



June Key Events

5th Community
Sport Plus
Service

5th Evening
Service

12th Local
Leadership
Teams
Commissioning
Service

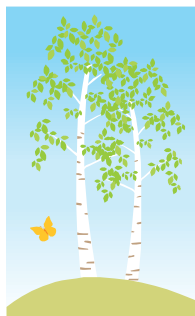
19th Fathers
Day

26th WLT
meeting

29th
Congregational
Meeting



Relay



This month we have a report from the Bekki and David. Leadership team reports and a challenge from Ros!

Don't forget the Congregational Meeting is on the 29th June

Scripture Focus for June Acts 1:9-11

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

¹¹ Men of Galilee, they said, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.

Leader's Log

Open doors and windows of opportunity!!

Last month we focussed on prayer and the last few weeks have certainly provided plenty of opportunity to put prayer into practise. July's Prayer Week and the National Eisteddfod will present further prayer openings. Prayer paves the way for things to change in people and places, with us ourselves being a part of that change.

As we move into summer opportunities are springing forth which I believe are a part of the many answers that the Lord is supplying to the faithful prayers that have been offered up. Late July (23-30th) will see a team of 4 young people from the States (2 males and 2 females) joining us for a week of mission activities.

We plan to use this as an opportunity to run a holiday club in Hightown from 10am till 12noon as a means of reaching out to and getting to know, children and families, in Hightown. This will be followed by an afternoon activity in Acton from 2 till 4pm building on the work and success of Community Sports and Community Sports Plus.

We would love folk from ChristChurch to set aside time to help and support these community outreach events. They will be led by designated people from CCW, with the American young people being heavily involved, but we will still need further help and support from people who can make themselves available for 2-3 hours each morning or afternoon.

Please make every effort to make yourselves available for at least some of this time. There will be so many different ways in which people can help out. We have so much creative talent and gifting in ChristChurch and these activities provide an ideal opportunity to put it to good Kingdom use. ***SIGN UP FOR A PIECE OF THE ACTION TODAY!!***

But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me,.....

1 Corinthians 16:8-9

The apostle Paul took full advantage when opportunities presented themselves and we must do the same. He prioritised, pioneered and persevered to make the most of the opportunities that came his way even in the face of fierce and violent persecution.



Ploughing into our own events and initiatives, as above, is one way of serving the people and place of Wrexham. Another way we can do that is by joining in what is already going on in our communities. This is a key part of what we are seeking to do in Hightown. We are already active in the lunch club, art group and attending various boards.

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. ***Ephesians 5:15-17***

Other ways we can serve could be by helping out with the Planned Men In Sheds initiative, the homework club or other community activities that are already up and running. Pauline Vickers, Communities First Coordinator for Hightown, will be joining at the June Congregational Meeting to highlight some of the ways we could help out and join in what is already going on in Hightown. A fantastic way to get to know the people who live and work in Hightown, whilst at the same time developing a deeper sense and feel for what matters to that community.

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. ***Colossians 4:5-6***

Let us with care, wisdom, grace and love press in and through these doors and windows of opportunity to make a difference to people and places by serving and blessing in Jesus` name.



Fitting in but standing out because of who we serve and who we are in Him. Agents of the Kingdom seeking to be and share `Good News`, through words, works and wonders bringing forth justice, joy and peace which set people and places to rights. ***Do it Lord!!***

What an opportunity. What a privilege. ***Let’s go for it.***

Love and prayers,
Every Blessing,

GARETH

Local Leadership Team Reports

FOCUS FOR HIGHTOWN

Whenever the Apostle Paul moved to a new area, he found work to do so as not to be a burden, this gave him the opportunity to get to know the people and then share the Gospel! In our time we have cars, buses, trains and motor or push bikes to get us further quicker so we can earn our bread and butter all over the country! It has become harder to meet people, even our next door neighbour. We now have to make much more effort to meet 'friends we don't know yet', even more so when the urgency of the gospel propels us. We are living in serious times when it is becoming more evident that Jesus' Return is nearer than ever.

Below are a number of opportunities to fulfil our call to Hightown, we are here, not for our own benefit, but for the lives of those whom God is calling. We are His hands and feet, His voice, if we don't tell them who will?

