

# ChristChurch Wrexham



**CHRISTCHURCH**

Knowing God and making Him known

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## November Key Events

6<sup>th</sup> Community  
Sport Plus

6<sup>th</sup> Evening  
Service at ACC

10<sup>th</sup> Cytun  
meeting – work  
of the Street  
Pastors

13<sup>th</sup> Russ and  
Lesley Howell  
at CCW

19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Pastor's Annual  
Dinner

23<sup>rd</sup>  
Congregational  
Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> Growing  
Leaders Course

27<sup>th</sup> WLT  
meeting

# Relay



*This month is focused on Outreach, with a report from Rhys and Genni Williams.*

*New - on the back of the magazine are the rotas for Sunday services. If you can help out in any area let Gareth know!*

## Scripture Focus for November Ephesians 5:15-21

Walk in Wisdom

<sup>15</sup> See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, <sup>16</sup> redeeming the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> submitting to one another in the fear of God.



Leader's Log

## Be filled, and keep being filled, with the Spirit

Abi Willetts' encouragement to us to be a people who were open to and moving in the gifts of the Holy Spirit really struck a chord with me and got me to thinking. Abi encouraged us by looking at the book of Acts. I got to thinking about Jesus' own ministry.

Many of us think of Jesus in terms of a divine miracle worker and explain away all the amazing things He did that way. When we only think and understand Jesus in this way we very easily discount and disqualify similar things happening today or through our own lives and ministries. Also if we only think this way how do we make sense of Jesus promising that His followers would do greater works than Him?!

**Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.**

[John 14:11-13](#)



Let us not forget that Jesus is fully God and fully man. Therefore it is as a man that He exercises the ministry He does and performs all the miracles and mighty works He does. He is a man who is totally open to the work of the Holy Spirit in and through His life and ministry. It is in this capacity that I can see seven of the nine gifts at work in and through His ministry. The key factor is His human openness to the Holy Spirit rather than the advantage of being God's unique begotten only Son.

Let us look at some examples from the Gospels:

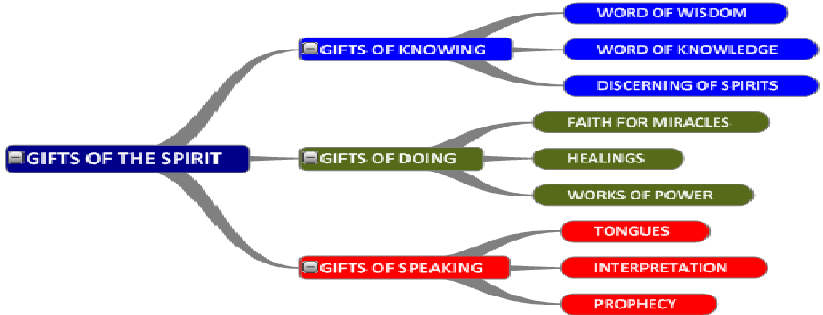
**Word of Knowledge** - Nathaniel (John 1) - Women at the Well (John 4)

**Word of Wisdom** - Render unto Caesar (Matthew 22)

**Discerning of Spirits** - Get thee behind me Satan (Matthew 16) - You know not what type of Spirit you are of (Luke 9)

**Faith** - Feeding the 5000 (John 6) - Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22)

- Healings -** Man at Pool (John 5) - Man born blind (John 9) plus many, many more
- Miracles (Works of Power) -** Walk on Water (Matthew 14) - Calming the storm (Mark 4) - Jairus' Daughter (Luke 8) - Driving out demons (Mark 5 plus others)
- Prophecy -** Destruction of Temple (Mark 13) - Peter's denial (Mark 14)



It is hugely significant that the use of the gifts of the Spirit in Jesus' ministry and in the Apostles' ministry was in the context of evangelism, mission and church planting. If we are to be a people who win folk for Jesus this is a key dynamic, as if gifts of the Spirit were so necessary for the Lord himself, plus the Apostles, how much more do we need them today in a nation that is drifting further and further away from God.

Perhaps one of the mistakes we make is that we tend to be more open to exercise and expect spiritual gifts more readily in meetings rather than in the mission or market place!!! Praise God that the ascended Christ gives the spirit without measure to those who make themselves ready and available to be used.

My prayer, for us all therefore, is that in the realm of Spiritual Gifts the Lord would open up new experiences and greater freedom for us as Individuals and as a fellowship. Come Lord Jesus in the power of your Spirit.

Love and prayers,  
Every Blessing,

*GABETH*



## Weekend Away 2012 - UPDATE



Here is a reminder about the Church Weekend away we have booked for February 2012. Please can you let us know if you would like to join us.

