

ChristChurch Wrexham



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Relay



Welcome to the September edition of the
ChristChurch Relay magazine

Scripture Focus for September

CONSECRATE YOURSELVES

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. ¹¹ And let them be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.....So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and sanctified the people, and they washed their clothes. ¹⁵ And he said to the people, "Be ready for the third day; do not come near *your wives*." **Exodus 19:10-11, 14-15**

And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." **Joshua 3:5**

Key Dates

1st Early
Celebration,
Discovery Church,
The Meeting place,
Walk this Way,
#Sundaze

8th Leaders Meeting

22nd Roy and Doris
Celebration

24th Prison
Conference

28th Wrexham
Worships



29th All Age
Celebration
followed by Picnic
in the Park

Thank You

Martin and I would like to
say another heartfelt
thank you, this time to
Ffion for volunteering to
be a WFTR deputy. We are
very grateful to her.
Thanks, Elaine

Changing Pace – Seasonal Adjustment

As we come to the end of the summer period most of us, naturally and instinctively, adjust our pace. This normally means things speed up as work, school and family routines and rhythms return to normal after the summer slowdown. God has built natural seasons into the very fabric of this planet and they affect all our lives. In similar fashion there are spiritual seasons where differing things happen and differing things are expected of, and from, the people of God.



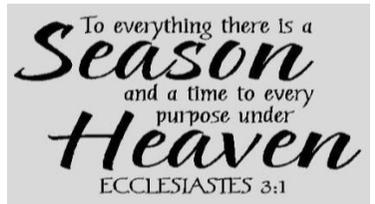
And He changes the times and the **seasons**; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding. **Daniel 2:21**

They said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their **seasons**.” **Matthew 21:41**

God changes spiritual seasons according to His own plans and purposes but we are expected to respond in the right and proper way as He does so. Like the men of Issachar we are to understand the signs of the times we are in or about to enter. How we fare, or prosper, in any one season depends upon how well we recognise what is happening and how well we respond, adjust and adapt to what God is doing and saying.

Here in ChristChurch we are about to enter a season where we will host and be involved in conferences – both here and in Zambia.

It is important we seek the Lord in prayer and ready ourselves to go deeper in praise and worship. Preparing ourselves to meet with and encounter the Lord in powerful, life changing ways.



Israel was repeatedly encouraged, even commanded, to prepare themselves (sanctify / consecrate) to meet with God (eg: Exodus 19; Joshua 3). Each time it was an opportunity to go deeper and further into the promises and purposes of God for the nation and His people. I believe this is a season we are now entering. A time to ready and prepare ourselves to go deeper into God's plans and purposes for us. Opportunities are coming to meet with and encounter Him in life enhancing ways. Will we receive and respond to the invitation?

Nature, along with the seasons, is never static. Rather it is always in perpetual motion, moving along and changing – weather, colours, smells, flowers, fruits, temperatures – in so many differing and diverse ways. This is a picture of how our spiritual lives are to unfold as we seek to keep moving with Jesus and press deeper into His love and grace. The season is shifting so let us walk bravely into all that God has for us at this time. We may not have the power to change the season but we do have the power to choose to respond and align ourselves with God in the season. Let each one of us do so and in the process may God be mightily glorified through our lives and testimonies.

Love and prayers,
Every Blessing

GARETH 



Bishop George and Madam Vanessa are visiting from 3rd – 22nd October. The conference will be 18th - 20th October and they will also be speaking in CCW

Camp Report from Adam (Youth Worker)

Camp was a really great experience for me personally. To network with the other leader's and also to see what various approaches different people take to youth ministry. By far the largest contingent there was from Bolton, which considering I used to work in Bolton was interesting. Spending quality time with the young people was great. Seeing them out of their element, and also surrounded by other young people that are church connected, just sort of shows them that God is alive today. Which are notions that we need to capitalise on in September.

The real value was in the conversations after the talks for the young people. Being able to answer their questions and cultivating an atmosphere over which they know they won't be laughed at for asking questions they don't know the answer too or questions they don't think they are supposed to ask. Which kind of had me reflecting on the importance of night time conversations in general. I can think of several close friends who became Christians during night time conversations. A good friend of mine, Ollie became a Christian after a night time conversation with his then girlfriend's, now wife's, dad, that finished at 4:00am. I myself became a Christian during a night time conversation. Which challenged me, how often are we making time for people during the night time hours? Those hours may make us uncomfortable sure. It might not "fit in" with our schedules or our children. But if there's value there, we shouldn't laugh it off so easily.

It was in the night time conversations at camp that I found myself most useful, just answering every question with the gospel. Because the Gospel is what answer's every objection and accusation, but also every hurt.

