

August

Key Events

7th Celebration at
ACRC/ ACT/
Youth/ Discovery
Church

14th Explore
Together All Age
Celebration.
Love the Lord
your God –
HEART

21st Explore
Together All Age
Celebration.
Love the Lord
your God –
SOUL.

28th Explore
Together All Age
Celebration.
Love the Lord
your God –
STRENGTH

! Extra !
Congregational
Meeting after
celebration

Relay



*Welcome to the August edition of the
ChristChurch Relay magazine.*

Scripture Focus for August

Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIVUK)

⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Mark 12:29-31 NIVUK)

²⁹ 'The most important one,' answered Jesus, 'is this: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."³¹ The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself." There is no commandment greater than these.'



Leader's Log

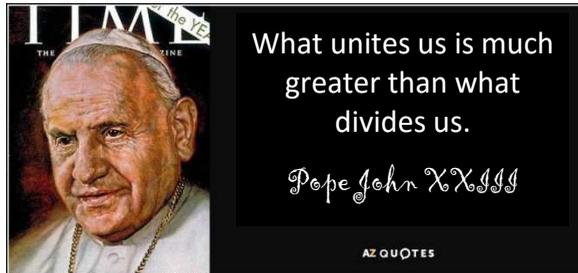
A Christian response to Brexit



An awful lot has happened in a very short space of time since the EU referendum in June. Britain is preparing to exit the European Union. We have a new Prime Minister and cabinet. The Labour leadership is still being contested. The economy and finance markets continue to swirl with uncertainty and there remains confusion over which EU residents and economic migrants will be allowed to stay in the UK.

The nation is still very much seeking to come to terms with `BREXIT` but as it does so there have been distasteful and unwanted manifestations of some of the motivations behind peoples decision making; namely the ugly and toxic rise of xenophobia and nationalism that have surfaced through this process. Divisive and hateful spirits lie behind the hurtful words and actions; an enemy has caused this.

As the UK braces itself and prepares to head in a new direction we, as God's people (called for such a time as this) have an important role to play in prayer (**1 Timothy 2:1-8**), praying for all those in authority that they will bring wise and godly leadership, both locally and nationally.



Picking up on and reminding us, once again, of the encouragements of Roger Forster at Ichthus:

- Christians know that there are no divisions in Christ (**Galatians 3:20**), and we are all made in God's image and are welcomed as believers into his worldwide family.
- We should all identify readily with migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, since the Bible describes God's people as 'pilgrims (aliens) and strangers' on the earth (**Hebrews 11:3**).
- Many came, and continue to come, to the UK due to our reputation of welcoming and accepting other cultures. Hospitality has always been a key Christian virtue in the New Testament (**Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:2; 1 Peter 4:9**).
- Nobody in this, or any country, should have to live in fear of hostility, violence or rejection. God's kingdom advances by love.

– We need to keep calling on all in government (local and national) to work for unity, peace and goodness.

We must never forget that we are a people from all nations and for all nations.

So let us be ever so mindful of those who worship amongst us who have come to the UK and face great uncertainty at this time. Let us pray for and encourage them in this challenging season. Let us also remain vigilant, ready and willing; to embrace and welcome any that may follow. May God strengthen and sustain us as we devote ourselves to these important duties.

Love and prayers,
Every Blessing,

GARETH

***The UK may cut ties but
God's people will not
and must not.***



HUNGARY Short Term Mission Trip

Good News Foundation 15th - 19th SEPT 2016

PRAYER POINTERS



Current TEAM

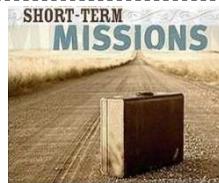
- Gareth Jones, Marilyn Hornett, Alan Knight, Vernon Jones (Street Pastor) & Moira Wright (Russ' PA).
- Pray for each member of the team as they prepare for the trip.

Good News Foundation

- That Kori, the pastor of the gypsy church, would fully recover from his accident and neck injury earlier this year.
- For Donat, who leads the church and charity, his family and his health,
- For enough confident translators to be available during our trip.
- That the Izsak church plant would be encouraged and strengthened through our visit.
- For the health and safety of the GNF families as they have come under attack with health issues during our previous visits.
- That we might build upon existing relationships in the gypsy church and Orgovany school

Once again, really looking forward to the trip and greatly value your prayer support.

