual Gathering Festival 2026: A Weekend Of Faith, Fellowship And Connection At Cleeve House

Over the weekend of 20–21 June 2026, members of the UK community came together once again at Cleeve House for the Annual Gathering Festival 2026, a much-anticipated yearly event centered on celebration, worship and shared life.

This year's festival brought together UK members alongside guests from Portugal, Moldova and the Czech Republic, as well as representatives from other faith backgrounds, including the Bath Interfaith Association. Their presence added an important dimension of openness and dialogue, reflecting the wider spirit of unity that shaped the weekend.

The event required significant preparation in advance, coordinated by David Schroeder, Operations Officer at FFWPU-UK, working with a large team of volunteers. From Friday onward, volunteers arrived on-site to prepare the grounds, creating a welcoming environment for all ages.

By the time the festival began, Cleeve House had been transformed into a lively and family-friendly space. Activities included football and volleyball, face painting, a splash zone for younger children, arts and crafts, a bouncy castle, soft play areas, and a range of informal spaces designed for connection and relaxation.

The programme opened on Saturday afternoon with Man Bok Chen and Beatrice Gaina, followed by remarks from Bogdan Pammer and worship led by the band. Across the weekend, meals were provided by HyoSong Cho, Sarah Monah and their team, with Korean food served throughout and forming a key part of the shared experience.

Saturday evening continued with worship and fellowship, as participants gathered in a more reflective setting. Many attendees stayed overnight in tents or nearby accommodation, adding to the sense of a shared retreat.



On Sunday morning, numbers increased as more participants arrived. The main worship service at 11:00am was led by Kieran Hoyte, with MCs guiding the flow of the programme. The central message was shared by Dr Michael Balcomb and Fumiko Balcomb, who encouraged attendees to maintain hope and perspective in the midst of challenges, reflecting on resilience through difficult times and the importance of placing concerns in God's hands.

The service also included a time of reflection and worship, alongside a Father's Day moment where children offered leis to their fathers in appreciation. The Grace Miller Award was presented to Sophia Nichols in recognition of outstanding volunteer service, and thanks were also given to newly blessed couples.

Guests from other faith communities were welcomed on stage, including a Christian representative and an Imam, both of whom shared messages emphasising unity across difference and mutual respect. Their participation highlighted the ongoing importance of interfaith engagement, supported by representatives from the Bath Interfaith Association.

Additional provision was made for younger participants, including a Peace School programme and a crèche. A group

photo followed, capturing the wider community before attendees moved into informal time together, reconnecting with friends and members not seen for some time.

The afternoon programme included a variety of activities such as a sound bath, sister circle, open mic performances, singing, ceilidh dancing, and a lively tug of war, all contributing to a relaxed and participatory atmosphere.



The weekend also saw the participation of Nathan, a representative from Bath Interfaith Association, who engaged in both the service and wider programme. Positive connections were made, including media coverage of the event, with interest expressed in future collaboration.

Overall, the Annual Gathering Festival 2026 was marked by strong participation, shared responsibility, and a sense of openness across the community. Following the event, volunteers remained on-site for an additional day to support with clearing and packing down, reflecting the continued commitment behind the festival.

Beyond the activities and programme, the gathering continues to serve an important purpose: offering space for members across the UK to build relationships, deepen faith, and welcome new guests into a lived experience of community.

Find more media from the weekend on our community [Facebook](#)

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OTHER ARTICLES YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN



Join Us For The Annual Gathering Festival 2026

Communications | 19 June 2026

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Save The Date: Matching And Blessing Preparation Workshop

Communications | 10 June 2026

BFD EUME invites you to the next 2nd+ Gen Matching and Blessing Preparation Workshop – Level 2 Part 1! Save the date and join us



Technologies In Worship

Communications | 28 May 2026

Stephen Buckley is organising a “Technologies in Worship” workshop from June 6th to 7th in Stanton Fitzwarren. This weekend event will offer practical training in



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ALA ZUBOVSKIS

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Summer Reading For The Heart And Soul

Peace School Book Recommendations for Children and Families

Summer is a wonderful time to slow down, enjoy family moments, and discover stories that inspire children to grow in heart, character, and faith. Reading together not only develops imagination but also encourages meaningful conversations about virtues, kindness, and our relationship with God, our Heavenly Parent.

Here are some of our favourite books to enjoy over the holidays.

Ages 4–7

The Tale of Peter Rabbit – Beatrix Potter A timeless story about curiosity, responsibility, and learning from mistakes.

The Velveteen Rabbit – Margery Williams. A touching tale of love, friendship, and becoming our true selves.

The Story of Ferdinand – Munro Leaf A gentle reminder that true strength is found in peace and kindness.

Saint Francis and the Wolf – Margaret Hodges A beautiful story about peace, compassion, and caring for all creation.

I Am Peace – Susan Verde (all Susan Verde’s books). Introduces mindfulness, gratitude, and finding calm in everyday life.

Ages 7–10

Charlotte’s Web – E. B. White: A beautiful story of friendship, loyalty, and selfless love.

The Secret Garden – Frances Hodgson Burnett A classic about hope, healing, and transformation.

Heidi – Johanna Spyri Celebrates gratitude, family, simplicity, and the beauty of nature.

The Chronicles of Narnia – C. S. Lewis An unforgettable adventure exploring faith, courage, forgiveness, and sacrifice.

Little Pilgrim’s Progress – Helen L. Taylor A gentle introduction to perseverance, trust, and choosing the right path.

Ages 10–13

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – C. S. Lewis A timeless story of courage, hope, and the victory of goodness.

Wonder – R. J. Palacio An inspiring novel about empathy, kindness, and seeing the best in others.

The Little Prince – Antoine de Saint-Exupéry A thoughtful story about friendship, responsibility, and what truly matters.

Treasures of the Snow – Patricia St. John A moving Christian classic centred on forgiveness, healing, and reconciliation.

The Hiding Place: Young Reader’s Edition – Corrie ten Boom A true story of faith, courage, compassion, and living for the sake of others.

A Peace School Family Challenge

After reading together, ask one simple question: “Which virtue did you discover in today’s story, and how can we practise it this week?”

Children might also enjoy keeping a Peace Journal, drawing their favourite scenes or writing one act of kindness they would like to do each day.

May this summer be filled with joyful adventures, inspiring stories, and many opportunities to grow in wisdom, love, and faith, becoming true peacemakers in our families and communities.

Happy reading from the Peace School team!

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Peace Cup 2026: European Culture And Sports Festival!

Communications | 5 June 2026

You asked, you waited... and it's finally here! 🌸 YSP Prague and the Youth Department invite YOU to Peace Cup 2026: European Culture and Sports



CARP & Empower Team Picnic

Comms Team UK | 29 May 2026

Summer has finally arrived in London! ☀️ The Empower Team returned to London 2 weeks ago. Then, this Sunday (May 24), London CARP and Empower



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