



October Key Events

2nd Community
Sport Plus

2nd Abi Willetts
at CCW

3rd Cytun
Hunger Lunch
at Salisbury Rd

9th Rev Mike
West at CCW

16th Cytun One
World Service

20th Leaders
meeting with
Russ Howell

Relay



This month is focused on Pastoral Care, with a report from Jean Jones. There is also a report from Dorothy about her trip to Uganda.

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

Scripture Focus for October

Matt 11:28-30

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



Leader's Log**FAMILY VALUES**

This month's Relay is focussing on Pastoral Care. Recently we have been thinking about prayer and the latest versions of the CCW Prayer Pointers are now available. Recent sermons have focussed on both prayer and the family, so it seems most appropriate that I should combine them all in this month's note to you.

**Show proper respect to everyone,
love the family of believers, fear
God, honour the emperor.**

1 PETER 2:17



Jesus takes family to another level and redefines all our relationships and responsibilities, meaning we all have a responsibility to work out what our roles are in response to that. How can we best do that and how can we put into practise the love of family that he desires?

TWO simple things spring to mind – **PRAYER** and **CARE**.

Looking out for one another and seeking to help and support in appropriate ways those who are in the family, whilst at the same time praying for them on a regular, ideally daily, basis.

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

The beauty with both prayer and care is that we can achieve good success in doing this with both our physical and spiritual families. There is tremendous comfort gained from knowing others care enough to pray for you and this can never be underestimated.

Prayer of course must be backed up with practical action and it is here that we need wisdom to know when to say NO and when to say YES. Boundaries

have to be set, maintained and reviewed otherwise we can easily end up constantly chasing our tails!!!



The secret of course is to know with clarity, conviction and confidence from Jesus those things to which we can say a resounding YES to. When these become clear we will know how to say NO without guilt or shame.

God's call to us must define these boundaries for us, otherwise our agendas get filled with all sorts of competing demands and expectations. The beauty here of course is that His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

My prayer, for us all, is that the Lord would help each one of us to know and understand these changing and challenging dynamics in a rapidly changing world.

Love and prayers,

Every Blessing

GARETH



Weekend Away 2012



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.

When, where and how much?

Date	Friday 24 th to Sunday 26 th February 2012.
Location	Pioneer Centre, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8JG.
Cost	£100 per adult, there are discounts for children. A deposit of £20 is needed as soon as possible.
Includes	All meals from Friday evening to Sunday lunch and all rooms have an en-suite.

The theme and speakers for the weekend are still to be confirmed.

Prices - The cost of the weekend is £100 per adult - this is to cover accommodation and ministry costs. Children prices are:- 13 to 16 year old - £75, 4 to 12 year old - £50, under 4's are free. There is a Saving Club available, please see Sue Allen.

Local Leadership Team Reports

Table-Top Sale

On Saturday September 24th we held a table-top sale in aid of Nightingale House Hospice at Hightown Community Centre. There was also a refreshment area with drinks and cakes, a Salvation Army donation area and a Prayer Room. We raised £98.60 for Nightingale House and sent a whole car load of things to the Salvation Army. **Thank you** so much to everybody who helped set up, donated items, served refreshments and made cakes. There were 13 tables (the maximum we could fit in), 5 of which were run by people who do not attend ChristChurch. The main purpose of the event was to make our presence known in the community more and to bring people together in a relaxed environment - which we did!

Lunch Club

Acton Lunch Club is going well and we have a great group of volunteers. However, if one of those volunteers is unable to attend for some reason we could do with some volunteers to call upon to help on these occasions. If you think you would be able to put your name on this 'standby list' to come and help set tables or wash up 11am until 1pm, on the 2nd or 4th Friday of each month please let Sally E or Sue A know.

Thanks...

There have been several requests for help over the last year and so this month the Acton Local Leadership Team would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has got involved.

The Teams:

Catch - Andrew, Bekki, Rhys, Genni, Liz J, Phyllis, Zoe, Irene.

C2 - Andrew, Liz W, Bekki, Rob P, Sally E, Blair.

Lunch Club - Sue, Sally E, Glenys, Zoe, Mary, Geoff, Susan (AgeUK), Faye (AVOW).

Community Sports - Rhys, Genni, Bekki, Andrew, Liz W, John E, Val, Irene, Myra, Sue, Huw, Claire P.



Take a look at www.north-wales-christian-events.co.uk – for Christian events across North West Wales



Pastoral Care



Colossians 3:12-15

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

God's church (ChristChurch), is a place where we can imitate our Heavenly Father's love to us.



As Pastoral co-ordinator, I see this love shown in so many ways. Visiting people, helping with lifts, being there for the sick and bereaved, etc.. As we get to know each other through home groups and other friendship groups, burdens are shared and practical help given.