Date                    Friday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012.  
 Location            Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer.  
 Cost                    £100 per adult, reductions for children

**The speaker will be Abi Willetts, with help from Russ & Lesley Howell and Greg Leavers.** Children's workers are also being arranged for all sessions.

## Local Leadership Team Reports

“In its time I will do this swiftly” it says in Isaiah 60:22 and this is precisely what we have experienced concerning our move to Hightown. As soon as we heard there was to be a church plant in Hightown, Peter and I were very excited! As we started prayer walking the area a love began to spring up in our hearts. Ros, as the impetuous one, immediately wanted to move but Peter was very reluctant to part with Frog Cottage! After a while he agreed to put it on the market and as you know, the house stood for over a year and no buyers!

In the meantime we got involved as volunteers as best we could in the work already happening at Hightown. About 10 weeks ago or thereabouts, it was suggested by one of the residents that we put our names down for a flat in Sylvester Court. This we did expecting to be on a waiting list and a three year or so wait. Three WEEKS later we were offered a ground floor flat and here we are!

Already we have had opportunities opening up and in the two weeks we have been here we've already been engaged in meaningful exchanges with a number of folk. People here have been so warm and welcoming, even bringing flowers and cards to welcome us! It feels so “right” and we are both excited as to what the Lord has for us and for those who live by.



**CRAFT CLUB** - One thing that has already developed from the table top sale back in September is the start of a craft club, in the Community room at Sylvester Court, every other Friday morning from 10–12, starting 28<sup>th</sup> October. Audrey Hartland, a resident, is very kindly, supplying everything needed to make

Christmas cards free of charge. After that we will agree a subscription for materials needed. Please let Ros know if you are coming so we have enough seating and tables, tea, coffee and materials! One or two have already put their names down so we should have a good representation of ChristChurch folk, as well as community folk.

**ARTSCENE** at the Luke O'Connor centre is flourishing on Mondays 4 – 6. At a £1 subs it's really good value, often having experienced teachers in different mediums. Beginners, improvers and the experienced, ALL very welcome.



Peter is about to start a **FAMILY HISTORY** course at the Luke O'Connor Centre, day and time to be arranged. Let him know if you'd be interested in coming.



## Outreach at ChristChurch - Rhys and Genni Williams

The past year has presented many challenges to us as a congregation. However, ChristChurch has continued to look beyond any building that we meet in and to do God's work in the communities and situations that we find ourselves in.

Catch and C2 continue to develop and run well. This summer saw a number of the children and youth of all ages attend camps run by Urban Saints in Powys and Llanddwywe. All who went had a fantastic time (including the leaders!) and we are grateful for the financial assistance that ChristChurch has provided in order to allow the children to go. The new school year has seen a dip in the numbers of children who are attending Catch. We are going to contact the local schools in the area in order to invite a new group of children to Catch. Please pray that the numbers would increase and also for the contacts that will be made with the schools and parents.

On the other hand, C2 has really grown over the last year and regularly has 20-25 youths come to it. Rob Parkinson and Sally Ellinson have both joined the team of helpers and are a huge help on Friday evenings.

We feel that the time has come to run a "next step" course with some of the older youth who have been coming regularly to both C2 and Catch as helpers. In addition, we are currently reviewing the format of C2 and would appreciate your prayers as we consider both of these developments.

Community Sports continues to meet on the first Sunday of every month in Acton Community Centre. The numbers vary from month to month but we have a core group of 12 or so children who regularly come to the meetings. Over the summer we took the decision to offer sport for the under 8's and also a craft session in addition to the regular footy. Bacon butties and the papers are also available from 9.45 for a leisurely start to the day. As a result of these additions we decided to change the name to Community Sports Plus. Families are starting to come and we have one of the boys' fathers who is coming now to play football.

Lunch club at Acton continues to go from strength to strength. There is a regular group of 10 who come for lunch and the quizzes after the meal have proved to be popular. Sally Ellinson now shares the cooking duties with Sue Allen and there are a number of other volunteers who regularly help with everything from puddings through to the washing up. In the New Year there are plans to have speakers come and give a short talk after the food.

Over the summer we ran summer clubs in both Hightown and Acton. Although not huge in numbers the children that did attend enjoyed the sessions. The

contacts and friendships that were made in Hightown were particularly encouraging and it was amazing to see them respond so positively to the basic gospel message. There is a huge potential for us as a congregation to get involved in Hightown, although possibly not to start our own initiatives but to get alongside the ventures that are already in place.

Pete and Ros are hugely involved with the local community in Hightown and have made a huge amount of friendships and links. Their enthusiasm for the area has seen them move house and we recognise and are thankful for the commitment and hard work of them both.

