



July Key Events

3rd Community
Sport Plus
Service

3rd Evening
Service

4th Cytun
Hunger Lunch
at ACC

10th-17th Prayer
Week

13th Townwide
Prayer

16th Street
Pastor
Commissioning

17th Ava and
Olivia Elliot
Dedication

17th Cytun
United Evening
Service

Relay



This month we have two reports, one from David about his trip to Paris and one from Dorothy about her trip to Romania.

There is also information about the Holiday Club we are running in Hightown and Acton

Scripture Focus for July

Song of Solomon 2:4

He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me is love.



Christian Aid Quiz

ChristChurch won the Christian Aid quiz even though they only had a team of 3!!

A Bride Awaits – Genesis 24 *Further thoughts*

What I am sharing this month is a word of encouragement I recently shared with the Wider Leadership Team. In receiving it they encouraged and recommended I share it with you all via the monthly magazine.

We have visited **Genesis 24** numerous times after receiving a prophetic word from Faith Forster of Ichthus early in 2010. The prophetic word outlined that as we travelled to a far country the Lord would release a bride to us – new believer's in Jesus. We understood, and continue to do so, that the word had relevance for our ministry and mission in Hightown.

As we re-visit the passage it is interesting to note that when Abraham needed an important job doing he looked to his oldest servant to fulfil the task at hand (v2). Though the demands of the job may have suited a younger, stronger, fitter man, Abraham turned to he who had proved faithful and true over an extended period of time. This suggests to me that those who have travelled with ChristChurch over an extended period of time, and have a strong sense of our DNA, have an important part to play at this time of seeking a bride in Hightown.

Note also how this project Abraham embarks on is not just about returning 'Home' (v5-7). It is not to the familiar he is looking, but to establish something new and lasting in a new place in a new way. We believe this will be necessary in both Hightown and Acton. We must not rely on re-producing what ChristChurch has been, but look to establish and introduce 'fresh expressions' that will be contextually relevant and attractive.

Resourcing was important. Camels loaded with provisions and supplies, jewellery of both gold and silver, clothing and precious things were invested in the project to reach and release the bride (v10,22,53). We too, must resource our work.



To date our resourcing in Hightown has majored on providing the means to continue worshipping as we have for many years. We must now look to release resources (people, possessions and pounds) that will enable us to reach and release the bride – people who have yet to meet Jesus. The Summer Holiday clubs in Acton and Hightown are an opportunity to be a part of that resourcing and I would encourage as many of us as possible to make themselves available to play a part in one or both of them.

Finally, note how Abraham's servant remained in constant fellowship with the Lord. Prayer and worship sprang forth spontaneously and repeatedly (v12,26,27,52). He had a strong sense he was caught up and moving in the prophetic plans and purposes of the Lord and this gave purpose and specific focus to his prayers and actions. This type of assurance is vital. Let's pray that the Lord would keep releasing it to us. Conviction leads to commitment.

Abraham, assisted by his servant, had strong intentions, considerable investment and persistent, persevering intercession as he implemented the Lord's plans and purposes. These are a powerful combination we can employ at this time as we seek to be true to the vision the Lord has laid before us at this time.

Let's keep focussed on our intentions, keep investing wisely and remain faithful and focussed in intercession as we continue to seek the bride.

Love and prayers

Every blessing

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Did you know we have a new ChristChurch Wrexham Facebook page?

Why not "like" the page, you can find out what is happening each Sunday and other special events. There are also photos!

<http://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchWrexham>



Local Leadership Team Reports

Why should I help at the ChristChurch Holiday Club and what could I do?

Did you ever go to a holiday club as a child? Whether it was church run or not you probably had a great time experiencing games and activities with friends. If it was church run you hopefully experienced receiving the love of God through those who cared for you, and learned something of His word to apply to your life. It may even have been a life changing time for you. We have an opportunity this July to bless families in the communities where we are church - let's work together to make a difference in some children's lives by sharing the love of God and the truth about Him.

This year ChristChurch is running a holiday club for children in Hightown in the morning, and Acton in the afternoon, during the week of July 25th to 29th. For this to be run most successfully *everyone* needs to be involved. Obviously, for those that work during the week, a physical presence is impossible, but prayers are always needed and appreciated!

The holiday clubs are based on the theme of 'The Armour of God'. We are looking for volunteers to help with crafts, snack time, games, signing in and some just to be an adult presence. Please see Lesley, Gareth or Sally E if you feel you could be involved in any way.

We also need a lot of prayer, please could you read over the following prayer pointers and pray for us:

- For volunteers to come forward
- For the safe arrival of the American helpers
- For children to turn up
- For all the children to engage with the activities and learn about God
- For the holiday club to run smoothly



Thank you!

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

Missions Feedback Bulletin - Dorothy's trip to Romania



Last month I went to Romania with Teams4U to work amongst the gypsy community in Urvind Village. The gypsy people have always been outsiders in Romania. Despite having lived in the country for hundreds of years they haven't integrated because of widespread discrimination and stigma. High levels of poverty, unemployment, poor education and overcrowded living conditions are ongoing challenges for communities like Urvind.

