

ChristChurch Wrexham



November 2019

Relay



*Welcome to the November edition of the
ChristChurch Relay magazine*

Scripture Focus for November

Jeremiah 31:12-14

¹² They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the Lord—the grain, the new wine and the olive oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. ¹³ Then young women will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. ¹⁴ I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty,” declares the Lord.

Big thank for people's sponsorships - Dan raised £60 for British heart foundation walking Snowdon. Jean raised £185 for Dentaaid trip for 2 Ruabon Rd dental nurses to go to Cambodia next year

Key Dates

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

10th Leaders
Meeting

14th Leaders
Huddle

16th Tearfund Big
Quiz

17th Congregational
Meeting

24th Christians
Together in
Wrexham United
Service – speaker
Sian Rees

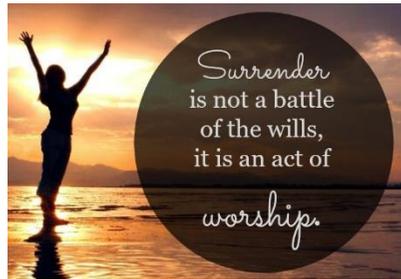
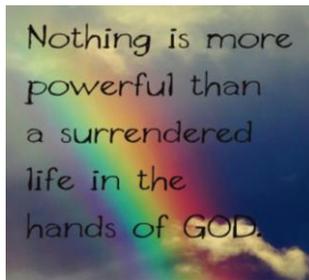


The power of Surrender

Over the last few ChristChurch Sunday celebrations the repeated prophetic encouragement has been to bring our lives in surrender to the Lord. God calls us to a life of surrender. Jesus surrendered everything for us & now calls us to yield our hearts & lives in surrender to him. We take up our cross daily & follow him – daily submission & surrender to God’s will, word & ways. That is, & will always be, our acceptable worship. True worship is a fully surrendered life.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service*. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. **Romans 12:1-2**

When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his **cross**, and follow Me. **Mark 8:34** though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, **Hebrews 5:8-9**

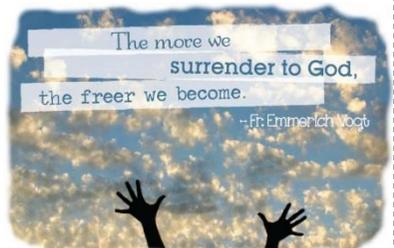


Jesus modelled for us what full submission & surrender to God truly are. As a result, he was constantly filled with the spirit & moved in the power of the spirit at all times. He submitted himself to the word of God so that even at age 12 he was able to astound the Rabbi’s with his wisdom & understanding of Scripture. Jesus was totally committed to prayer, submitting himself to find out what the Father was saying & doing & then going out & reproducing it. Jesus relied on the Holy Spirit to lead & guide him at all times.

Being filled with the Spirit is simply this — having my whole nature yielded to His power.

When the soul is yielded to the Holy Spirit, God Himself will fill it. — **Andrew Murray**

In short Jesus constantly & consistently yielded every part of his life to his Heavenly Father. That is what it is to learn obedience. We are asked to do the same. May we become quick & effective learners as we have nothing to fear from our perfect heavenly Father. In losing – yielding up - our lives to God, we truly find them. Lord teach us to trust you more fully.



True maturity & genuine effectiveness for God hinge not on what we do for God but upon our willingness to yield our hearts & lives to Him. It's knowing Him more deeply & submitting all my life to Him that transforms who I am & how I represent Him in this world. This is the path to genuine growth & true maturity in the faith.

BE READY TO DAILY SUBMIT & SURRENDER TO THE LORD.

Love and prayers,
Every Blessing

GARETH 

Take a look at these videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2zOSRYKFtg>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcnfT4arZtl>

Shoebboxes – Dorothy Watson

By the time you read this we will have had Shoe-box Sunday, so I can say a very big thank you to all who contributed. I know it is a very busy time at the moment with harvest and Christmas plays coming up, so I do appreciate all the mums and dads who have helped the children.



