

October

Key Events

2nd Celebration at
ACRC/ ACT/
Youth/ Discovery
Church

4th Leadership
Forum

5th Base Camp

9th Russ Howell
at CCW

15th YWAM 25th
Celebration

19th Base Camp

20th Huddle and
Core Leaders

23rd Chris
Lawton (Church
Army) at CCW

30th Missional
Community Day

New Music
Evening

Don't forget to
order your Real
Advent calendar
– See Sally G by
23rd October

Relay



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

Scripture Focus for October - 2 Peter 1:2-4

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

A Good Day to come to ChristChurch

Gareth preaching, Rob leading, Gen and Lesley leading the music and the good news about Hungary. It was so good after being starved of worshipping with all our friends. Gareth's theme and the lovely appropriate songs were a joy.

A very big thank you for all the prayers, visits, cards and gifts. Everyone says I am looking better and I am surprised at how fit I feel. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Mary



A Community of the Spirit.

I shared recently on a Sunday morning how I had been challenged over the summer to think and pray about what being a *Community of the Spirit* might truly mean.

These thoughts and meditations were strongly influenced by being part of the Short Term Mission Trip from CCW to Hungary again this year. It felt strongly that we were a small community living and moving in the spirit together and this was a very special and blessed experience to share in.



There is something about living in Christian community that quickens and strengthens what God is doing in us as individuals. As our lives touch (physically) 24/7 we more powerfully shape and mould one another, at the same time as being shaped and moulded together by the Holy Spirit at work amongst us. Whether it's fun, food or fellowship the Spirit is ever at work. The same thing happens when we retreat, or perhaps attend longer conferences, with other people. My experience suggests God works more easily and effectively in me when I journey with and alongside others. Community so often seems to be the catalyst to accelerate what God is doing.



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 favor: 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

It strikes me that this is one of the major reasons why Jesus was so effective at discipling and equipping the first apostles. In 3 short years he took largely uneducated men, who at times had totally different ideas and values to him, and yet he was able to successfully entrust the future of the church and Christianity into their hands. Yes he poured out the Spirit on them, very powerfully and highly purposefully, but only after the preparatory work had been done.

Jesus, and the disciples, spent lots of time together. Walking, talking, eating, and sleeping. So often doing things together as they went about declaring and demonstrating the Kingdom of God. Here was a *Community of the Spirit* doing life and mission TOGETHER.

The culture they lived in readily facilitated being together for large quantities of time. Our culture poses a very different challenge which we will have to overcome if we are to raise up effective 21st century *Communities of the Spirit*.

It's an adventure worth pursuing and an investment worth making.

Love and prayers,
Every Blessing,

GARETH

**Christ Centred
Charis (grace)
Creed based
Caring
Compassion
Companionship (close-knit)
Kingdom challenge & change
Charismata (gifts)**



This Time Tomorrow – Darren

What do you do during the week? This week I will be helping out at Hightown Community Resource Centre and I help the local councillor Graham Rogers. This week I am off to court to support Suresh, who was a Street Pastor. He is currently fighting to stay in our country. I also volunteer as a Street Pastor. I help out my mum at home too.



What are your challenges/things you are thankful for? I am grateful for Church. I really enjoy coming and meeting my friends. I find it difficult when people are not nice when I am being a Street Pastor, like calling me names. I am looking for a job, I was made unemployed in 2015, but it is difficult to find work.

How can we pray for you? For God to help me find a job.

Discovery update:

Things are going well with Discovery! Discovery Church is doing well and we're amazed at the variety of topics we're introducing to the children. We've now done many of the people from the Old Testament, a few parables and last month we looked at the church being one body!

We meet for social time together once a month on a Saturday where we do a variety of activities.

We meet once a month to plan the next discovery church and we have been including a bible study to these sessions every other month.

If you like to stay up to date with what we're up to and see the kids having fun at discovery church, you can follow us on Facebook as we now have our own page! Just search for Discovery Church Wrexham!

