

## November

### Key Events

2<sup>nd</sup> Celebration at  
ACRC/ ACT/  
Youth/ Discovery  
Church

11<sup>th</sup> Base Camp

13<sup>th</sup> Shoebox and  
Remembrance  
Sunday



Congregational  
Meeting

18/19<sup>th</sup>

Community of  
Practice

20<sup>th</sup> Open Doors  
Speaker

24<sup>th</sup> Huddle and  
Core Leaders

26<sup>th</sup> Street Pastor  
Annual Dinner

27<sup>th</sup> Elfed Goding  
at CCW

CtW United  
Service at  
Wrexham  
Methodist  
Church

30<sup>th</sup> Base Camp

# Relay



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

## **Scripture Focus for November** Philippians 2:5-11

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mind set as Christ Jesus:

6 who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be  
used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death –  
even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is  
Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



## Community of the Spirit 2

Following the two recent sermons on this theme I continue to reflect and muse on what being a *Community of the Spirit* might truly mean.

I have 3 more things to share which have struck me over this last week. One a quote from someone's experience of living in community. One a testimony of the important daily choices that are needed and the third a brief biblical reflection.



If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care— then do me a favour: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

**Philippians 2:1-4 The Message**

Living in Christian community both quickens and strengthens what God is doing in us as individuals. Having said that it is not easy to do!! Very few people stick at it over the long-term. However this is a powerful quote from someone who practises it: '**Community has shown me that unity comes not from uniformity but from a shared life.** - Leah Kostamo'. Sharing our lives as community carries the power to unite us amidst the inevitable differences of personality, character, beliefs and opinions. It brings us together despite the diversities and difficulties that life constantly challenges us with.

Recognising these inevitable difficulties and tensions of living as community the second point is a testimony shared at YWAM's Celebration of 25 years in Wales. **Unity is a choice we must make every single day.** There are key choices to make that help and build unity within a community rather than hinder it. We must choose to put others before ourselves, lay aside personal prejudices, accept difference and be willing to lay aside personal offence or affront. We, just like Christ did, must repeatedly choose humility and the lowest place of servanthood.

As we practise this the fruit and gifts of the Spirit spring forth naturally and readily within a *Community of the Spirit*. As we share life and mission the Spirit shapes and moulds us, transforming us from glory unto glory and conforming us to the image of the Son.



## COMMUNITY

Living TOGETHER  
Ministering TOGETHER  
Missioning TOGETHER

## SPIRIT

Life  
Fruit  
Gifts



The third point is that at times we must be ready and willing to confront one another and the world at large. A *Community of the Spirit* confronts things going on within it, and us, things going on between people within the community, and also people and powers in the world at large. At times speaking up and speaking out will be necessary to bring relationships into a better place. This must be done with care, caution, wisdom and love if it is to be a healing, reconciling experience. However a *Community of the Spirit* must always be ready to confront, and potentially come into conflict with, those who wield local economic and civic power. The latter half of Acts makes this very clear:

[Acts 13:50](#) [Acts 14:5](#) [Acts 16:19-24](#) [Acts 17:6-9](#) [Acts 18:12](#) [Acts 19:23-41](#). These confrontations with local powers (human and spiritual) should not be surprising given the coming of God's Spirit in Acts 2. The Spirit's arrival coincided with the launch of God's new world. This was bound to threaten the powers of the old world. A *Community of the Spirit* lives in God's world, God's way, so it constantly challenges worldly values and practices. It's an adventure and way of living together worth pursuing and an investment worth making.

Love and prayers,  
Every Blessing,

GARETH 

## visit to FI Romania on November 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>

Campbell and Frank are visiting Oradea this month and will send out specific prayer pointers prior to leaving Wrexham.

Please pray for safe and uneventful travel and for productive and meaningful interaction with the FI team. May God provide us with a clear vision for future activities in Oradea.

Thanks Campbell and Frank



## Here is a short update about YWAM.

Since September, the YWAM Wales team is at 10 full-time staff plus kids, 3 DTS trainees, and 1 returning staff member on the way. The DTS is underway now and going well. We have three young ladies - two American, and one British, and they're all enjoying being a part of the YWAM Wales community. Whilst three of our staff are involved with running the DTS, the other staff continue to be involved with the various ministries happening around town, such as Foodbank, WFTR, Just Across, etc.