All in all, it made me very excited for next year and to get everything ready, and more prayerful that more of the young people would be able to come. If the congregation could join me in prayer for that I would be most grateful. Thanks. **Adam**

HUNGARY Short Term Mission Trip - Good News Foundation HUNGARY

Thursday 26th Sept – Tuesday 1st Oct



PRAYER POINTERS

👉 **Current TEAM**
- Gareth

👉 **TRAVEL**

- Safe and swift travel on each form of transport

👉 **Good News Foundation**

- Kori & Sylvi pastors of the Izsak 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**

- Ministry opportunities over the grape Festival weekend school visits on Friday & Monday
- Ministry in various formats from Friday morning through to Tuesday lunchtime

👉 **Relationships**

- Continued blessing upon & a deepening of relationships
- Encouragement & edification for Kori & his team of leaders / helpers
- to make strong connections with new people we will meet



Blessings, **GARETH**

FI TEENAGE SUMMER CAMP REPORT 2019: 21st-27nd July, DEZNA, ROMANIA

Once again an amazing event in Romania and a huge thank you to everyone in ChristChurch for the financial support which enabled the camp to go ahead.

Here is Ligia's report



"The summer camp is the climax of all the education and prevention work we do in the schools throughout the year. It is a week during which we can interact and spend more time alongside of the young people and who are ready to face some challenges throughout their lives. Our biggest joy is that the participants are not only well informed, but at the end of the camp are ready to make important choices for their lives, choices with a big impact. For example one girl who was in the camp last year and as a result of the decisions she made after attending the camp, now goes regularly with her whole family to church. She came again this year too and it is unbelievable how deep conversations are with her about God. The teenagers all get involved and want to know more about God. God, with all His amazing love, is willing to come into our lives when we accept Him and we experienced this truth throughout the camp.

This year 40 teenagers and 12 leaders attended and were split into small groups, 4 girls groups and 3 for the boys. Each group had one or two leaders and every morning about an hour and a half was spent with time in the groups for discussions and Q&As on

various subjects of interest to them. Dan Adam from Vienna was again with us and with Nelu held the evening talks on the first three evenings on a variety of topics including the importance of a personal relationship with God, the power of words, how to start a relationship with God, healthy relationships with the opposite sex. We were joined on the last two evenings by Liviu, the pastor from Nelu's church. He talked about the prodigal son and about the importance and the ways the teens can continue to follow and seek God after the camp. He pointed out the importance of communicating with God and the essential role of prayer. One morning instead of physical exercise we had a time of spiritual exercise and there were some nice moments on the playing field when we were all scattered around praying.

On one morning we had one group for all the boys and another for all the girls and we talked about relationships. The girls were open and talked about their experiences with friends and their shortcomings or disappointments and the joys of true friendships. One girl said that her mother is her best friend which made a lot of girls talk about the difficult relations with their parents and I could not believe how much pain these girls were going through because of their relationships with their parents. Maybe we should have a camp for the parents!



The drama team, which was formed of six people who came in last year's camp, together with Vini (my son), delivered three plays with a powerful message. This team also helped with the organisation of the camp, helping us keep everything in order during the evenings and responsible for helping those who smoke try to quit. We were very pleased with them and they are great teenagers that wish to help.

As in every year worship through music played a big part in our youth camps and everybody sang with enthusiasm from the first day to the last as in every year.

Every day between 2 & 7pm we had time for sports activities and games. One afternoon we painted on t-shirts led by Adina who prepared everything and brought the know-how to help everyone. Everyone enjoyed this and over 30 t-shirts were decorated. We also had badminton, volleyball, sudoku and table tennis championships. One day we went into the local village and helped people in their homes, sang with them and had some nice talks with them. On another occasion we visited a home for disabled persons to encourage them and gave them small presents. After that one of the girls from there, who is blind, came in the camp, with her mother and two other persons with disabilities and sang for us which was an emotional and intense moment.



The last evening of course, as in every year, was marked by a huge campfire and we were up almost the entire night, talking to each other and singing. Some decided to come in front of everyone and tell their stories and about the fact that they want change in their lives. One of the girls, 17, who used to drink alcohol and take drugs told us about the positive impact of music on her life. A boy talked about pornography addiction and how he decided to trust God and work to change. Two twin sisters told us about the problems in their family and how parents make them lie about their past. They were very open to private discussions and we encouraged them and helped them better understand the stage of their lives they are going through.

Everyone wanted another meeting after the camp so we have already started doing that the first week after the camp. Because of the fact that the yard was not finished and prepared as promised, the owners of the camp decided to let us go for free for a weekend in the camp, accomodation and food included, in October. It will be a great opportunity to get back in touch with everyone.

We are so blessed to be part of God s extraordinary plan to save people, to give them, literally, a new life and a new perspective. We are so grateful to God for his blessings and his faithfulness towards us. We also thank you for all the support, for making these camps possible and we pray that God will bless you with good health, joy and a lot of love.”

Ligia Popoviciu

Dear CCW

It seems a long time that I left you and the UK. I hope that all of you are well! In this letter I'd like to summarise all of the things that happened during the six months that I spent in the UK among you.

Before my trip (last April) I felt that the Lord calls me to give Him some time to be with Him, to let Him to heal and restore me. I accepted this invitation and thanks to the Lord I could join to CCW last November and to HBC this February, where my whole journey started and continued with Him and you, too. Before the trip I had also a sensation that this is going to be significant in my life, but I've never thought that it's going to be as significant as it was.