Also if you would like to know more about anything we do as a community please speak with Huw or Lesley.

Huw Ap Dewi

ACT update

Chatty Craft continues to have a regular mix of ChristChurch and non-CCW people attending, there were 16 people last time but we regularly have about 12.



In September we had a talk from Dorothy about shoeboxes and Teams4U which was well received, and we found that one of the group was actually involved in the original OCC project. Myra and Dorothy were pleased to have been able to reconnect to an old friend and encouraged her to get involved with Teams4U.

We have also had a number of prayers answered within the group, and praise God for that. Rob and Sally.

The Sunday Youth Group that meet on the first Sunday went Ice skating in September – here are a few photos



A view from out East, 'On the Park'.

If I fly out beyond the east, or live in the farthest west, You'll still be there to guide my way, Your hand would hold me fast. If deepest darkness covers me and day turns into night, The darkness is not dark to you; The night is filled with light.
Version of Psalm 139 v7-12, sung at St Giles, 8th Sept, where Prison Chaplains were licensed to minister in Wrexham and HMP Berwyn.

As I write this article for October's Relay Magazine, we are coming to the end of the first week of September, always a busy week in the church year as activities recommence after the summer break. The first week of any month is always busy for me, partly because I arrange it this way. Then I know there are gaps in my diary later in the month for grandparent visiting to a scattered family!

The week started on Sunday morning when we commenced our new pattern of weekly 11am Sunday services. This is a real step of faith as St Marks folk traditionally worshipped at 9.30am, but Jonathan our Vicar has helped the small elderly congregation to this step, and we will still have traditional services at 9.30am on two

Sunday's per month. It's a step of faith in many ways. Many local residents have patterns of life which have excluded (probably for 2 or 3 generations) the experience of worship as 'church'; we are a small team (there were 6 in the congregation for our 1st 11am service); we have no worship group. So our faith has to stretch over many aspects of the challenge, including believing for the miracle of 'new birth, new life, faith & growth'. Please pray with us.

Early on Monday we held our 'Mark on the Park' prayer time, remembering the Park community & the work of the churches here. We are faithfully supported by friends from St. Annes & from the Community Church. This month we also had a good turn-out of Anglican clergy & Prison chaplains.

On Tuesday it was Food Bank at St. Marks, again an activity where we are grateful for the contribution of volunteers from many other churches. This week we had 3 clients, 2 of whom had quite complex lives, & I think the team were left with much to ponder about our neighbours' needs.

St. Marks was the location for Wednesday's Prison Fellowship Prayer & Training. We had much to pray about with Chaplains' Licensing service & PRISONS WEEK early in October. Do look out for the Prayer Leaflet for the week and use the opportunity to pray for HMP Berwyn. It was a real encouragement to know that elsewhere on Wednesday people were also praying. The Church Army team were praying for their planned project based in the old Rhosnesni Methodist Chapel. Here they hope we with others can establish a drop in centre located next to Rhosnesni School. Also elsewhere Wednesday evening on Caia Park a couple from Uganda were opening their home for prayer for our community. We were pleased to have them join us at Mark on the Park prayer.

Wednesday was also the day I managed to send out our thank you letter to the 50+ volunteers, businesses & agencies who enabled us to complete the HOLIDAY HUNGER project based at St. Marks during July and August. Altogether nearly 3000 meals were prepared for school children, many of whom receive free school meals during term time.

Thursday was a day for housework & shopping, before attending the licensing service for the Prison Chaplains at St. Giles. With the prison like Caia Park 'out East' there was reassurance in Psalm 139.

Friday was for delivering invitations to a new Kid's Club which our Church Army team are introducing after school on Mondays. This is a new venture & YWAM have kindly agreed to support us. We hope a wider team will come together & of course, that kids will come along, have fun & hear about Jesus.