GARETH & THE TEAM



This Time Tomorrow – Joe Jones

At the moment during my week I'm pursuing interests such as walking, reading philosophy or psychology. I also take care of a friend full-time. On occasions I play guitar. I drive Tracey to and from work, but because of my health can't really work myself. I enjoy watching documentaries on TV, films on DVD, and educational videos on YouTube, usually around philosophy/ psychology/sociology. I pray daily of course. I'm on a short break from an OU Psychology course I'm doing at the moment. When that is on, I spend a lot of time with that course.



I'm challenged by the health problems I have, and I'm frustrated I don't feel enough motivation because of them to do very much in life, particularly in church. I always confess my sins to God, repent, ask Him for forgiveness and purification. I'm also challenged by the fact I have good educational qualifications (MA, BN, B.SC (Hons), yet no job to show for them. Don't be too impressed though as I've forgotten most things I've learnt, lol. I was a Mental Health Staff Nurse for a while, and previous to that a full-time musician.

An omnipresent prayer request would be for good health, not just for me but for Tracey and Natasha too. Pray too, that I can finally settle down properly to a productive Christian life, as I have a chequered history in churches, not all my fault I must add. At my best in churches I led worship and helped bring people to Christ, but it's been a long time since and I've been discouraged in churches. Be aware, I have an unusual sense of humour. I am also very Left-wing politically, a rarity in churches in my experience. If you're not already put off I'm Joe Jones, pleased to meet you!

Rotas.....Boring..... Snore.....

Church is full of rotas and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in organising the rotas at ChristChurch...setting up, leading, speaking, music group, tea & coffee, junior church, PA and AV.....



As I have to use the rotas to fill in the back of the magazine I see all the rotas and I am aware that there are quite a few people who are on several rotas. It would be really great if we could have more people to help with all the different areas of Church. Set up, PA and AV would benefit from people joining the rotas.

There is one area of church that there isn't a rota for...putting everything away. I am sending out a plea for help. It is generally the same people putting church away and they often miss out on a cuppa and more importantly building relationships over a biscuit. Would you be able to help move an item of church to the back cupboard – maybe the bibles, the lectern, the Sunday school boxes or tables.... Any help would be great and maybe have a chat with the people putting things away while you help!

THANKS

Missional Community Summer Reports

Cefn Mawr & District

Encouragements or Encouraging stories from the Missional Community:

Significant growth in seeing ourselves as a team preparing for mission and good engagement with serious commitment by most members. Growth in relationships and informal pastoral care, helped by Social evenings, smaller group discussions especially using CafeChurch/Café-style gatherings

How are the huddles going?

The one Gill and I belong to is going well with a deepening of relationship and mutual support.

The “discipline” of goal-setting and mutual accountability is strengthening our discipleship.

The learning inputs are helping to shape/focus discipleship more effectively.

How are the team meetings going?

Gill and I have been meeting our co-leaders from Gwersyllt CC, Colin and Rowena, every week since January 2015. We took over the leadership in September '15 and plan as well as pray for our weekly meetings.

We had a crisis regarding our vision and planning methods in January 2016, but worked through this and now have a very “solid” unity of purpose

Main prayer points at this time?

Currently we are planning to start something like CafeChurch for the community once a month in the AquaLounge at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre beginning in early November God has called Paul (and Gill), and consequently Colin and Rowena, to trust Him to gather people to whatever form our public gatherings take – the Lord knows whom His Spirit is touching and preparing! So... we have questions about how we make CafeChurch known to the local community

Several of our members may be moving away from the area in the next 6 – 12 months; at the moment we believe this is a Gideon-like test of our faith as God reduces the size of the “army” to enlarge His glory!

Main focus for UP

Weekly Bible study/learning sessions to prepare us for mission and discipling new people

Main focus for IN

Socials, discussion in smaller groups, prayer and practical support

Main Focus for OUT

Socials used to invite family, friends, community connections to a neutral, “Christians are ok” experience

ACT

Encouragements or Encouraging stories from the Missional Community:

Chatty Craft is working well. There is a core of people, with new people coming – some staying, some not. We have had a trip out as a group, there has been a prayer request in our box and one person has been invited to Friday tea. We also had the table top sale



in May which raised £158 for Dynamic.

How are the huddle`s going?

Rob and Sue are part of Gareth`s Huddle. Sally is in Andrew`s Huddle

How are the team meetings going?

