



### May Key Events

2<sup>nd</sup> Community  
Sport Service

2<sup>nd</sup> Evening  
Service

16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Prayer Week

16<sup>th</sup> Opening  
Service Prayer  
week at  
Salvation Army

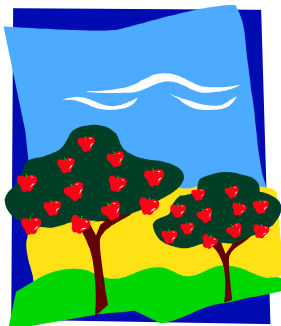
19<sup>th</sup> Townwide  
Prayer

22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Pastors  
Commissioning  
Service

23<sup>rd</sup> Rev Les  
Isaacs at CCW

23<sup>rd</sup> Closing  
Service Prayer  
week at  
Salvation Army

# Relay



*Welcome to the latest edition of the ChristChurch monthly magazine - Relay. Each issue will focus on one area of the Wider Leadership Team's work. This month it is looking at Prayer with a report from Frank Collins*

### Scripture Focus for May     1 Timothy 2: 1-4

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth



If your day is hemmed with prayer it is  
less likely to unravel!

Leader's LogCalled out to Go In.

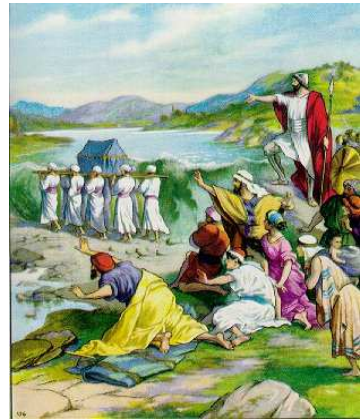
God has called us temporarily out of Acton and long term into Hightown. Called out of Acton to go into Hightown. Our new venue will be Bodhyfryd School. This presents us with fantastic opportunities to make known the good news of Jesus in a new part of the town. Our intention is to plant a new church in that part of town and once the building work at Acton Community Centre is finished, to re-launch a congregation back there – **ChristChurch, Wrexham: One church with two congregations.** Two lighthouses, one North and one South, shining the light of Christ over and across the whole town.

Already some of you will have been thinking, perhaps have even decided, which congregation, Hightown or Acton, you want to be a part of in the long run. What is for sure is that we are all in this together – always the case for the people of God as corporate calling and responsibility always precedes individual calling and responsibility (something we post-modern Westerners find so hard to accept). An Old Testament story that can helpfully encourage, inform and instruct us at this time is found in Numbers 32.

**"If we have found favor in your eyes," they said, "let this land be given to your servants as our possession. Do not make us cross the Jordan."**

**Moses said to the Gadites and Reubenites, "Shall your countrymen go to war while you sit here? .....we are ready to arm ourselves and go ahead of the Israelites until we have brought them to their place.**

**Meanwhile our women and children will live in fortified cities, for protection from the inhabitants of the land. We will not return to our homes until every Israelite has received his inheritance."** **Numbers 32:5,6,17,18**



The tribes that wanted to settle East of the Jordan were initially reluctant to take the land which the children of Israel had been promised, but as they listened to Moses and sought the Lord in response they came to a fantastic conclusion. They would go before their fellow brethren to possess the land of promise and only then would they return to their allotted part.

Those of you that are already sensing that Acton is where you should be worshipping, witnessing and warfaring need to be at least equally committed to developments in the South of the town (Hightown). Why not follow the example of the Gadites and Reubenites and be more committed and work harder to establish God's plans and purposes for us in Hightown. He who has ears to hear let him hear what the Spirit says...

God is with us as we **'move out' with Him and for Him** and just like He provided everything the people of Israel needed, He has promised to do the same for us. Let's together **'rise up'** to the opportunities and challenges that **'coming out to go in'** will bring before us **ALL**.

*Remember the Musketeers motto – **All for one and one for ALL.***

*Let's go for it and do it – **TOGETHER.***

*Why not start right now by joining the prayer walking teams in Hightown – it only takes around forty minutes to cover the whole area and much less to pray for a few streets at a time!!! A practical ministry we can **ALL** be involved in – starting **TODAY.***

Love and prayers,

Every Blessing,

*GARETH*

## 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meal – 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010

This year is a celebratory year for ChristChurch Wrexham. We are celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we are planning a celebratory meal. The meal will take place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at The Holt Lodge from 7.30pm. The cost for the 2 course meal will be £11.50. It will be a carvery followed by apple crumble and then tea/coffee.