Thank you for recollecting the first week of September on the Park with me. Please continue to pray for this community and the work of the churches here. Your support is appreciated. **With love, Art**

www.facebook.com/StMarkOnThePark



TRIP TO HUNGARY – 15th to 19th September 2016

We've arrived! It was quite a journey, leaving at 4 o'clock in the morning, a car ride to the airport, 2 aeroplane flights, a bus ride, train ride and car ride from Budapest airport to Orgovány. We settle in, then go for a 'nosey' around the town to get the feel of the place and pray together.

It's Friday morning now and the team are in the market place. I'm with Alan and an interpreter is with us. We're walking around chatting to people and where we feel led, we're asking people if they would like us to pray for them. Some are responding and we are actually praying in the market place for healing and blessing on their lives. Wow, thank you Lord for what you are doing in this place. A lady called Rose and her friend invite us to pray for healing for their ailments. Afterwards Rose sees me looking at a pretty sugar bowl on her stall and instead of me buying it, she passes it to me as a gift. How generous these people are Lord!

It's Saturday, and something tells me this will be a day I'll never forget. We are actually going to visit some of the gypsy folk in their homes. Kori, the minister of the Izsak church has arranged it, so they know we're coming. A lovely Christian lady called Aggie invites us in, to what I can only describe as a shack. A small wash tub is on the stove filled with water and she is washing some cups so we can have some coffee. No running water in her home - she has to go outside for that. The toilet doesn't look inviting either. It looks like a tall dog kennel, plonked in the middle of the field outside. She shares some of her problems with us. Her husband is not a Christian and drugs and alcohol are causing problems in her home. Her six children sleep in one room – no furniture to speak of. She is a strong lady and Gareth likens her to Deborah from the Old Testament, who was a very strong lady with a strong faith. Aggie invites me to play my clarinet, believing that as God gives me the notes to play, the music will disperse the clouds of darkness in her home and bring peace. So, I play the music God gives me, then we leave, believing the Lord has His hand on this home and Aggie has been encouraged.

It's later now and I'm with Kori and Alan, visiting a family to invite them to the service tonight. As I go through the doorway, I'm trying not to tread on a black tea shirt on the floor, but realise that this is acting as a doormat, so I trample on it and go in. We pray for these lovely ladies, one whose baby was born prematurely and is in hospital having treatment.

It's Saturday evening now and we are in the Izsak church. Families have come and the Holy Spirit is clearly moving amongst us. Some of the gypsy ladies have led worship, Gareth has preached and people are invited to come forward for ministry. One lady comes to the front for prayer. She falls down when the Holy Spirit comes upon her. Others come forward - some are rededicating their lives to Jesus. Wow Lord! More of You in this place.

It's a new morning – Sunday is here. Russ and Lesley Howell are leading the service at the main church in Orgovány. The church is full and expectant. Russ preaches on 'Reconciliation' - a real challenge. Help us Lord to be forgiving and non judgmental.

We've now had lunch and are gathered in the square around the fountain in Izsak. Some of the gypsy families have come along for an open air service and to do some prayer walking. It's the first time they've done anything like this. There's a real eagerness to learn new ways of evangelism – to make God known in their town! We're all really encouraged.

It's Monday already. Home today. But, before that we're at a local school helping with English lessons for children aged from 10 to 14 years. Their classrooms are very basic – tatty blue painted desks – nothing flash, but the children are happy and very bright, eager to learn and well behaved. What a privilege Lord to be invited into the school to meet the children and their teachers.

So, it's home time now. There isn't time to tell you everything that happened on this trip, like how good the accommodation was, the provision of meals, help with transport - or more of the stories the gypsy folk shared when we visited them. But, thank you Lord for the amazing experience I have had in ministering to this community in Hungary, through your word, music and song. I pray that signs and wonders will follow and you will, indeed, bring revival in their land. **Marilyn Hornett**

Good News Foundation Hungary – Short term Mission Trip.

