

# ChristChurch Wrexham



June 2019

## Relay



Welcome to the June edition of the  
ChristChurch Relay magazine

### Key Dates

2<sup>nd</sup> Early  
Celebration,  
Discovery  
Church, The  
Meeting place,  
Walk this Way,  
#Sundaze

12<sup>th</sup> **Pentecost**  
LinkUp and  
Leaders Meeting  
Prayer Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> Leaders'  
Huddle and  
Meeting.

26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Mission  
to Wales

30<sup>th</sup> Russ Howell  
at CCW followed  
by shared lunch

### **Congratulations!**

to Andrew Williams  
appointed as  
ChristChurch Wrexham  
Missional Communities  
Facilitator and to Sara  
Davies appointed as  
Church and Community  
Children's Worker

### Scripture Focus for June 2

### Acts2:1-4

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost  
2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all  
together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the  
blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and  
filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They  
saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that  
separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of  
them were filled with the  
Holy Spirit and began to  
speak in other tongues as  
the Spirit enabled them.



## The Power of Prayer

Prayer is essential for the Christian and the Church. It is our spiritual oxygen – essential to life and well-being. Jesus made it clear we needed to pray – He expected it. Paul encourages us to pray without ceasing. Prayer changes things and every generation of Christians has recognised its vital significance and striking power. However, as Pete Greig (24/7 Prayer) has said *“the most important thing about prayer is not so much the power it releases but rather the person it reveals.”*



Prayer reveals the Father's heart and intent and in the communication process that is prayer we get to know Father, Son and Spirit better. To be effective in the Christian life we need to be a praying people and a praying church. Simply put, we need to go deeper in prayer.

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. **Matthew 6:6**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, <sup>in</sup> everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men **1 Timothy 2:1**

Prayer is that constant abiding conversation Jesus wants to have with us all the time. It is simpler than we could ever have imagined yet more consuming than we can conceive.

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There are MANY different ways to pray and we all need to find rhythms' and patterns to sustain us in this vitally important task. We have the privilege of Jesus' invitation into this glorious interaction that is prayer and then the ongoing challenge to constantly maintain it. **WITHOUT PRAYER WE GO NOWHERE!!!** So to prayer, and further prayer, and persistent, prevailing prayer we must go.

Prayer takes us on a journey and connects us with the Godhead. The results shape and mould not just us but the very world itself. Richard Halverson encourages us that prayer has the power to affect all things *“no place is closed to intercessory prayer, no continent, no nation, no city, no organisation, no office. No power on earth can keep intercession out.”* Prayer carries amazing influence and impact and is part of the kingdom work we are left to fulfil here on the earth

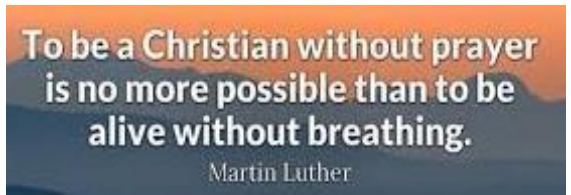


May we all know a strengthening, a deepening, an unction in our prayer lives, individually and as a church, as we take up the great invitation and challenge of continually praying **“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, here on earth as in heaven”**. To God be the glory as we take our mandate seriously.

Next month some thoughts around intercession.

Love and prayers,  
Blessings,

**GARETH**



God does not promise that our lives will not be tumultuous....



but he does promise to turn them into something **Beautiful!**

This picture was share by Angela on 12<sup>th</sup> May

Romans 8:28 NIV  
28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

## Missional Communities

### #Sundaze, here is what was share in the missional minute.

Here are the 3 ways they are being missional

- 1) Young people themselves - Information and opportunities to make their own minds. They are still thinking things through, still traveling their own journey towards faith. They live happily sharing their parent's faith for a while, then start to transition. It isn't that they've lost anything, but have to make family faith their own. And live out these values for themselves. So, this is a big part of our Missional activity as an MC, Information and opportunities to make up your own minds.
- 2) Friends - We want to give them Information and opportunities to make up your own minds. Not always easy as family life is very busy, YP often invite friends, but they and/or their families are too busy. Mid-month socials are important activities to invite friends to. Also, some 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday activities are more social than Spiritual eg beach party nest week.
- 3) Short term mission trips – future - Often Important building blocks on the journey of faith self-discovery and maturity, again could be opportunity to invite friends.

**ACT** met for Ti Church on 11<sup>th</sup> May. The theme was Gardens. It started with soup and a word search about the RHS Gardens. There was a quiz to see how may birdsongs you know. We had activities – planting seeds, watercolour painting and card making. There was also a short talk about the three gardens in the bible. The time was very enjoyable and a there were several comments of “That’s Interesting”!!



Walk this way met on Bank Holiday Monday

## Pentecost Poem from Mary Birch

Holy God has been forever  
 Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
 At Pentecost He became visible  
 On that day He became audible  
 Then His power filled the place,  
 flooding their hearts and minds  
 Tongues of fire on each head!  
 The breath of God like thunder!  
 We can only imagine and wonder  
 and pray to be filled like that.

Luke 24:49 (NIV)  
 ..... but stay in the  
 city until you have  
 been clothed with  
 power from on high.”



CCW are joining in with Thy Kingdom Come prayer initiative. You should have received a prayer booklet to pray for 5 friends. Here is the song that was written by Pete James to go with the initiative.