I will be going back to Romania in December to the same place as last year – Constanza, but of course we will be visiting different places. We work with our partners abroad and last year we were with two pastors – Ben and Nicu, who have done all the hard work before we get there. It is they who decided which schools, hospitals, orphanages etc that we go to and also who tell us how many boxes are needed.

They were both very interesting men having been church pastors under the communist regime. Nicu told us that he held an underground church in his cellar and hid bibles around the lagging of the pipes!! They were never discovered! He also said that when his children were small, he used to queue for hours to get milk for the baby. When he was near the top and the officials found out he was a Christian, they used to send him to the back again. He said he didn't shout or complain and sometimes when he eventually did get to the front of the queue there was no milk left. He was a very godly man and I am really looking forward to meeting up with him again.

Next April we are doing our very first shoe-box distribution in Uganda. I will be going out to do this and it is very exciting. I remember giving boxes out in Mozambique a few years ago and it was so different from Eastern Europe. The children were scared of a lot of things, the tiny toy animals and fizzy sweets like snakes!!

Once again, many thanks to all who have done a box. I hope to be able to do a blog and send some pictures whilst out there. I only hope it is colder than last year – then the mud freezes!! Otherwise it makes things very difficult. God Bless Dorothy



Thailand Visit - Lucy Fogg

By the time you are reading this, I (Lucy) will have been in Thailand for nearly four days. Tomorrow I will begin teaching at a branch of the Santisuk English School in Bangkok.

Santisuk English School is a conversational English education centre. It is also an evangelistic tool and a bridge building exercise assisting Peace Fellowship Church, to reach Bangkok for Jesus Christ. Students are college students, graduates or working people. There are seven sites in Bangkok, and I will be teaching at the Pakkret Centre, where David Fewster is the director. As you may know, David and his wife, Ulla, served as missionaries in Thailand for many years, and on retiring to Wrexham founded the International Christian Fellowship (ICFW) six years ago. David (83) is now back in Thailand still teaching and serving the church.

It seemed to be God's timing, when this summer David invited me to go out to Thailand for a month to teach alongside him. "Here I am, send me", (Isaiah 6:8b) I said, and so He did!



Please pray:



- For health, strength and stamina! (I'll be teaching 4 hours a day, four days a week, and socialising with the students to build relationships)
- For more students to enrol for the courses.
- That students will be touched by the Holy Spirit as they hear the gospel for the first time.
- That students will come to faith.
- That in due course David will be able to plant a cell church from converts in the next two and a half years he has agreed to stay.
- That I will be open to the Lord speaking to me, and obey Him to give glory to Him.
- Also, for Richard as he takes over childcare duties with the grandchildren!

Testimony from 20th October from Penny Williams

God loved us from the beginning of creation. He knew we would be born. Even before we were in our mothers' wombs, he loved us so much that he gave his only son for us. He is love, of course he loves us.

Think on a new mother. She wraps her child in love, holding him close and just gazing lovingly at all times. New babies are great 'time wasters'! Even when the baby is still in her womb, she loves him, talking to him, noting his movements. Even before he is born.

Father God loves us like this too. His gift of children is intended to teach us about his love for us; of course, His love is so much bigger, so much more, out of a perfect heart, coming from the perfect Saviour. But we have limited brains and even the cleverest cannot imagine how great is the Father's love for us.

So when she looks at her new-born and sees a strange new expression cross his face, she is entranced. When he gurgles and coos in his unintelligible language, she is enchanted.

And when our Father God gazes on our faces in worship, even if it is not very serene, He accepts and loves it. When we gurgle and mouth unintelligible sounds learning to speak the heavenly language, he loves it! Like babies, we have to begin somewhere, just so long as we do begin.

