

ChristChurch Wrexham



May 2019

Relay



Welcome to the May edition of the
ChristChurch Relay magazine

Key Dates

2nd Staff Meeting

5th Early
Celebration,
Discovery
Church, The
Meeting place,
Walk this Way,
#Sundaze

12th Dedications
Leaders Meeting

18th Leaders'
Huddle and
Meeting.

19th Junior church
leaders meeting

30th Ascension

From Angela on
Easter Sunday
21st April



Risen is the King
Earth and heaven sing
Joy is spreading through creation
Over every tribe and nation
In the grace of God we stand
Christ fulfilled the Father's plan
Everyone Rejoice

Scripture Focus for May

Luke 24:50-53
The Ascension of Jesus

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

The Power of the Resurrection

Sitting here two days after we have celebrated the joy of Easter and the resurrection of Christ, I am struck afresh by the power of the resurrection. It had an astonishing impact on the first resurrection witnesses – the women - and later the other disciples. This carried over into the early church.

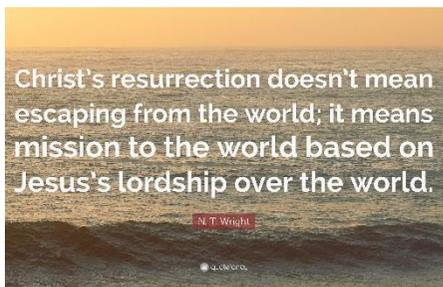
Jesus' resurrection dominated their thinking and became a core component of the message they bore witness to and preached. Like them we must take up the message to go and tell others. It transformed their trust in Christ (as Messiah) into the worship of God and empowered every aspect of their lives.



...declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. **Romans 1:4**

For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, **Romans 6:5**

...that I may know Him and the power of His **resurrection**, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, **Philippians 3:10**



The Resurrection fulfilled every promise that Jesus had made and through it God vindicated Him and declared Jesus, the only begotten, Son of God. If we believe in the death and resurrection of Christ for our salvation, we live now in the power of the resurrection, knowing that one day we shall be resurrected in the same manner as Christ, sharing a resurrection body just like His. What a glorious promise and hope.

What an amazing privilege we are given that the same power that raised Jesus from the grave is at work in my life and in yours. That is just so good – awesome. We don't always realise or appreciate just how loved and blessed we are. As a believer the resurrection power of Christ is at work in you – 24/7/365 for eternity!!! He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it. As part of God's work in each one of us we are given the commission to tell others and make disciples of all the nations. It is not only a pass into heaven we are given but a part to play in mission to



the world. The good news is that He is with us always in this urgent but unfinished task. Let us get busy with the work that the cross and resurrection made possible. The resurrection transformed and made all things new as Christ rose from the grave. It carries the same potential and power today.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Our Saviour has risen! Hallelujah. The resurrection of Jesus reminds us that God makes all things new. He has given us the same resurrection power to live free from sin and death and to have a life fully ALIVE! Lord Jesus, death could not hold You. And because of You, the resurrection and the life, we, too, can live – and live life in abundance. Thank You that the grave is only a journey into the presence of God. You have removed the sting of death and empowered this precious gift called life. Thank you that we can, now and always, live in Your presence forever.

In the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Love and prayers,
Blessings,

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FI Summer Camps 2019

As we head towards summer thoughts turn to this year's FI summer camps which Ligia and the team have been actively planning now for a few months. Hard to believe it is now 10 years since myself, Glen, Dorothy, Eth and Colin together with Rhi and Katrina March headed over to Romania for the summer camp! This year, now the 12th consecutive year, the camps will take place at Dezna which is located in the heart of the Apuseni Mountains, near Moneasa in Arad County in NW Romania. The Children's camp will be between the 16th and the 21st of July with the Teenager's event between the 21st and the 27th of July.

The Denza Outreach Centre is run by a Christian group called the Smiles Foundation under a motto which stipulates the clear vision and purpose of the facility: 'Growing & Learning together to Serve Christ by Serving Others' a message which resonates strongly with the FI team.

The facilities look to be first class with full kitchen and staff, lounge and activity area in the main building. First floor accommodation takes up to 36 campers in 9 rooms of four (2 x bunk beds) and the second-floor accommodation caters for up to another 18 people. There are huge grounds outside plus a sports field within walking distance and large swimming pool is 7km away. Internet is available at the facility with a cinema projection system in the large meeting lounge.