During this half year I've changed a lot. I experienced some very deep inner healings and deliverances. Thanks to them my personality has become more whole and firmer than before, I've gained more confidence and I can trust in the Lord more than before. My connections with my relatives are healthier and better. I also have a deeper relationship with Jesus and Holy Spirit and I feel that I've grown a lot in my spiritual gifts, especially at the prophetic area (prayer and dancing ministry). I had lots of fantastic periods, but I went through a few serious trials, too. I'm thankful for both of them. Through trials first my heart broke, but after that it became bigger and able to accept more love from the Lord. I'd like to share a picture with you that can describe to you this process. I believe that it could be helpful for you, too. I saw a beautiful mosaic vase that is a symbol of a heart. Different kinds of happenings in life can bake it. If a heart is broken there is an opportunity to the Lord to fix it, but through this process He can put new pieces into the wall of the vase. This way the vase gets bigger, than before and the Lord can pour bigger amount of love into it, that you can share with others who surrounds you. That's how we can grow in love (Ephesians 3:18- 19).

Thanks to the Lord, I had lots of different kinds of opportunities to serve Him in Wrexham and in Chester, too. One of my favourites was the chaplaincy work in the prison of Wrexham and the other is being and working in the cafe called Oasis of Miracles in Chester. In both cases Jesus touched people's heart, healed and delivered them from inner traumas, pain... and restored them and started to build their life and personality up in Christ. The Bible says that „Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever” Hebrews 13:8 (NLT). Through prayer ministry it was amazing to experience the reality of these true words and watch that our God how gloriously works in these valuable people's life. To God be the glory for every miracle and healing! Amen! I

had a chance to get involved in other services like TinCan, C2, Tiddlers, Chatty Books and Crafts, Food Bank, Street Pastors in Wrexham; and Healing Room, Youth Alfa, Trackers and D’Biz Praying for revival, Prayer watch, International prayer watch in Chester. All of them were a blessing for me and I’m very thankful that I could get to know great people through these services!

First of all, I’d like to say a big thank you to the Lord, who has created time and space in my and your life for this great journey. I’d also like to express my thankfulness to Russ and Lesley Howel, who prepared and arranged this journey for me. I’m thankful to pastor Gareth Jones (CCW) and pastors Andy and Sue Glover (HBC) that you’ve given me an opportunity to fulfill the Lord’s calling for that six month, to be able to serve Him in different ways and to be able to grow in my spiritual gifts. I’d like to say massive thanks to my hosts Glen and Campbell Edmondson, Jean and Gareth Jones, Laura and Colin Beresford that you’ve opened your home and took care of me so kindly!! I’m very thankful for all of you that you’ve supported me financially, emotionally and spiritually! Thank you for your love and your heart for the Lord! May He bless all of you for everything that you’ve sowed into my life! It was a life changing journey and I’m thankful to the Lord that you could be in it! **Many blessings and love, Szabina**

Seventieth – Platinum Wedding Anniversary

Roy & Doris were married on Saturday 17th September 1949. They celebrate their Seventieth – Platinum Wedding Anniversary on Tuesday 17th September 2019.



You are warmly invited to celebrate this event after the morning celebration at Acton Community Resource Centre, on **Sunday 22nd September**.

If you can join us, please put your name down on the ChristChurch Guest List on the Information Desk. By-the-way, if you can bring a dessert, that will be very welcome.

Please, no presents, or flowers! - However, you are welcome to donate in support of Nightingale House Hospice, and Trussell Trust Food Bank – Wrexham.

The plan for the afternoon is as follows:

Roy and Doris will receive arriving guests between 12.30 and 1.00p.m, followed by a Buffet Lunch at 1.00p.m.

After sharing our Buffet Lunch between 1.00 – 2.00 p.m., there will be a Children’s Fun Time from 2.00 – 2.30 p.m.

Between 2.30 – 3.00 p.m. Gareth will conduct a time of “Thanksgiving” as Roy and Doris remake their marriage vows.

At 3.00 p.m. there will be a trip down memory lane, featuring some nostalgic songs of the 1940’s, and a time of ‘Sharing’ will follow.

At 3.30 p.m. Roy and Doris will cut their Seventieth - Platinum Wedding Anniversary Cake. Our Celebration will conclude about 4.00p.m.

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		Communion	Offering	Communion	
Setting Up	Gareth	Andrew	Richard	Rob	??
IT	Rob	Rob/Dan	Rob/Dan	Rob/Dan	Rob/Dan
PA		Eth, Colin	Eth, Colin	Rob, Adrian	Rob, Adrian
Music Group	Joe	Huw	Adam	John	Lesley/ Genni
Celebration Leader	Sue	Elizabeth	TBC	Sue	Sue
Speaker	Gareth	Andrew	TBC	Gareth	Sarah – Open the Book
Prayer Team	Alan, Sue	Paul, Gill	Ffion, Lucy	Alan, Sue	Marilyn, Liz
Tea	Andrew Liz, Joe	John, Ffion	Rhianna, Dorothy, Angela	Jennie, Bill	5 th Sunday volunteers
Mega Quest	No Junior Church				All Age Celebration
EAT					

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