### Your Kingdom Come

#### Verse 1

Made in perfect love  
 Innocent we walked as friends of God  
 Still we turned away  
 Traded freedom for a life enslaved

#### Verse 2

Helpless we were lost  
 Heaven sent the rescue plan of God  
 Through the love of Christ  
 We are found and born into new life

#### Pre-Chorus

We are watching we are waiting  
 We are hoping we are praying  
 We're believing let your kingdom come

#### Chorus

Father in heaven your name is holy  
 Yours is the kingdom the pow'r and the glory  
 God of salvation unfold your story  
 Yours is the kingdom the pow'r and the glory  
 (Forever and ever) Amen

#### Verse 3

King of endless love  
 Here on earth as in heaven above  
 Let your will be done  
 Wake our hearts and let your kingdom come



### Photos from the Easter gospel concert at St Giles



## The Outskirts of His Glory, by Anna Jensen – review by Honor Parkinson

I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. John 10:10

I recently got back in contact with a friend I shared a house with back in Cambridge. She told me that she had written a book of devotional poetry called **The Outskirts of His Glory** & it was soon to be published, asking if I would pray about writing a piece of music to compliment it.

Anna's beautiful devotional poetry book reflects on the beauty & glory of God's creation & how if we would be still, He speaks to us through it & often draws from the library of our hearts what we have read in Scripture, bringing it back to us afresh.

Anna is an ex-pat living in South Africa with her husband & two children, regularly speaks at ladies' events, preaches & leads worship. She is considering visiting Wales for some launch events in August. Would Christ Church be interested in an event to hear more of what Anna has to share, possibly a joint church event?

You can read more about Anna and her book and listen to the piece of music at

[www.annajensen.co.uk](http://www.annajensen.co.uk)



The next Mission to Wales is approaching. It will take place from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June. On each day there will be soaking worship, training & street evangelism and it will be based in Chester Street Baptist Church

There will also be a prayer gathering the previous week on 21<sup>st</sup> June from 1pm-2:45pm at ACRC.

Here is an extract of the poem 'Full', that Honor was asked to compose 'Joy' for.

When last did I tarry  
     in this way of waiting  
         letting waves speak wonders  
         and sun leave smiles?  
 To sit with no purpose  
         no plan  
         no plaything  
 Merely to capture a world as it passes.

Could it be that all of this  
     is shown so I might see  
 this life with all its fulness  
     is your gracious  
     death-bought -  
 gift-

        for me?  
 And that I should live it  
 Full  
 and  
 Free.  
 Full  
 of laughter  
 Free  
 to play and pray and worship  
     to feel the ups and downs  
     the highs, the lows  
         the mountaintops and valleys  
 Knowing that in you  
     just you  
 I am (w)holy complete.  
 Full.

## How Great Thou Art

On Sunday 19th May we sang “How Great Thou Art” by Stuart Hine. Jennie Hogg shared this about the song.

When we were in Wycliffe Bible Translators we became friends with Sonia the daughter of Stuart Hind who translated the hymn from Russian into English and because of our friendship we received support from the royalties of the hymn for a period. How amazing is that, the Lord is good and His provision comes from all manner of places and people.

Blessings, Jennie



Can you help? For the past few months, Lucy and I have been involved in a fantastic project called ‘Open the Book.’ Open the Book (OtB) is a programme developed by the Bible Society, offering primary school children an opportunity to hear Bible stories as part of their assemblies and collective worship.

Once a month, a team of Christians from different denominations present Bible stories in a fun and interactive way in Watt’s Dyke and Acton Primary School. **We need more people to go into Acton with us.** It’s a small commitment – you would need to be available for around half an hour on a Tuesday afternoon for the assembly, and half an hour on a Wednesday morning for the practice (once a month). Very little preparation is required... plus, it’s both worthwhile and fun! Do come and speak to me if you’re interested, or email Sarah Davies at [christchurchwrexhamchildren@gmail.com](mailto:christchurchwrexhamchildren@gmail.com). Thank you so much!

## YOUTH CAMPS.

It’s that time of the year again when we are planning on taking the young people from C2 who want to go to camps. A lot of the kids who want to go are from impoverished families so we are looking for kingdom support now more than ever. We have around 5 young people who want to go with us and there’s two volunteers.

But one area we are looking for support for this year is organising lifts to take 8 people to camp. If you feel you can help with lifts on the 28<sup>th</sup> July and 3<sup>rd</sup> August, if you can help or know anybody that can please do get in contact with me, otherwise we will have to hire a mini van.

Please pray, that it would be successful. That our planning would be blessed and fruitful and that the young people themselves would be encouraged and strengthened, so they have a desire to know Jesus better.

Thanks Adam



	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>
		Communion	Offering	Communion	
Setting Up	Gareth	Andrew	Richard	Rob	?
IT	Rob	Dan	Dan	Rob	Rob
PA		Rob, Adrian	Eth, Colin	Rob, Adrian	Eth, Colin
Music Group		John	Adam	Lesley/ Genni	Huw
Celebration Leader	Gareth	Lynsey	Rob	Gareth	Gareth
Speaker	Sue	Sue	Gareth	Nepal Tearfund	Russ Howell
Prayer Team	Ffion, Frank	Marilyn, Liz	Lucy, Frank	Alan, Sue	Paul, Gill
Tea	Lucy, Myra, Natasha	Jennie, Bill, Liz	Andrew, Liz, Joe	Dorothy, Lynsey, Alanna	Volunteers needed
Mega Quest	<b>No Junior Church</b>	Genni, Sarah	Sally G, Sarah	Sarah	Clare, Andrew, Liz
EAT		Sally	Kev	TBC	

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