As always, we would be delighted if someone, or a family, from CCW would be willing

to attend the camp and see at first-hand how lives are transformed and how God is at work through the camp activities. As Ligia reported from last year “words fall again short of expressing everything the camp has meant, all of the experiences, joy and emotion we still feel in our souls. We thank God for his blessings and his faithfulness towards us. We also thank you for all the support you have so kindly given us and we pray that God will bless you with joy, good health and a lot of love”.

More information will follow in due course as to how folk can support the camps and be part of the ministry in reaching out to young people whose lives are challenging and who need to know God’s love.
Campbell

CAMPCAMPCAMPS – MiddlePark, Welshpool

We are getting to that time of year where camps are occupying the young people’s minds and plans. We have a group of young people that want to go. Some have been before others haven’t. But now we are looking at funding as very few of the kids can afford to go at full price (Which is understandable considering how expensive camps are these days). So, we are looking to the Lord to provide for us through CCW for the money we will need. Please if you want to help contribute towards that, let George know who will be putting aside a pot for us. Also, we are looking to hire a minivan to take us there. The camps will take place 28th of July to the 3rd of August.

Prayer - Please pray for our upcoming camps that they would be fruitful. Also pray for our young people as so many of them are coming to an age where they are doing GCSE’s. It’s becoming more likely that they won’t be able to attend C2 sessions, please ask the Lord that he would bless us with new young people to come in but also for the older ones that they would continue to find a home here, and that we would see increased trust in Jesus. Finally, please pray for our team at C2. Some of the most dedicated and Godly people that I’ve ever met. It is a continual pleasure to serve with them. Pray that they would be encouraged and blessed in the work that they do.

Thanks Adam.

Zambian School repairs Many thanks to all who contributed.



Spring Harvest – April 2019 - Huw and Lesley

Our recent trip to Butlins in Minehead was an awesome experience! Spring Harvest 2019 was full of excitement, joy, the presence of God, great teachings and plenty of prayer.



Our theme this year was 'Unlimited when you Pray'. We looked at the gospel of Matthew and Jesus' teaching on prayer and heard talks that were broken down into sub-themes in regards to prayer. We have 'unlimited access' to God when we pray, there is an 'unlimited connection' with God and each other, there is 'unlimited potential' to the power of prayer with God and 'unlimited hope' in our prayer thanks to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Swimming and fairground rides were a big highlight to our week, with 'unlimited access' to all the resorts facilities. The kids (& adults) had a great time in the rapids and on the water slides but the adults (in particular) felt quite queasy on the rides!

Hearing about the many amazing Christian charities from around the world gives us an insight into the world we are living in and gives us time to think in how we can better pray for our world and hearing the testimonies of some amazing people has challenged us to look at our own faith and relationship with God and what we could do to help others around the world.

Sion - Spring Harvest was fun because the kids could go to their clubs and the adults can go to a bible study. I learnt that you can pray in any way possible because God's always listening. The doughnuts were also amazing!

Alaw - I love Spring Harvest because after our classes everyday we got to go swimming and go to the fair. One thing I learnt was that God accepts any kind of prayer, we prayed in lots of different ways, doing it your head, sang our prayers, we shouted and made tinfoil prayers.

Spring Harvest this year changed our family and reinvented and reinvigorated our prayer life and we're excited for what God has planned for us as a family.

Next year the theme is 'Unleashed' looking at the **Acts** church today which will explore the early church in the book of Acts! We're already excited and looking forward to going again next April. If you would like to know more about our experiences or about Spring Harvest in general please come see Huw or Lesley.

Booking for 2020 opens on the 26th of June, if anyone is interested in coming we have some leaflets with prices and again we're more than happy to answer any questions you may have. <https://www.springharvest.org/>

Rob and Sally - This was our first time at Spring Harvest, and we thoroughly enjoyed it and would have to echo the feedback from Huw and Lesley. We all got something out Spring Harvest and look forward to going again. From my perspective (Rob), I was particularly impressed with Justin Welby and Anna Robbins who were two of the main speakers this year.

Anna – Spring Harvest was great, my favourite was probably the swimming pool and my classes. There was also a thing in the morning called Big Start, where there

were fun sketches and different ways to pray.

Sam - The classes were fun because we had exciting worship (we learnt a new song about putting on God's suit) and loads of stories put in a fun way. And the site is fun because you can relax by going to the fairground

Hungary Mission Trip Report - March 2019

Thurs pm Homegroup

Ephesians 1:3-11 Identity in Chris. Packed homegroup tonight & started with the powerful healing of a painful knee. A lady limped in with help & walked out pain free & unaided.