We recently celebrated 25 years of YWAM being in Wales. Thank you for all who came to join with us in that evening, but also thank you for all who have helped, joined in with us, and supported us over the last years of us being in Wrexham. We look forward to continuing here in Wrexham, and we're excited to see all that God will do in the coming 25 years.

Many blessings, Rachel Dexter

Next potlucks will be Thursdays 3<sup>rd</sup> November, then 1<sup>st</sup> December. 5:45pm bring and share potluck meal, 7pm worship and devotional. At GyG, 25 Hightown Road. 261712



## O Praise The Name (Anástasis) - Hillsong Worship

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

Each month I am hoping to write a small note about a new song that I have come to enjoy. The first song I have chosen is one you hopefully already know as we have now done it a couple of times in church.

We first sang this song at New Wine and it was very easy to pick up. The chorus has a memorable melody that can get stuck in your head for a whole day! This is a good thing as the chorus encourages you to praise the name of the Lord all the time.

I would encourage you to listen to this song in times when, perhaps, you feel distant, worn down and without hope for certain situations. Commanding your soul to praise the Lord with this uplifting tune, using the lyrics of the verses, especially verse 3, to remind yourself of the ultimate victory of Christ over death, will help the Spirit of God refresh your soul anew.

I hope this song blesses you as much as it has me!! Thanks John Ellinson

Next month: His name shall be, Matt Redman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ML4cawp5TU4>

## Report from Hungary by Alan Knight

What a privilege to serve the Lord in this way! He so obviously prepared the way for us as a result of prayer. Thank you CCW for your backup.

On the first night I was awakened after a very short sleep and was given a prophetic word by God from John 15:16. This was confirmed by many including Gareth's sermon. God said I have chosen this area, and I have chosen this people. I will do things they have not seen before. Enemy strongholds will fall. I was so excited by this word I wanted to wake Gareth and tell him but thought this was not wise until the next morning! Over the next few days we started to see the Word coming true before our eyes.

Izsak people were amazingly open to hear about Jesus and receive prayer on the streets, in the market place, in the Church, and in their homes. All generations were prayed for including babies. We saw many answers to prayer including healings in body, spirit, and emotionally. At least 3 people recommitted their lives to Jesus including Peter the gypsy leader who worked with the others and encouraged them to come to the open-air meeting and prayer-walks. We also prayed for peace to be present in their homes.

There were many manifestations of the Holy Spirit. People were "slain in the Spirit", one lady falling asleep in seconds after asking for prayer for peace. She said she felt the gentle hand of healing on her. There was also much "laughing in the Spirit".

Kori and Sylvi were both greatly encouraged, saying they had witnessed things they had not seen before!

I felt a great love and compassion for the Izsak gypsy community which was reciprocated—they didn't want us to go home and insisted we return soon. There were lots of huggy-huggys.

Thank you Father for answering prayer and for allowing us to serve in this way.  
Alan Knight.

### **Walk this Way - Foragers Feast**

Sloe Gin aperitif or Elderberry crush

Sweet Roasted Chestnuts as a snack

**Starter:** Nettle Soup or Wild Mushroom Pâté

**Main:** Roast Mutton in an Elderberry reduction with sautéed wild Mushrooms & braised Kale

**Dessert:** Apple & Blackberry Pie / Crumble or Tart  
Tartine





### AUTUMN NEWS FROM ANKARA

This report is in two sections, the first is an update received from Martina on Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> and the second is a series of posts from Tony over the past couple of months. Please pray for them as they continue their ministries in Turkey.

#### MARTINA

"Hello Christchurch Wrexham, here's a quick update.

Tony and I are well, we're settling into life together. Two weeks ago we had a celebration with our friends in Ankara, with a time of worship with songs that have been meaningful for us in our relationship, sharing about what we appreciate about each other, what place the Lord takes in our relationship etc, and asking friends who have been married for a while to share some wisdom about being married with us. It was a lovely time, I was quite touched about what people shared with us, and it was also very meaningful to get prayed for by our friends.

However, we're both quite happy to be done with all these official events, and ready for some normality to set in - well, hopefully after our trip to Germany.

We're flying into Stuttgart tomorrow, Tony will be staying for five days, I will be around for two weeks.

My dad hasn't been well, he's been poorly for a while now.

Rabia has already asked me about getting the women's group going again. It looks like she is ready to head it up again, which would be wonderful, it doesn't really work without her. The plan is to get together with different ladies who are willing to help once I'm back from Germany.