Very sporadic at the moment. We catch up regularly but not specifically to talk about ACT.

Main prayer points at this time?

New initiatives, e.g. Chatty Books.
Opportunities to cross from Chatty Craft to ACT.
Children in Chatty Craft,

[Main focus for UP](#) Communion/First Sunday

[Main focus for IN](#) First Sunday/ Friday Tea

[Main Focus for OUT](#) Chatty Craft (Friday Tea?).



Discovery

Encouragements or Encouraging stories from the Missional Community:

People sharing deeply about their concern / challenges shows a deepening of relationships through the missional community. People are becoming more content to offer their homes as a place for us to meet.

How are the huddle`s going?

Huddle is going well. We've met a few times and the discussion has often been about the spirit and being in tune to what God want`s us to do. Huw is still getting used to leading the group but the feedback is that the sessions are good. They are a good source of encouragement as well as accountability (without judgement). Each of us has always got a story from the last time we met and then we realise how God has been working in the last month.

How are the team meetings going?

Meeting structure is going well, however attendance at planning and prayer gatherings has been reducing gradually. Social Saturday is going very well and attendance there is always good. Discovery Church attendance varies every month, however sessions are run well with good collaboration from many.

Main prayer points at this time?

Bible study – every other planning meeting.
Involvement from members – how to include everyone
More attendance at DC
How to get more people to DC

[Main focus for UP](#)

Planning and Prayer – greater engagement

[Main focus for IN](#)

Social Saturday where we have a 2016 programme of events

[Main Focus for OUT](#)

Discovery Church



ChristChurch BASE CAMP

6 fortnightly sessions over 3 months to help you discover more about Missional Communities at ChristChurch, Wrexham.



- Weds 7th Sept – Welcome Meal
Outline of Base Camp & CCW pattern of worship
- Weds 21st Sept
CCW Vision, Mission & Values, outlining our history & current structures
- Weds 5th Oct
Missional Communities at CCW, Celebration & MC
- Weds 19th Oct
The Essentials of Missional Communities UP, IN & OUT
- Weds 16th November
Me Vs We → Sharing Life & Mission TOGETHER
- Weds 30th November
Final meal & prayers for next steps

There will be opportunity to meet differing Missional Community leaders at differing sessions.

Each session will include brief teaching, a focus upon scripture, personal reflection & time for prayer.

There will be additional optional MISSION opportunities & events to attend during the 3 month period.

VENUE: 7 Heol Penally, Little Acton, Wrexham LL12 8JT

TIME: 7.30-9.15pm

Run by Gareth & Jean Jones 01978 354805 gazzapigeon@sky.com

Dear CCW,

An opportunity, FOR THOSE NOT YET IN A MISSIONAL COMMUNITY at CCW, to join a new MC in September 2016.

This MC will be based around walking together twice a month & eating together once a month, led by Gareth & Jean.

It will include food, socializing (laughing/having fun), testimony, praise and worship, prayer and encouragement; explore Scripture together and the expectation that you will invite people to join our walks.

It will be planned, & designed, to be suitable for all ages & all abilities

Further information / questions:

Gareth & Jean 01978 354805 / 07545 866597



ChristChurch Monthly Rotas

	7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th
		communion	Offering	communion
Setting Up	?	Rob	Richard	Gareth
PA	-	Eth, Colin	Rob, Adrian	Eth, Colin
IT	Rob	Rebecca	Rebecca	Gareth
Music Group Leader	Elizabeth	Colin	John	Huw
Celebration Leader	Paul	Rob	Lesley	Sue
Speaker	Paul	Rob	Lesley	Sue
Tea	Marilyn, Charlie, Dorothy	Andrew, Elizabeth, Elaine W	Ffion, John, Angela	Campbell, Glenys, Lucy
LO Helper	Early Celebration	All Age Celebration	All Age Celebration	All Age Celebration
Little Ones	ACT at ACRC	All Age Celebration	All Age Celebration	All Age Celebration
Junior Church 1	Discovery Church HCRC	All Age Celebration	All Age Celebration	All Age Celebration
Junior Church 2	Youth	All Age Celebration	All Age Celebration	All Age Celebration

If you have any queries please call Gareth Jones - ChristChurch Senior Church Leader on 01978 354805, or see

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we meet at the following locations

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Overton Way	Fusilier Way
Acton	Hightown
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