

ChristChurch Wrexham



March 2019

Relay



Welcome to the March edition of the
ChristChurch Relay magazine

Key Dates

3rd Early Celebration,
Discovery Church,
The Meeting place,
Walk this Way.

7th Staff Meeting

9th Leaders' Meeting

17th Congregational
Meeting

21st Leaders' Huddle
and Meeting.

22nd – 24th Wrexham
Conference

Scripture Focus for March

Go In
Peace



Luke 8:48 (NIV)

48 Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

Mark 5:34 (NIV)

34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

Luke 7:50 (NIV)

50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

To love and serve the Lord

Leaders Log

New Territories - Movement & Momentum 3

In recent celebrations we have been exploring 3 realms of New Territories to move into with momentum – God’s love, the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. Movement and momentum are vitally important in our lives and this is a season where there is an acceleration for us in each realm.

Moving into NEW Territory:

- Love of God
- Holy Spirit
- Word of God



I want to say a little bit more about each one of these 3 territories that have so much more for each one of us to discover and experience.

Love of God.

The vastness of God’s amazing and all-encompassing love for us (**Ephesians 3:16-19**). Each member of the Godhead wants us to know them intimately through depth of relationship rather than just know about them through knowledge and intellect. To daily hear and know what they are speaking into our lives. Father, Son and Spirit desire our attention, affection and intimacy. An example from the natural realm – my wife loves it when I know in my head and mind the things that she will enjoy* (*flowers, fudge, warm holidays) but is far happier when I demonstrate my full attention and affection for her by

expressing my heart in various different loving ways. Through this second passionate expression of the heart she knows she is truly loved and cherished. God always wants a passionate, intimate and deepening relationship with each one of us. We can never exhaust the Love of God but we must always be exploring more of it.

The Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the great gift which our perfect Heavenly Father is ever ready to give to us. We are to ask, seek and knock continuously as we relentlessly pursue (**Luke 9:13**) this vital resource for our spiritual lives. Amazingly, there is no limit or measure to what can be poured out or received (**John 3:34**). We are to constantly hunger and thirst for the Holy Spirit – to receive and then release, receive and then release. A perpetual cycle as modelled to us by Christ. The Spirit is the power and dynamism we need to live for God in God's world, God's way. Without this empowering presence we will be living by principle alone. Are we confident to fully trust our Father's goodness and promise?



The natural world is a shadow of the greater reality of the spiritual world.

The Word of God.

We are to engage with the whole counsel of the Word of God as we grow into maturity moving from the pure milk of the Word onto solid food (**Hebrews 5:12-6:3**). Just as in life we all grow from infancy into maturity we are to develop and grow in our spiritual lives. It is not normal for us to physically remain babies, toddlers or youths all our lives. The same is equally true in the spiritual realm. We are to grow up as we learn to feed on the solid food (spiritual nourishment and kingdom nutrients) of the Word of God. Each one of us needs to establish a regular (daily) rhythm and routine spending time engaging with the Word of God. As we do, we need a 'hearing ear'. We ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the Living Word – Jesus – in the pages (written word) of Scripture. When we hear, we must then be swift to obey and put into practise (action) the Word of God in our lives. This is true wisdom in operation and will lead to blessing and fruitfulness in our lives.

Love and prayers,
Blessings,

GARETH 

Keep moving & building momentum in God.

Picture during celebration on 17th Feb

The sermon was about New Territories and the Holy Spirit, as Gareth prayed, I saw a picture of a chocolate egg, slowly melting to reveal the gift inside.



God showed me that we need to be like the egg, and let all of the things that are stopping us melt away, so that it reveals the gift. We can then use our gifts for God. However, we also need to do something with the gift (open it, put the toy together) so it is no use just having the gift we need to start using it in the appropriate ways.