The Holy Spirit is a good teacher and we need to trust that these baby sounds are right and not just ridiculous. We need to remember that we are not called to be professional and highly sophisticated about 'singing in tongues'; just to be worshippers. With practice and regularly

exercising this gift, we will get to the fluency needed to sing, to prophecy and to interpret if that's God's calling.

And this is just what the Father wants us to be. He knows that as we worship, we open up to receive more of His love, and to be able to pass on that love to our hurting world. Held in the rapture of this love, we lose our fear of getting it wrong and letting God down. It is not God who condemns us in this way. What new mother would feel disappointed in her baby's efforts that weren't yet fully effective because he's got a lot to learn? She'd be thrilled at the attempts made, guiding and encouraging him on, going together with him on this learning journey. Our Father God gazes on our efforts with all that and more, much more. He will teach us how to worship, how to receive and how to give, if we let Him.



Why not get together with your friends, family and the ChristChurch family for an epic evening of poverty-fighting fun – last year's Big Quiz Night was a huge success as CCW joined over 500 churches and 23,000 people taking part!

Churches and other groups up and down the country will once again take part in the Big Quiz Night – a huge multi-venue, nationwide quiz – and we want it to be even bigger and better. It would be great if you could join us this year:

Saturday November 16th at Acton Community Resource Centre at 7.30pm

Why bother?

Every pound raised will transform the lives of people like Martha from Nigeria. **'I was at home with my family in the evening when we were attacked,' says Martha. 'There was sporadic gunfire, and then they broke into our house.' Martha hid in the goatshed with her three-month-old son, and they survived the attack. Tragically, her husband and two other children were killed.**



All in one night last year, 14 rural communities including Martha's were attacked, one of many outbreaks of violence across Nigeria in 2018. About 300 people were killed that night, 24 churches and countless homes were burnt down, and more than 10,000 people were displaced. Everything was destroyed – Martha and her son were left with nothing. Along with 6,000 others, they ended up at a makeshift camp in Jos. 'When I first arrived at the gates of the camp, I was scared and I started to cry,' says Martha.

With the help of Tearfund's partner organisation, RURCON, Martha and Benjamin have remained safe and healthy at the camp. They were given emergency supplies including soap, and a mattress so they didn't have to sleep on the cold floor. Martha also benefited from life-saving health and sanitation advice and is now more able to look after herself and her son.

If you want to help people like Martha then come along on November 16th

TICKETS: £5 per adult and £1 for those under 16. This will include refreshments (tea / coffee / soft drinks / cake / biscuits).

We would value help with serving drinks and would welcome donations of CAKES! Please let Glenys or Campbell know if you can help in these tasks (01978 355846)



Dear ChristChurch - **We just wanted to thank you for your support of our first Wrexham Worships event that took place at Ty Pawb on Sat 28th September.**

The support you gave (including your financial gift) contributed greatly to the success of the evening. We thought you might like to know that...

40 Volunteers gave their time to help with setting up, stewarding, prayer ministry, AV and intercession.

12 Musicians from 4 different churches formed our band for the evening.

12 local ministries had information stands so that people could discover what they do.

And **almost 200 people** attended, representing **28 different churches** across the region.

We also collected over 80 'quick questionnaires', and we're using this feedback to help us decide on exactly what we do next, and how we can make improvements.

Our desire is that Wrexham Worships might be a 'stepping stone' in people's faith journeys - encouraging them, inspiring them and building their faith, and without the support of ChristChurch and other local churches, this wouldn't be possible.

"...all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God." Romans 15:6
Thanks again, Kev Hill and the Wrexham Worships Team

ChristChurch, Wrexham – A city on a hill.

I thank God for ChristChurch, Wrexham in Wales, UK. Truth be told, there is power in a team. Like they say, "Individual rain drops working together become mighty rivers and vast oceans". Team work is the secret that makes uncommon people achieve uncommon results. Success is team work! On your own you can only go so far but with the right team you can go all the way. The path of greatness should be walked along with others.