This month we are focusing on youth. There are a number of new initiatives that might make your eyes sparkle! There is a strong youth work emphasis in the area, and a number of projects have been initiated by Wrexham Council.

- Play sessions to be held throughout school term time for children age 5–15. They will trial it for two months and it will be from 3pm until 7pm.
- A junior club is planned in the Luke O'Connor Centre on Wednesdays from 5.30 – 6.30. Is God calling you to support this work?
- A dance group is planned at the Community Centre on Saturday mornings ages from 3-6 and 7-11 and 12- 16. They will require a person to help in a supervisory way for toilets and drinks etc. NO dancing involved!
- The Offa Youth Team is involved with a variety of successfully running groups. Tuesday youth club at RAFA club which has 35 attending
- Wednesday football group at St. Christopher's School
- Thursday at Bellevue, a club this is DESPARATELY in need of support as one man is running it alone, if you can at all help they would be really grateful.
- Friday youth club at Maesgwyn Community Centre
- The Homework Club is running very successfully at the Community centre on a Thursday evening from 3.45 – 5.15 aimed at years 5 & 6. First half of the session they concentrate on homework and research and the second half they have a bit of fun with refreshments in-between.

All of the above would welcome with open arms anyone who feels able to support their work. A great opportunity for the first level of evangelism which is:-'Getting to know people in the area'.



MEN IN SHEDS

An exciting new project aimed specifically as a way of engaging with men in the area. It is in the planning stage and they would value input and interest from those whose box it ticks!

As we sacrifice an hour or two out of the week, we will soften hearts, cause people to ask questions and win them over to listen to our story.

- Pray for open hearts
- Pray for open opportunities
- Pray for our open hands and mouths

As Paul prayed "Pray for us too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should" (Col 4:3-4)

As we give of ourselves and our stuff in relationship with others pray that hearts will be opened giving divine openings in conversation and with great gentleness and wisdom to express the love we have received from our faith in Jesus Christ.

RISING TO THE CHALLENGE

Last year with a £10 note given out at Spring Harvest, Mary Birch rose to the challenge of multiplying it. Taken from the parable of the talents the speaker, in raising finance to support HOPE HIV gave out a considerable amount of £10 notes seeing it multiply, in Mary's case 50 times!

I embraced the challenge with her, and if you remember between us we baked, made jam and marmalade and eventually produced a calendar raising £500 from the original £10!

This year with £10 from Gareth we are rising to the challenge of supporting our own missions. Our ultimate aim is to produce a recipe book of all your favourite recipes and with it a favourite quote, but in order to do that I need your recipes and quotes!



Unlike last year we are asking you to order any cakes, pies, jams, fudges, marmalade etc...to eliminate waste

We're open to others outside Christchurch ordering, of course, so please let your friends know.

I have also set up a little business, hoping it will eventually release me from travelling to Carlisle every other week. It is called "Frog Cottage Celebration Cakes", making anything from fancy cupcakes, birthday, christenings, anniversary, and graduation to wedding cakes. Any purchase made by you or your friends quoting "Rise to the Challenge" 10% of the profit will be given to our mission fund.



If you are a 'Facebook' fan you can find a page called Frog Cottage Celebration Cakes and Creative Cupcakes (which is my daughter's page) to give you an idea of the cupcakes I would make.

Come on let's see if we can beat last year's £500. LET'S RISE TO THE CHALLENGE

Acton Prayer Requests

The Acton Leadership Team have the following prayer requests:-

- Lunch Club
- Catch and C2
- Community Sports and Cafe; in particular that some of the local residents might begin to join us for bacon butties and coffee/tea and chat.
- That the plans and work to redevelop the Centre might not be held up.
- For continued good relationships between ChristChurch and the Centre.
- For Summer Holiday Club which be take place in Hightown and Acton in the last week of July. Please pray for volunteers from church to work alongside the American students who have offered their time and energies to work alongside us.



Light Team Report from Bekki

Hi guys, so I'm almost at the end of my 3 years of placement at ChristChurch, I just want to take this moment to tell you all that I really love being a part of this church and it feels like home! I feel very blessed to have been placed in this church and really value the friends I've made and things I've learned while working here. I'm not entirely sure of my plans next year but I am hoping to still be around next year and plan to continue work with the C2 young people.