Friday

Market - Good time with chats or prayer with numerous folk & 1 lady saved (she was in homegroup last night)

School - 4 English lessons based around parable of talents exploring gifts, abilities & talents

Afternoon Family visits - Encouraged, counselled or prayed with numerous families this afternoon releasing blessing on their homes.

Evening Youth - follow up from visit to Wrexham with 6 young people plus 1 set of parents.

Saturday

Family day with Izsák church. Meal cooked outside. Long but good day. Around 60 gathered for lunch 🍴. The afternoon saw us visiting more families - this included blessing homes, prayer for people, deliverance & Sharing prophecy & interpretation of visions. Everywhere we went people have fed us - feeling very full. The gypsy people have so little yet give so much!!! The day ended with time with Pastor Kori's leaders to exhort & encourage them - Leadership Group - **John 1:14 Jesus in the Midst**

Sunday

Morning - Powerful meeting & ministry time with lots of Holy Spirit presence. **Mark 10:46-52 Have Mercy on me** Feedback about the powerful preaching, strong presence of God & power released through prayer.

Afternoon - Another powerful gathering with many experiencing God's presence & power & falling in the spirit, including a number of the youngsters. 3 salvations too.

Luke 3:21 - 4:15 Led, Filled, Empowered by the Spirit

2 more families visited either side of the afternoon gathering plus a trip into Ketchkemet for ice cream.

Monday

A quieter day with 1 school visit prior to lunch & a debrief with Donat & then Kori on the way to the airport. In between we managed a quick meet up with an old friend which was a lovely unexpected surprise.

A busy but mightily blessed few days. The GNF team are such generous & gracious hosts.



Date for your diary - Mission to Wales Wednesday 26th to Sunday 30th June

In March there was a collection for Nepal - and the Government promised to match the amount given if we were able to submit it before the 17th May. We passed on £507.50 to Tearfund and asked that the total amount be sent to work currently being carried out with the Leprosy Mission in Kathmandu Nepal.

This Time Tomorrow by Dave Picken

My regular work is a security officer on the Wrexham Industrial Estate at a cable making factory. Activity wise I only do printing/ designing as a hobby. Up to A4 size which involves designing anything from business cards to wedding stationery - all designed to specification & personalisation.

Since being a regular attendee at CCW my spiritual life has improved immensely. Voluntarily I am a Team Leader with Wrexham Street Pastors.

I am married to Bronwen, two girls aged 23 & 20 (21 in May) plus a grandson who is four years old in August 2019.

The main challenges I have are satanic attacks but they are dealt with by prayer to our Lord & Father, although I do have other issues as well.

I am a recovering alcoholic - now 14 years total sobriety & suffer from anxiety with depression. Now under control with medication, also copious amounts of prayer. Things I need prayer for are the attacks & continual health improvements also looking for alternative employment, preferably Christian work.

Proms in the Park - Saturday June 8th at The British Ironworks Centre.

Just letting people know that there's a few people from church that want to go so if others are interested, they could buy tickets and we could all sit together

A Spectacular evening of music and fireworks to launch the 50th anniversary concert season of the Wrexham Symphony Orchestra.

The concert, is set in over 100 acres of parkland, the most fabulous music event in the Borderlands. A whole family evening of top-class popular music from Radio, TV, Films and the Classics. We shall be commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings with memorable music and songs from WW2. Proms in the Park 2019 will conclude with a dazzling Star Wars firework spectacular.

We welcome you to bring a delicious picnic, cosy blankets, and comfy seating and as part of the evening, delicious treats will be served to you including very British strawberries and cream sundae. The Café will also be open all evening for those that fancy hot drinks or something sweet.

Gates open at 5:30pm

Show start: 7pm

<http://www.britishironworkcentre.co.uk/>

Adults £25
Children £13.50
OAPs £23



	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
		Communion	Offering	Communion
Setting Up	Gareth	Andrew	Richard	Rob
IT	Rob	Dan	Rob	Dan
PA		Eth, Colin	Eth, Colin	Rob, Adrian
Music Group		John	Lesley/Genni	Adam
Celebration Leader	Sue	Gareth	Andrew and Liz	Sue
Speaker	Gareth	TBA	Andrew and Liz	Gareth
Prayer Team	Ffion, Lucy	Marilyn, Liz	Paul, Gill	Alan, Sue
Tea	Campbell, Elaine	Dorothy, Natasha, Lynsey	Paul, Gill, Gerry	John, Ffion, Alanna
Mega Quest	No Junior Church	TBC, Jean	Bekki, Sarah	Katy, Sarah
EAT		Sally E	Kev	Sally E

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