People to People is a Christian charity working alongside Teams4U and they are dedicated to caring for disadvantaged, destitute and suffering children and young people and their families. Their aim is to rescue and restore lives broken by poverty, oppression, exclusion and abuse and to provide opportunities for a better future. Poverty is more than money. It is environmental, economic, social and cultural. It reduces children's chances of survival, growth and development. I went out with a team of 9, to bring a bit of joy and fun in the lives of the children and older people. On arriving at the village, we were met by a large group of smiling, grubby faced children. Immediately our hands were grasped and babies pushed into our arms! They were all delighted to see us, as previous teams have been out for a few years now.

I was very struck by the living conditions in the village. Houses modified from metal containers, pumps at the side of the road for water, but the children were happy and just wanted to play.



The days were taken up by games, craft, hygiene talks and generally having fun with the children. The work in this community is ongoing and Teams4U will be involved for many years.



We were only there a few days but felt we had made a difference and brought some of God's kingdom into their lives.

Anyone interested in the work, just log onto Teams4U and you will see all the projects they are involved in. I am just so thankful I can still be used by God in this way to help others less fortunate than myself.

Paris Mission Trip - Taking Jesus to the heart of Europe May 22 - 24th 2011

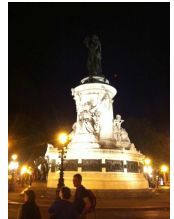
Hard Times

Getting ready to go - It was pretty tough getting ready for Paris. We created a piece of street theatre to take out there with us, but Craig (the guy playing Jesus), broke his arm a few weeks before the departure date. We found a replacement for my part as Satan and I took over as Jesus, but it was no easy thing and we only got it properly worked out the day before we flew over. On top of this various people, including me, were unwell in the week or two before going and even as we went. A lot of us were also very busy back in the UK and it just seemed to us like the worst possible time to be going.

Arrival

We were staying in what turned out to be quite a dismal hostel near the famous Republique statue and there wasn't one night out of both of them where at least two people didn't sleep well or at all. The Monday (23rd May), proved to be even tougher on us for various individual reasons.

We met M. Francis Pfister, a minister of a very small congregation near Sacre Coeur, who told us that it was very likely that when we performed the drama the following day we'd get moved on or in trouble with the police. As you can imagine, spirits were pretty low...



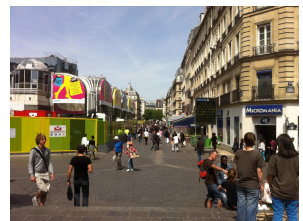
The Performances



We had a couple of run throughs of the drama on the bandstand in the park that was opposite the hostel first thing on the Tuesday morning (24th May), before heading south and nearer the centre of Paris to a fantastic performance space at the Pompidou art gallery.

The acoustics created by the slope were brilliant and the gallery's scaffold-like backdrop was very effective as well. We did a couple of performances there and then moved onto an even better (if possible), performing space at a fountain a couple of blocks away.

This is the view from the almost natural stage near the fountain. It was here that God was amazing. We'd done our second or third performance here when a Polish man approached us in tears and thanked us profusely. He'd been homeless in Paris for eight days, was a Christian but had been on the brink of giving up hope before he'd seen the last half of our drama. He said it "spoke to [his]



heart, not to [his] head", and continued to thank us some more before moving

off. I quote what I said to another of the team: "It was worth everything just for that man. "Which is why I actually did include the first section of this report about the struggle it was being in Paris, because it backs up the grace of God and how the Kingdom operates - that we'd all had so much trouble bringing the message to France, but it was worth it because that guy got it.

Mission Accomplished

Our final performance was done outside Notre Dame cathedral. This was literally our backdrop, and there was a crowd of hundreds of tourists from all round the world watching. What a sense of accomplishment!



The Aftermath

Something good happened in Paris, that's obvious. Two days after we got back I was on City Centre Chaplaincy in Chester, which is already a project that God is using quite influentially in the city. I had a conversation with an impoverished man outside Subway on Northgate Street, and the gospel just came out so fluently. Believe it or not, but street evangelism - just walking up to people or having to talk to them about Jesus in any fashion at all - has always borne a level of difficulty to it. But Paris has unlocked something in me which is amazing, and I feel I can sit down with anyone and explain the beautiful truth of Jesus more clearly than ever.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you, ChristChurch Wrexham, for your support of this hugely successful mission that the Light Project have undertaken, and to our work as a whole. You are a Christ-like inspiration and a joy to worship with.

David

An invitation

To all

To the ChristChurch Sunday Evening Service



This happens on the first Sunday of every month at Acton Community Centre starting at 6.30pm and lasting for about an hour. Worship is usually led by Sally on piano and Marilyn on clarinet (but the song choices are up to people there!). The service leader (usually Peter Whitaker) reads some scripture for reflection and those that want to can share their thoughts. This usually leads to a great time of encouragement for each other and an opportunity to pray together. Please consider joining us!

ChristChurch Monthly Rotas

Date		Setting Up	Music Group Leader	IT	Service Leader	Speaker	Tea
3-Jul		Sue	Huw	FC	Ros Whitaker	Rev Richard Sharples	Myra Diane Ffion
10-Jul	C	Richard	John	CE	Andrew & Elizabeth Williams	Sue Allen	Glenys Marilyn Rosemary
17-Jul	O	Art	Rhys	LW	Sally Ellinson	Ava & Oliva Elliott Dedication	Dorothy Jan Steve
24-Jul	C	Peter	John	LW	Gareth Jones	All age service	Elaine W Peter Elaine M
31-Jul		Gareth	John	FC	tbc	All age service	tbc

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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