Catch and C2 are going well. The number of children seems to have dropped slightly, now the nights are lighter, but this just gives us an opportunity spend more time on the one's who still come. Catch continues to be fun and good for building relationships; the kids are really enthusiastic and seem to respond well to the teaching. Also David's work with the children in Hairy Feet Drama Group is really encouraging and the children are really excited about it each week.

C2 is becoming more and more challenging, but I think each week prepares us for the next and I really enjoy my work there. Since Pete has stopped coming we struggle to have enough leaders we have to work extra hard to build relationships also keep a good atmosphere with all the young people, and I feel a bit like we're missing opportunities but we have been able to continue C2 work and I definitely feel positive about what we achieve most nights.

Junior Church teaching is fun and really helps me get to know the church children more, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work with them.

My lectures have finished now, but coursework is still full on, I'm working pretty hard to do well as this year counts for 100% of my degree level because I did a foundation degree instead of the first 2 years. I'll be completely finished in June so I'm looking forward to that.

Thanks for all your continued support and friendship. Bekki

Light Team Report from David

God's been moving very powerfully and with increasing potency over the last term, and as my time in the North West begins to draw to a close, for want of a better explanation - it's getting hotter!

The songs that we've been writing in Chester on Wednesdays and Thursdays are full of lyrics about His tangible presence; about our desperation to see Him touch down with even more glory in people's hearts. The comments we've been getting from the public who attend Night Church once a month are always along the lines of "this is different". The surge I feel in my spirit when I think about our forthcoming mission trip to Paris to demonstrate the Gospel in such a secular nation; the outpouring that the Spirit has worked through me recently through literature and writing. We are in the days when we are seeing big things beginning to happen and it's very, very exciting.

A close friend said that when I returned to Wrexham after the Easter holiday Jesus would begin to show me the results of my ministries up here, so at the moment I'm quite simply looking out for them. I've been seeing them right the way along from September 2009 (gosh - that sounds like such a long time ago!), and it's been an encouragement and motivation all along, but I'm looking out for more! More of how Jesus is moving in Acton, especially in the lives of the kids and teenagers who come to Catch, Hairy Feet and C2. More of how He's sitting down with the members of the lunch club and listening in on conversations. More of how the congregation of ChristChurch themselves are being transformed into the vessels of purpose, destiny and fulfilment that only Jesus can make them to be.

I'm able to look back from this point and see the process of God turning me into the man He's designed me to be. How He's taken a London teenager and has begun to develop him into a man of purpose, enthusiasm and spiritual dynamite.

As much as I'm saddened to think about leaving Wrexham and Chester, and at the notion of the friendships I'll be leaving behind, I'm anticipating bigger changes in my development as a Christian and as a human being.

This has been quite an introspective report so I'm sorry if there isn't enough practical detail here as there usually is. But I felt it important to highlight the personal change that has occurred in me over the last two years, and this has been written from a viewpoint of looking back over that change.

Thanks again to everyone at ChristChurch for your ongoing support in every wonderful way that you provide it. I couldn't have hoped for a better placement.

David

Important Reminder

ChristChurch services starts at 10.30 and the Leadership Team strongly encourage that everyone be present by 10.25 so that we are ready and prepared to worship the Lord together on time. We deeply appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Blessings, The Leadership Team

ChristChurch Monthly Rotas

Date		Setting Up	Music Group Leader	IT	Service Leader	Speaker	Tea
5-Jun		Gareth		Tbc	James M	Gareth	Glenys Marilyn Rosemary
12-Jun	C	Art		Tbc	Rob G	Ros W	Dorothy Jan Steve
19-Jun	O	Peter		Tbc	Gareth	Anna Griffiths Dedication	Elaine W Peter Elaine M
26-Jun	C	Richard		Tbc	Lesley	Andrew W	Myra Diane Ffion

C= Communion / O = Offering



Your chance to be part of the magazine!

If anyone would like to contribute to the magazine we are always looking for items to include. If you have poems, pictures, stories, or would like to share your testimony please can you let us know?

Thank you from Sally and Marilyn

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