ChristChurch is a church that encourages body ministry. As we clothe ourselves with God's gifts of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, we find that through his Holy Spirit, we are able to care for others and often see our own needs met as well.

It would be great to be able to provide regular SUNDAY LUNCHES to students and newcomers - please see me if you would like to help out with that.



It is great that many of our practical needs are met through our home groups and personal friendships.

Please let me know if you feel there are those that would appreciate a visit or a phone call. Sally Ellinson would be happy to help anyone find a home group to be in, if they are not part of one already.

Jean Jones

Dorothy's trip to Uganda with Teams4U August 13th – 23rd

I set off from Heathrow with a team of 13 other folk of all ages (mostly young!) to work in 3 different schools in Uganda doing different activities – such as crafts, games, bible stories etc.

After a not too comfortable night flight, we arrived in Kampala at 8am and travelled straight to Jackson school, the one I had been working in 2 years previously.



It was great to see how much the work had progressed and the dormitories for the children were now up and occupied, with new bunk beds, blankets, mattresses and best of all mosquito nets. These arrived whilst we were there and it was so good to see the children's faces knowing they could now sleep safely without being bitten and contracting malaria. After a quick tour round, we went to our hotel for a good nights sleep.

Next day we arrived back at the school to be greeted by hundreds of cheering children and teachers. The children were put into different groups – red, yellow or blue - and we were allocated our teams and stayed with these children for the 2 days, which gave us a chance to bond with the children and get to know them.

The day was split into different sections - crafts (making masks, paper plate decorations and woolly spiders etc), games, bible stories and quizzes. The rivalry between the groups was fun to see and after spending 2 days at the school, there were many tears when we left.



After 2 days we moved to the next school, again I was there 2 years ago and it was lovely to be recognised by the head and some of the teachers. The whole process was repeated, doing the same kind of activities, games and crafts over the 2 days. We were also given a lovely concert with singing and traditional African dancing.

On Sunday we went to the church which was held outside under the trees. Over a thousand people were in the congregation and the service went on for 3 hours! During the service they had a baptism ceremony for about 10 babies and it was very hard to see these little ones stripped off and cold water poured all over, not just a sprinkling on their head!! The singing was wonderful and again lots of people remembered me, so I felt really humbled.

The trip itself was hard work, relentless sometimes under the hot African sun, but it was a great privilege to be there, giving joy to these children who lead very hard lives.

Once home I think I slept for the first few days, but looking back at my pictures and seeing all the lovely smiling faces it was worth every minute.

This was my 5th trip to Africa and each time I go I fall in love a little bit more with the country and its people, and God willing would love to return some day.

Teams4U are doing a fantastic job in Africa, but are also working in Cambodia, Crimea and Romania. For more information go to www.teams4u.com



October Events in North Wales



6th October at 7.30 pm - the Community Church, Prices Lane, Wrexham, LL11 2NB. The Hudson Taylors in Concert –Tickets £6
Email: info@newdayinternational.org

11th October CICC event at Trinity Church, King Street with Rev Dr Viv Thomas of St Pauls, Hammersmith, London. www.cicconline.org.uk

12th October 'OPEN DOORS' meeting at Bradley Road Evangelical Baptist Church. www.opendoorsuk.org

17th October TEAMS4U event with Special Guest REAKSA HIMM from CAMBODIA One man's story of how he survived the killing fields and his journey to forgive his family's killers. Catryn Finch Centre, Glyndwr University, Wrexham Contact: info@teams4u.com www.teams4u.com

28th October 7.30 - 9.30PM All Saints Praise, St Asaph Cathedral, An evening of praise and prayer led by Greg Leavers and Andy Hughes, organised by NDE Network, the ministry of Arnold Muwonge www.ndenetwork.com



ChristChurch Monthly Rotas

	2 nd Oct	9 th Oct	16 th Oct	23 rd Oct	30 th Oct
		communion	offering	communion	
Setting Up	Sue	Richard	Gareth	Peter	Art
PA	James & Meg	James & Meg	Eth & Colin	Rob & Adrian	Eth & Colin
IT	Frank	Frank	Campbell	Lucas	Campbell
Music Group Leader	John	Rhys	John	Huw	Colin
Service Leader	Gareth	Gareth	Andrew & Liz	Rob G	Sue
Speaker	Abi Willetts (Ichthus)	Rev Canon Prof Mike West (St Giles)	Ros	Sue	Huw
Tea	Dorothy, Jan, Steve	Peter, Elaine W, Elaine M	Myra, Diane, Ffion	Andrew, Elizabeth	Glenys, Marilyn, Ro, (Art)
Crèche	Lucy	Sally E	Sue	Jo	Val
Little Ones	Sally G	Meg	Dorothy	Andrew & Liz	Meg
Junior Church	CS	Jean, Lizzie J	Glenys, Mandy	Glenys, Lizzie J	Glenys, John

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