A Daily Prayer Office was held at 8am & 9pm linked to CCW via Sue Allen on Facetime

THURSDAY 15th Sept - travel. 2 planes, a bus, a train & a minibus. Hot in Hungary after a long day but a good time for the team to gel. Every time we needed help with language a person speaking really good English appeared - bus, train, Ketchemet Square

After settling in we headed out in the evening for a Prayer Walk round Izsak square. We prayed for a man & the power of God touched him powerfully. A great start. The Lord spoke in the night watches a prophetic scripture to Alan (John 15:16)

FRIDAY 16th Sept - Very hot day - Market ministry with numerous conversations & opportunities to pray for folk. Time of prayer & worship at church, followed by a Prayer Walk round church and the gypsy community. Peter made a recommitment to the Lord

PLUGGING INTO PRIOR CONNECTIONS STRONGLY & SWIFTLY. Value of market ministry (engage where people are) & prayerwalking

Afternoon - street work. A few conversations, on a quiet sleepy afternoon. Good to connect with Kori, Sylvia & Nikki again.

Evening - prayer in Izsak square for the same man as last night who once again experienced a very powerful manifestation of God's spirit - shaking, swaying, intense heat, profuse sweating. Followed by prayer for restoration & reconciliation in a relationship.

SATURDAY 17th Sept Following breakfast we plan the church service Morning & afternoon pastoral & prayer visits to church families with Marilyn using prophetic gifting with her clarinet in homes

Very powerful church service - strong presence of God & manifestations of the Spirit. Our whole team involved & contributing - treasured possessions, a special people with special purpose, God to use them mightily in the region (Deut 7:6, John 15:16)

KORI & SYLVI very emotional, greatly encouraged & exhorted

Marilyn`s testimony on the way home - I've waited 68 years to feel this good!!

SUNDAY 18th Sept

The team gives testimonies in Orgovany church Sunday service – summed up as living & moving as a community of the Spirit

Open air in Izsak square in the afternoon - well supported by Gypsy church

Training on the job!!

Only Kori to translate so we are limited, use of fountain as visual aid, encouraged ladies to sing & Kori to speak a brief gospel message - 1 lady recommitted her life to Christ, another testified of recommittting to Christ at church yesterday. Prayer for numerous folk & releasing peace to Christina & her home.

Again a strong presence of God's spirit - testified to by Sylvi & witnessed in team.

NB. Another Hungarian speaking good English turned up & would have helped if we had asked. Tremendous blessing seeing the gypsies beaming & going for it.

Realisation that this time God is using us to EXHORT & ENCOURAGE THE WHOLE CHURCH & NOT JUST KORI & SYLVI (God working beyond our hopes & expectations)

MONDAY 19th Sept School in the morning

Impressive thunder storm most of afternoon, remainder of team left, Gareth remained.

Home visit in the afternoon - Burrinina & reaching out to her cousin. Prayer for them both.

TUESDAY 20th Sept School in the morning. Teaching prep & reading in the afternoon.

Izsak church in the evening - prayer & worship, prayer walk, family visits

Prayers for x3 people, prophetic word to Peter.

NOT WHAT WE HAD PLANNED BUT A GOOD FRUITFUL TIME

WEDNESDAY 21st Sept School in the morning & afternoon. Coffee with teachers.

🕯 Erica & Nikki very keen on pupil exchange/visit. 🕯

Admin & reading in the afternoon, Russ & Lesley left

Meet Donat & Kori in the evening to debrief & plan follow up

THURSDAY 22nd Sept School in the morning. Coffee with Nikki & Erica at Erica's home.

Teaching in the evening (Trinity) at Izsak - good stimulating time, practical challenge to live the Trinitarian dance. Testimonies - Christina feeling more of God's peace at home, Julitte - prophetic vision on Tues night prayer walk for 1st time, encouraged & explained spiritual gifts.

FRIDAY 23rd Sept Morning with Sylvi & the children. Sad farewells but this trip has yielded many tremendous blessings & has provided powerful memories to treasure. Travel home afternoon & evening.