HUNGARY Short Term Mission Trip

Good News Foundation

Thursday 28th March – Monday 1st Apr



PRAYER POINTERS

Current TEAM

Gareth & Moira (Hoole Baptist Church)



TRAVEL

Safe, swift and successful travel on each form of transport

Good News Foundation

Kori & Sylvi pastors of the Gypsy church & Donat who leads both the Orgovany church and GNF charity

For blessing & anointing upon the translators

Meeting & ministering to differing families in Orgovany & Izsak

Ministry

Market ministry in Izsak early on Friday morning & Orgovany school visits on Friday & Monday

Ministry in various formats from Thursday evening through to Sunday afternoon

Relationships

Continued blessing upon & a deepening of our relationships with key individuals in the GNF & Orgovany School

to make strong connections with new people we will meet

Blessings,

GARETH

Luke 12:31-32 (NKJV) But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Prayer Pointers from Hungary

The prayer items from Donat are:

1. We were able to open the doors of 'Mary's house' again - this is a shelter for moms with kids who are endangered by abuse or who are homeless. They can stay for up to 6-12 months, get helped physically and spiritually. The first mom, Erzsike, a young Roma lady arrived recently with her 5-month-old son. We can welcome 2 other ones with kids. Please pray for finding those who God sends.



2. We published Jojó (Jimmy's lost bug) in Hungarian and started advertising it. It is well received – there is much need for Hungarian coloured picture Christian books for 2-8-year-olds. However, finding market for it is a challenge for us as it is a new beginning at our ministry. Our plan is that we would continue with other books for kids which helps them understand that God created the world. Please pray for a good start.

3. We are getting involved with the Australian Creation Magazine, we would like to help the Hungarians understand that Creation has happened, no matter what the Communist regime brainwashed us. We are building relationships in this area and planning to step out in this area within the next 6 months. We hope to be able to publish the Magazine in Hungarian and take it to many biology teacher's hands, etc. We need a good team of translators, editors, sponsors. Please pray for a good team and financial sources.

4. A group of ministers are holding a series of 3 meetings called 'Swap your humps for wings' in Feb-March-April. We work together and invite people from Orgovány, Izsák and the nearby areas to the village hall and offer teaching and prayer. This is an outcome of a camp from last summer where they worked for the local people in their homes and gardens. Please pray for conversions and for Holy Spirit Baptisms. Please pray for unity in the local churches.

5. We are meeting our MP in February. Please pray God will open doors through him.

6. In March we will have a weekend with Gareth on the streets and visiting families in Izsák, in the Roma church we are planting. Please pray for a breakthrough that people can start a faithful walk with God.

7. We want to reach out for the Romanian-Hungarian Gypsies in the village. Please pray for an open door.

8. We are going to have a two weeks' time of counselling with Russ in April. Please pray for strength for him and leading from the Holy Spirit who to visit in a short while like this.

9. We have good buildings; 2 flats were emptied recently. In one of them we started Mary home as mentioned above. In the other we want to have a couple or a family who come to take part in mission daily. So we ask the Lord to fill every space with mission activities. And we plan to start new book and magazine mission projects. So as our ways of ministry is widening, we need more financial support. Our former financial measures are little to cover these new activities. Please pray for more sponsors who take this ministry on their shoulders.

Thank you

our prayer pointers from Kori and Szilvi

- breakthrough in the believers' heart, devotion, sanctification (Peter, Jovita, Elvira, Dezso, Marika, Krisztina, Eszti ke néni, Bori néni, Irén)

- many people left Lord, please ask to come back

- men in our heart, please pray for the men, to turn to God

- this summer we plan to do the meetings in our yard, we plan to rebuild our spare building.

- long time ago we don't have new believers, please ask new believers

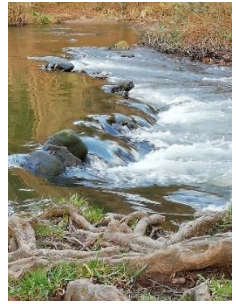
- strength for me, and my family (school, work...)

Blessings



Missional Community Updates

Photos from #Sundaze walk in Alyn Waters



- Photos from Walk this Way



Base camp dates - Find out more about - [ChristChurch](#) - Missional Communities - [ChristChurch's Mission](#) - How you can get involved. Each session will include brief teaching, a focus upon scripture, personal reflection & time for prayer. Talk to Andrew or Liz. We're now planning to run a continuous rolling programme - Here is the current plan! March 14th, 28th, April 4th, May 2nd 23rd and then 2nd and 4th Thursdays!