We recognise that members of ChristChurch are involved with a number of outreach opportunities across Wrexham and we are sorry we can't mention them all in this short article. Please pray for all these exciting opportunities to do God's work and to tell our friends, colleagues and communities about the wonder of His love.



### £10 Challenge

Ros took up the challenge of multiplying Gareth's £10. She and Peter made those lovely calendars last year, but this year they are overwhelmed with moving house and other commitments.

Mary used the £10 to buy sugar and, with generous gifts of fruit, and willing buyers she has enough money to finance the making of a Birthday and Anniversary Reminder Calendar which we hope you will buy. Roy has played a big part in this project and so have Geoff and Sally G. Help us to make a lot of cash for our external ministries from Gareth's £10. Every blessing, Mary



### INTRODUCING A NEW SERIES OF EVENTS SPONSORED BY WRECSAM CYTŪN

**Come and hear about the work of WREXHAM STREET PASTORS....**

- \* *Stories from Wrexham High Street, in the early hours...*
- \* *What makes them do it???*
- \* *The impact of their work.*



**Chester Street Baptist Church, Wrexham - 7.15pm Thursday 10 November**  
***Bring a friend and be inspired by the story of this modern day ministry 'on the streets'.***

Arranged by Wrecsam CytŪn in association with Wrexham Street Pastors & supported by Mission Wrexham



Take a look at [www.north-wales-christian-events.co.uk](http://www.north-wales-christian-events.co.uk) – for Christian events across North West Wales

**Musings from a hillside****Art Ellinson**

Over the years my family and I have grown to love a special place in the hills not far from Wrexham where you can sit and look down on the beautiful Vale of Llangollen. Often on a visit there I find it is as if God speaks to me a word of encouragement, challenge or comfort.

On my most recent visit, the hills around me were adorned in golden gorse and the sheep as ever were safely grazing. Below me the River Dee made its tranquil way towards the sea. It was a sunny day and I noticed how the sun shone on the waters to make it look as if the river was made of crystal.

I was reminded of a song we used to sing in church when I was much younger. The writer had based the words on some verses from the book of Revelation where the writer tells of a vision of a new heaven and a new earth. The Bible records these words:

**Revelation.22: Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb.....and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light.**

The hymn writer chose to take these words and to ask a question and affirm his answer. He invites those who sing the hymn to affirm the answer also. Here are some of the words:

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

***Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.***

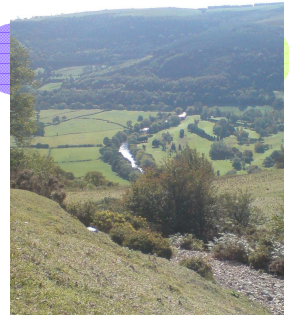
**At the smiling of the river, mirror of the Saviour's face,  
Saints, whom death will never sever, lift their songs of saving grace.**

**Refrain**

**Soon we'll reach the silver river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.**

**Refrain**

We live in days when perhaps each of us is being challenged afresh to be willing to serve God and as it were to have His name on our foreheads i.e. to be known to neighbours and community as followers of Jesus. Let's be encouraged to do that, strengthened through those precious moments, when we sense God is with us and we are reminded of his promises, and through our being a supporter and being supported by our commitment to our local church. I hope these promises of God in the Bible and in the song are an encouragement to you today.



ChristChurch has recently received two grants for equipment for the Community Sports Plus project. £250 from Wrexham Small Grants and £682.32 from Sports Wales spent on various sport equipment and craft items (eg footballs, egg and spoon race, goal posts, card, tissue paper, scissors.)



**ChristChurch Monthly Rotas**

	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov
		communion	offering	communion
<b>Setting Up</b>	Tbc	Tbc	Tbc	Tbc
<b>PA</b>	Eth & Colin	James & Meg	Rob & Rod	James & Meg
<b>IT</b>	Campbell	Frank	Lucas	Frank
<b>Music Group Leader</b>	Colin	John	John	John
<b>Service Leader</b>	Ros	Gareth	Andrew	Tbc
<b>Speaker</b>	Gareth	Russ and Lesley Howell	Gareth	Tbc
<b>Tea</b>	Glenys, Meg (Marilyn)	Dorothy, Jan, Steve	Peter, Elaine W, Elaine M	Myra, Diane, Ffion
<b>Crèche</b>	Lucy	Jo	Tbc	Tbc
<b>Little Ones</b>	Sally G	Dorothy	Tbc	Tbc
<b>Junior Church</b>	Community Sport	Mandy Lizzie J	Tbc	Tbc

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