Everyone is welcome to join the meal.

Please can you let Sally Griffiths know by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010 if you would like to attend and if you have any special dietary requirements.



## Prayer



“They all joined together constantly in prayer .....” Acts 1v14

As Pentecost approaches it is encouraging that we, like the disciples, are journeying together in prayer. We are encouraged in various ways:-

- some new members have joined with the Prayer Ministry Team in seeking where God wants them to minister. Others who wish to explore are welcome to come and join with us.
- some have started prayer walking in Hightown, if you would like to know more please seek out Ros Whitaker and talk to her about joining with them or starting another prayer walking party.
- some wish to become more formal in their intercessory praying for the church and those areas that God is steering us into, and for one another. Please see Gareth for information on how to be part of that work. It is expected that they will meet in different places from time to time and that it will be a network of individuals who will share together as well as meet for prayer.
- as a congregation we have the opportunity to pray together for 24 hrs on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Prayer Week [5.00pm to 5.00pm] and right through the night. The CCW Leadership want us to pray about what God is saying to us as a church and about our work in the town in that 24hrs so please return your sign-up sheets as soon as you can. We already have some volunteers to be there wherever and whenever needed, and through the night – come and join them.

“And when the day ... was fully come, they were all together in one place. SUDDENLY.....” Acts 2v1. Make ready for that day when God will come SUDDENLY – come, and pray, and listen, and make ready, all of us.

### Prayer Week 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May

This weeklong opportunity for the whole church in the town to come together in a creative way to pray for a whole range of things has something for everyone to take part in and to seek God for ourselves, the wider community of Wrexham and beyond. Activities include morning prayer, evening prayer, visits from other groups (e.g. schools) all night prayer....



The theme is “Sacred Spaces” and CCW are responsible for setting up one particular area for prayer this year - Jacobs Ladder – Gen 32. Sue Allen and Ros Whitaker are preparing that area for us.

ChristChurch have a 24hr slot where we have responsibility to be stewards all that time (including right through the night) so please sign up to spend time at the Salvation Army Citadel on that day. If you regularly meet with others for prayer in the week – why not meet there instead, bring others to join with you, and help others who will call in on that day.

Would you be prepared to take school groups around during the week? Again it is an opportunity for people to seek what God is saying to them and to the church in the town. And it is a ministry to offer to the authorities and agencies in the borough. Welsh speakers are especially needed....

If you can help in any way speak to Frank 01978 356914 or email [frankenval@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:frankenval@yahoo.co.uk)

### Timetable of events for Prayer week

There is morning prayer from Monday to Friday from 8-8.30am

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm – Opening Service at The Salvation Army Guest speaker Major Mark Sawyer, Territorial Youth Officer of The Salvation Army.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm – Prayer for Healing – What’s it all about - an introductory session open to all
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm – Service of Prayer for Healing <b>CCW Stewarding from 5pm to 5pm Wednesday</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm - Townwide Prayer
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm – Music with the Salvation Army young people’s band and singing group 7.45pm – Music with Salvation Army songsters + band
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm – Children’s Prayer Event with Andy Hughes, Urban Saints. 8pm – Youth Prayer Event and sleepover.
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm – Street Pastors Commissioning with Les Isaac
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5.30pm – Closing Service - Guest speaker Les Isaac

**Reprioritizing***March 18, 2010*

Robert H. Schuller

**"...Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve....As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."— Joshua 24:15**

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale once asked a surgeon, "What's the most exciting operation you have ever performed?" The doctor thought for a moment and then replied, "You know, of all the surgeries I've ever performed, there is one that stands out. It changed my life."

He went on to explain.

"There was a little girl who had only a ten percent chance of surviving the surgery she needed. When I went into the operating room, I saw this tiny little thing under the sheet. Her face was ashen grey—she was frail, so weak and helpless.

"Just as the nurses were going to prep her for the anesthesia, I walked up to her and she looked at me and said, 'May I say something, doctor?' I said, 'Sure, honey.' 'Well, doctor,' she enthused, 'every night before I go to sleep I always pray a prayer. May I pray it now?' 'Of course,' I said.