So much for now. The situation here is outwardly calm but a lot of underlying tension."

Greetings, Martina

#### TONY

Aug 16<sup>th</sup>: Teaching English to class of refugees this week. Countries represented include Iran, Iraq, Egypt and Chad. The building has also acquired a vegetable garden and eight chickens during my absence (in England for the wedding).

Aug 18<sup>th</sup>: Teaching and refugee distribution for last 2 days....enjoying the work and the good relationships that are forming.

Aug 26<sup>th</sup>: Last day of teaching for now, but all set to start learning Arabic next week from one of the students.

Sept 6<sup>th</sup>: Also discussed ways to increase the prayer level for the refugee work...to pray more myself and to see corporate prayer, leading to breakthrough. Please stand with me that this may be establishes....am aware of something of a battle here. Also pray for Ehab Lamie as he progresses with his work among Arab speakers.... I have also been learning Arabic for a week and as of Thursday have made plans to take it up more intensely....it will be 9 hours weekly from then on and really want to progress as quickly as possible!

Sept 21<sup>st</sup>: Wanting real prayer to flourish in refugee work.....feel this is key to a lot, as it will release keys to situations that we do not yet have. Please join me in seeking for this to be deeply established in all we are doing.

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>: Doctors appointment! Praying for divine health and recovery

Sept 30<sup>th</sup>: Celebration with local friends for our marriage tonight....about 100 expected!

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>: Quite a weekend our celebration on Friday evening. Planning meeting with 2 Germans who are leading a prayer trip to a new area. First Arabic speaking service yesterday afternoon (see pic). Prophetic prayer with the Germans in two churches and visits to the disabled ministry tomorrow and to the refugee work for the same reason.

Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>: We enjoyed our evening at the German embassy here in Ankara (Day of German Unity)

Oct 9<sup>th</sup>: We're heading for South West Turkey tomorrow, visiting friends of Martina and the community they are involved with...looking forward to a good couple of days and really open to learn much at this time

Oct 13<sup>th</sup>: Time of connection with a great group of people in the South-West. Really blessed and inspired!



## CEFN MAWR FELLOWSHIP IS 5!

Family members and friends from the community helped CEFN MAWR CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (the original name of the Cefn Missional Community) celebrate its 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday recently.

Our group began in a local home but now meets at the Community Centre every Thursday evening, to encourage one another in our friendship with Jesus. The Centre was the venue for a special gathering where the table was groaning with good things to eat! And of course, there was a Celebration Cake made and decorated by a group member.



We hope to start a friendly, easy to join, easy to belong to form of church at the Centre in the New Year - probably every first weekend of the month, starting in February. We've already held free craft-for-all events at Ty Mawr to celebrate Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter, and have trialled Café-style church amongst ourselves.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party was such a hit, we are planning a **Harvest Social on Thursday 3rd. November**, giving members and guests an opportunity to display their craft skills, hobbies, and even their work, as a way of giving thanks to our Creator God for our gifts and all that He provides.

We're also holding another **Community Carol Service on Thursday 15th. December** with Ysgol Cefn Mawr School Choir as our special guests once again.

Finally... we now have a page on **Facebook** - so why not take a look and LIKE us! 

ChristChurch Monthly Rotas

	6 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>
		communion	Offering	communion
<b>Setting Up</b>	Sue	Gareth	Richard	Rob
<b>PA</b>		Rob, Adrian	Rob, Adrian	Eth, Colin
<b>IT</b>	Rob	Dan?	Rob	Frank?
<b>Music Group</b>	Adam	Lesley, Genni	Huw	John
<b>Celebration Leader</b>	Liz	Rob	Lucy	Rob
<b>Speaker</b>	Sue	Sue	Open Doors	Elfed Goding
<b>Tea</b>	Dorothy, Angela, Charlie	Andrew, Elizabeth, Angela	John, Ffion, Mandy	Campbell, Glenys, Myra
<b>LO Helper</b>	Early Celebration	Rebecca (Genni)	Val (Angela)	Glenys (Gill)
<b>Little Ones</b>	ACT at ACRC	Clare	Sarah	Sally
<b>Junior Church 1</b>	Discovery Church HCRC	Jean, Katia	Andrew, Liz	Lucy, Marilyn
<b>Junior Church 2</b>	Youth	Katy	Kev	Bekki

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