Fundatia Increderea (FI) Update

First of all a big thank you for the support FI (and Susannah/ Campbell) has received over the summer months. Without the help of CCW members Susannah's ambitious attempt to complete 12 marathons in 12 months would not be back on track! On August 27th she undertook her Wrexham DIY marathon, planned by Frank Collins, and aided and abetted by all those who came along to run with her, walk with her and generally cheer her on as she completed the 26.2 miles!



Given the ankle and toe injuries she had sustained prior to this it was a remarkable achievement that has been followed by a similar event in Kidderminster on September 16th so she has now completed a quarter of the challenge! Campbell would also like to acknowledge

his companions on the bike ride, Peter B and Rob P, as well as everyone who came along to ACRC on the day. Please continue to pray for her as she prepares for number 4. You can follow her progress via her blog: <http://12in12marathonchallenge.wordpress.com> and/or sponsor her (and therefore FI) via <https://my.give.net/12in12challenge>



The FI camps took place in August this year and once again CCW support, to the tune of £2300, plus all the prayer support made these not only possible but also very blessed events.

This is Ligia's report on the Teenager's camp: "It is so hard to write in English about this camp. There are so many things to say and my English is too poor to

express all the feelings and thoughts. God surprised us again and made us feel His presence and love in a very special way. We were 58 people 3 cooks, 14 leaders/ assistants and 42 teenagers. Eleven of the teenagers had been to a previous camp.

We were divided in 7 groups each with a name and a flag. Each morning we had group meetings for 1 ½ hours and in the evening we had a worship time and a message for them. Two mornings we had Q&A sessions split between girls and boys. In the afternoons we had volleyball and badminton competitions and outdoor games and some participated in handcraft activities. In the evenings we had movies or indoor games. As in all others camps some were shocked on the first day to find out that it is a Christian camp. One of the 18 years old girls was very angry as two years ago her parents became Christian and forced her to go to 4 Christian camps during these years. She thought that she will finally go to a non-Christian camp so you can imagine her reaction when she realised that our camp is a Christian camp too! But her attitude changed during the days and at the end she was really happy that she came and she felt so good with us. We also had an atheist who despised all Christians but at the end of the camp he came in front of us and said that he changed his mind, had learned new and good things for his life and for now on he will respect Christians. Many come with serious family issues, several have divorced parents and expressed hatred of their parents.

The Q&A sessions were good and interactive with very good questions about God, life, future and relationships. God gave us the words to answer all of the questions which was amazing and most of them were touched by the love of Christ they saw in us. They asked how can we not judge them and accept them the way they are with one girl saying that no one told her good things about herself till now. We told them about the love of Jesus and read to them from Scripture about how He loved the most unloved people. A friend from Vienna, who is a great man of God, came once again to this year's camp and had a great influence through his speeches and personal discussion. We prayed for those who need physical healing and also for those who need spiritual healing. Many of them came to the front of the group and we had a special moment with them. There are many other things to say, but the most important is that the teenagers were touched by the love of Jesus and we the leaders experienced once again, His power in changing lives. I came home very tired, but very enthusiastic and full of gratitude. He is alive!!!

ChristChurch Monthly Rotas

	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
		communion	Offering	communion	
Setting Up	Sue	Gareth	Richard	Rob	
PA		Eth, Colin	Rob, Adrian	Eth, Colin	
IT	Rob	Rob	Dan	Rob	
Music Group	Elizabeth	Huw	John	Adam	
Celebration Leader	Sue	Gareth	Andrew, Elizabeth	Sue	MCs meet
Speaker	Gareth	Russ Howell	Andrew, Elizabeth	Captain Chris Lawton	New Song evening
Tea	Campbell, Glenys, Angela	Andrew, Elizabeth, Myra	Elaine, Elizabeth, Mo	Paul, Gill, Marilyn	
LO Helper	Early Celebration	Sue (Sally E)	Rebecca (Dorothy)	Glenys (Abi)	
Little Ones	ACT at ACRC	Clare	Sarah	Sally G	
Junior Church 1	Discovery Church HCRC	Andrew, Liz	Jean	Lucy, Marilyn	
Junior Church 2	Youth	Katy	Kev	Bekki	

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