60 years on.....a note from Art

It was 1959, Miss Fairbairn a middle aged spinster lady, wearing an appropriately modest hat, pedaled away playing the tunes of choruses on an old wooden pump organ as we drank our coffee in Sunday night Youth Café at the local Baptist Church. I can't remember whether it was Mr. Wright, manager of the local dairy, Mr. Long, the Naval Architect, or Mr. Hughes, the Insurance Officer, but they took it in turn at the weekly event to share a Gospel message & invite a response from amongst the newly named 'teenagers'.

What I do remember is that on the Sunday evening of 15th March that year, 60 years ago, I and a couple of other young men did respond by going to a side room, where we were asked if we wanted to accept Jesus Christ as our Lord & Saviour, and invited to sign a decision card which stated a commitment to:

Admit our need of salvation, and the confession of our sinful state

Believe that Jesus Christ died to forgive us our sin and that we should

Confess that belief to others i.e. not keep it a secret.

As a dutiful 14 year old, I went home, steeled myself and told my parents what had happened, gave them the card, and as I recall, disappeared upstairs and cried my eyes out. I'd managed to do what it said I should do on the card.



That act of a rather naïve 14 year old changed the course of my life. Looking back however, while that step was life changing at the time, to be able to say today 60 years later it has been long life changing took:

- the forbearance of two loving parents, who gently and patiently listened to the judgmental, narrow, black and white world views of a teenager and just went on loving and encouraging him (they at that stage didn't go to church regularly)
- the sacrificial, caring lives of youth leaders who stood Saturday morning after Saturday morning on muddy football pitches, opened up their homes for groups of young people to listen to records, drink coffee and wear out their carpets
- the bravery of a young Christian woman who gave up the warm and familiar surroundings of her suburban south of England home and family to share her life with me in an unfamiliar far away blackened and cocky 1960's scouse world 'up north' yeh, yeh, yeh, yeh.
- the wisdom of friends and counsellors who through the decades helped me through the sometimes difficult world of church community life where disagreement and conflict can be challenging and at sometimes difficult to survive with faith intact

All this in an era which started with the austerity of post war Europe, where people and governments saw common good and common purpose, in common ownership and use of common public services and the offering of opportunity for social mobility. And the era maybe ending in a world where society and community may be less easy to define, where change happens much more rapidly, where strong and weak alike are impacted by unregulated global market forces and social freedoms which, while offering opportunity for some, may result in grief for others. How will we be judged for our part in this era?

Through these six decade of life, my testimony would be:

- the graciousness of God has sustained me, amazing is His grace.
- there have been so many instances where I have discerned after the event, that the miraculous has taken place.
- along the way I have seen the faithfulness of God lived out in the lives of family, friends & strangers.
- it's so important to keep on learning and appreciating the contribution and experience of others, and spending time with God in prayer (I found this a difficult discipline in the busy years).

And today, from all those years ago, I recall Miss Fairburn playing the tune for this chorus:

When the road is rough and steep, Fix your eyes upon Jesus,
He alone has power to keep, Fix your eyes upon Him.
Jesus is a gracious friend, one on whom you can depend,
He is faithful to the end, Fix your eyes upon Him.

And, for you who kindly read this recollection and testimony of 60 years, a benediction adapted from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer:

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honour everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and pray together that the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, may be amongst us and remain with us always. Amen.

	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th	31 st
		Communion	Offering	Communion	
Setting Up	Gareth	Andrew	Richard	Rob	
IT	Rob	Dan	Rob	Dan	Rob
PA	-	Rob, Adrian	Rob, Adrian	Rob, Adrian	Eth, Colin
Music Group	Huw	John	Adam	Lesley, Genni	Huw
Celebration Leader	Sue	Sue	Andrew and Elizabeth	Gareth	Mark and Sarah
Speaker	Sue	Zambian Team	Andrew	Zambian Team	Mark and Sarah
Prayer Team	Liz, Lucy	Paul, Gill	Frank, Val	Marilyn, Ffion	Alan, Sue
Tea	Gerry, Natasha	Andrew, Liz, Joe	Elaine, Paul, Gill	Marilyn, John, Ffion	Volunteers Needed
Mega Quest	No Junior Church	Sarah, Katy	Sarah, Bekki/Genni	Sarah, Sally G	All Age Celebration
EAT		Kev	Kev	Kev	

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