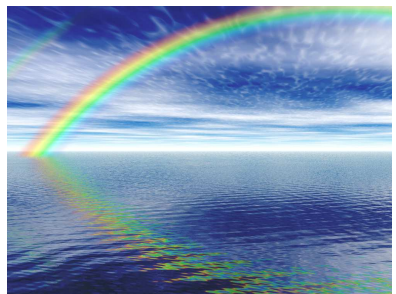
"The doctor continued, 'I was having troubles of my own at that time with my son and was a very unhappy person. I stood there and told this little girl to go ahead and pray, and to remember to pray for her doctor, too.'

"She prayed, 'Jesus, tender shepherd, hear me. Watch your little lamb tonight...and Jesus, bless the doctor, too, because he's got troubles, too.' 'Her words tore me apart inside,' the doctor said. 'I turned away from the operating table so the nurses wouldn't see my tears. I prayed like I had never prayed before, 'O God, if you ever use me to save a life, use me now to save this little girl!' She survived the surgery, and I found Jesus!"

**Prayer:**

Father God—thank you for using life's circumstances to help me reprioritize what is really important in life. I choose you.

Certain events in life bring us face to face with the question: Who are you living for—yourself or God? What would your answer be to that question today?



From website - [www.crystalcathedral.org/devotions/detail.php?contentid=4871](http://www.crystalcathedral.org/devotions/detail.php?contentid=4871)

## Testimony from Colin Elliott

Several weeks ago I was admitted to hospital after being told in A&E that I'd had a heart attack. To say this was a shock is putting it mildly – I've always been extremely active, never smoked, never abused alcohol, have a healthy diet, and had several effective strategies to cope with the stresses of a pressured job. Long story short, the good news is that my heart is apparently undamaged, in large part due to my wife getting me to hospital so quickly for the necessary emergency treatment (I can strongly recommend marrying a nurse!). My arteries are clear and the consultant recommended that I continue with my normal activities, including playing squash! as it's been doing my system good and will facilitate a speedier recovery. Praise God!!

Having never been in hospital before, suddenly I had had to deal with lying for days in the Cardiac Unit, wired up to beeping, flashing monitors, observing two men die while I was there, with no answers to my many questions, such as why had this happened, would it happen again, how damaged was my heart, what level of activities would I be able to get back to, what impact would it have on my family, etc.. Those who know me would understand the extent to which these questions would have been running through my mind at breakneck speed, which could have led to considerable anxiety, perhaps understandable in the circumstances. However, my testimony is that I experienced for most of that time a God-given peace that was amazing – nothing I could have done myself could have generated that in me. From day one, once various phone calls had been made, I knew that family and friends were praying for me, here in Wrexham, in Nottingham, Belfast, Canada and America and all I can tell you is that God really does answer prayer! Any members of ChristChurch frustrated by the strict visiting policy that we have need to know that this was right for me in relation to my recovery and run with the wonderful gift that God has given us of being able to lift each other up through prayer, wherever we are. My faith wobbled a few times but overall I was blessed with the assurance that my heart – physical and spiritual – was in my Father's hands.

It's a well known Scripture which came alive to me in a new way recently and I'm going to hold on to it for the uncertainties that still remain: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus". (Philippians 4: 6-7).

My prayer is that this will become true for all of us in ChristChurch, especially as we move into the new future that God has for us.

**ChristChurch Monthly Rotas**

Date		Setting Up	Home Group Welcome	Music Group Leader	IT	Service Leader	Speaker
02-May		Gareth	Richard & Lucy	Huw	CE	Sally E	Gareth
09-May	C	Richard	James & Mandy	Colin	FC	Gareth J	Sue A
16-May	O	Peter W	Jean & Sue	Huw	RG	Peter W	James Jones
23-May	C	Sue A	Ros & Peter	John	RG	Gareth J	Les Isaacs
30-May		Richard	Huw & Lesley	Colin	LW	Ros W	John Wells

C= Communion / O = Offering

If you want to continue to follow the bible reading notes that have been on this back page, you can find them at the following website:-  
<http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

**Can you tell us if you have any comments or ideas for the magazine so we can improve it and it can get better!**

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