We all need a team to succeed in living our dreams and achieving our goals. Thanks to ChristChurch and the entire leadership team. You are such a blessing! You really mentored us and thanks for the opportunity you gave us. It's true that success is about staying consistent and committed to your goals and dreams. It doesn't come about when you try things once or twice but it is about staying consistent and committed. Inconsistency is the easy road, while being committed is hard but makes life easy in the long run. We look forward to learn more from you. Your power is in your partners.

Relationships are everything.

Eighty percent of our life's satisfaction comes from meaningful relationships - Brian Trucy. On the 3rd October 2019, my team and I visited ChristChurch. What a privilege! Allow me to call Pastor Gareth and his team the best people who have come into our lives. They made us see the sun where we once saw clouds, believed in us so much that we started to believe in ourselves too, loved us for being us. The welcome was so overwhelming, to be honest, beyond our expectation. Indeed a good relationship is when someone accepts your colour, race, supports your present and encourages your future. Relationships are like a coat of many colours. We are all different but together we make a beautiful tapestry and each has his place. Throughout our stay, there was

no dull moment. Our time of interaction with everybody was just amazing. The entire leadership team of ChristChurch, the worship team were a blessing to many. Full of potential. We enjoyed meals at every point & everyone in general was a blessing to us. Our trip was worth it. We learnt a lot in silence. I can't say that everything we said and did was the best, but they understood our weaknesses as well. With due respect to every culture and tradition, everything was beautiful and we look forward to have many educational interactions as partners in God's work. Their doctrine is very profound and their passion for the things of God is awesome. It is such an inspiration to see elderly people with a lot of energy to worship and praise God. What a wonderful people they are.

The leadership of SCC looks forward to cement this God given relationship. It is not always easy to find partners with genuineness and Integrity while serving God. ChristChurch is a church full of generosity, humility and love for people whatever their race. We look forward to host many of them in Africa as brothers and sisters in the Lord. They are a sister church from now, henceforth. We promise to be faithful to them in every communication. From the depths of our hearts we thank you. *Bishop George Sichula*



ZAMBIA Short Term Mission Trip - Shekinah Christian Church

Sun 17th Nov – Tues 3rd Dec - PRAYER POINTERS



TEAM

- Gareth, Jean, Alan, Sue & Szabina

**God of the
BREAKTHROUGH**

TRAVEL

- Safe, swift and successful travel on each form of transport
- Our drivers particularly on the long (500 mile journeys)



COMMUNICATION

- For blessing & anointing upon translators
- Meetings & ministry in differing churches & regions (Congo, Chingola, Livingstone)
- Anointed & powerful messages



MINISTRY

- The conference theme 'God of the Breakthrough'
- Conference & Open Meeting speaking, preaching, prophesying & praying.
- To see salvations
- Healing & Deliverance Ministry

RELATIONSHIPS

- Blessing upon & a deepening of our relationship with Bishop George & the leaders of Shekinah Christian Church
- Favour & trust with the local & regional pastors we will be working with
- Blessings upon those hosting us



Many thanks, Gareth & the Team <<<

	3 rd	10 th	17 th	24 th
		Communion	Offering	Communion
Setting Up	Gareth	Andrew	Richard	Rob
IT	Rob	Dan	Rob	Dan
PA	No PA	Adrian/Rob	Rhys	Huw
Music Group	Joe	Lesley/Genni	Adam	John/Lesley/ Genni
Celebration Leader	Sue	Gareth	Elizabeth	Rob
Speaker	Gareth	Russ	Andrew	Sian Rees (EA Wales)
Prayer Team	Frank, Val	Paul, Gill	Alan, Sue	Ffion, Lucy
Tea	Jennie, Bill	Andrew, Liz, Joe	Elaine, Dorothy, Rhianna	John, Ffion, Alanna
Mega Quest	No Junior Church			
EAT		Kev/Sally	Kev/Sally	Kev/Sally

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