

## September

### Key Events

4<sup>th</sup> Celebration at  
ACRC/ ACT/  
Youth/ Discovery  
Church

11<sup>th</sup> Colin  
Marsden from  
King's Church  
Warrington at  
CCW and  
Leaders Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> Base Camp

8<sup>th</sup> CCW  
Leadership  
Forum at  
Gareth's

14<sup>th</sup> Base Camp

15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> Trip to  
GNF Hungary  
(Gareth to stay  
until 23<sup>rd</sup>)

22<sup>nd</sup> Huddle and  
Core Leaders

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
Feeding the  
Roofless

28<sup>th</sup> Glyndwr  
Freshers Fair

# Relay



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

## Scripture Focus for September

**Deuteronomy 7:6** (NIVUK)

<sup>6</sup>For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

**Deuteronomy 7:6** The Message (MSG)

<sup>6</sup>Do this because you are a people set apart as holy to GOD, your God. GOD, your God, chose you out of all the people on Earth for himself as a cherished, personal treasure.

**Deuteronomy 7:6** New King James Version (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup>"For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.



## The Olympic feel GOOD factor!!!

Britain is basking in Olympic success and we are now defining ourselves as a sporting superpower!! The many successes and inspiring performances have certainly lifted the nation, after a turbulent few months. The continuing celebrations are indicative of a palpable feel good factor. Sport, and great sporting feats, has the capacity to bring people and nations together, lifting them in the process.



The discipline, diligence, dedication, details, determination and hard work that has been put in by the athletes and supporting cast over many years has been richly rewarded. Dreams have been fulfilled for the victors. Much of what has been achieved is due to a combination of talent, character, natural ability and sheer hard work; all mixed with considerable investment. The athletes, their families, coaches and UK Sport (backed by funding) all made differing and costly investments to make this success a real and achievable possibility. There are lessons and parallels we can apply to stimulate and help us in our Christian journey and pilgrimage.



### **2 Timothy 2:4-6 (NIVUK)**

No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. ***Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.*** The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

### **WE ARE IN TRAINING (on the earth) FOR REIGNING (in God's New Creation)!!**

God has blessed us with many natural and spiritual gifts and talents. On top of this he has anointed us for specific tasks and purposes as well as providing the ongoing support and power of the Holy Spirit to enable us to get the job done. The tools and talent are provided but they must be combined with our willing cooperation, continued effort and ongoing perseverance.

### **WE MUST BE PREPARED TO INVEST, ALONGSIDE GOD, IN OURSELVES AND OTHERS.**

**2 Peter 1:2-8** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 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, 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. But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This takes discipline, diligence, dedication & attention to detail on our part – this is the equivalent of spiritual athletics if you like!! If we really want to receive the crown, we must be prepared to make sacrifices (as every athlete does) and compete within the rules – living in God's world, God's way.



The rewards that God provides are far more beneficial than an Olympic Medal and they last for far longer!! Followers of Jesus have a perpetual feel good factor, His presence and peace, which are not linked to changing moods, feelings or circumstances.

There is another way we can also benefit by following the example of athletes and sportspersons. Just like athletes who take advantage of coaches and training partners let us be wise in harnessing the power and potential of spiritual mentors and training partners. These can be real (people who we regularly meet with) or virtual (written or visual material from people past or present). Ideally, and wisely, we will tap into a combination of both to get the maximum benefit for our spiritual shape and strength.

Whilst we will have enjoyed much of the action watching the Olympic athletes in the peak of physical fitness let us seriously reflect on our own form, fitness and function as worshippers, witnesses and warriors for Christ.

**Be Prepared, Be Prayerful, Be Persevering.**

**Romans 8**

Love and prayers,  
Every Blessing,

*GARETH*



Please pray for all the teachers and those working in school - Andrew, Elizabeth, Lesley, John, James, Mandy, Steve, Bekki, Lynsey

Also pray for all the children, for those who are moving school and those in new classes. Rebecca, Dan, Abi, Amy, Evie, Hannah, Naomi, Katie, Kirsten, Chloe, Rhianna, Micah, Sam, Anna, Alaw, Sion, Dafydd, Noa, Carys, Imogen

## HUNGARY Short Term Mission Trip

Good News Foundation (GNF) 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> SEPT 2016



**Key Scriptures – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (NIVUK) - 2** <sup>1</sup>And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. <sup>2</sup>For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. <sup>4</sup>My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

**Psalms 34:8 (NIVUK) - 8** Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

### PRAYER POINTERS



#### ☞ TEAM

Gareth Jones, Marilyn Hornett, Alan Knight, Vernon Jones (Street Pastor) & Moira Wright (Russ' PA). Pray for Jean & Sue Allen as they coordinate prayer links back in Wrexham.

#### ☞ TRAVEL

Pray that all forms of transport will be safe and run smoothly.



#### ☞ TRANSLATION

Pray that we will work well with our translators and that highly effective communication will take place. Hungarian can be difficult to translate from English so please pray nothing is lost in translation.



#### ☞ PLACE

That we would settle quickly into our base at GNF in Orgovány.  
That Jesus' love, light & life would be evident & made known through us, in & amongst, the gypsy community & in Izsak town.  
That the Izsak church plant would be encouraged & 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 Orgovány school.

#### POWER

Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit & anointing on our words & works. That Kingdom wonders would be evident.



Really looking forward to the trip and greatly value your prayer support.

Blessings,

**GARETH & THE TEAM**

## Missional Community Numbers

At the July Congregational Meeting the question was raised about numbers of people in the Missional Communities. Here is an overview

### Discovery

For us there is a distinction between discovery and the mission which is discovery church. There are two families that come to the social things we do like our neighbours and friend. MC has enabled us to be able to invite these people to things that we do with a church feel.

Overall numbers involved: **52**

Regular CCW attendee: **33**

Not regular CCW attendee: **19**

### ACT

Our core group meets twice a month, we also meet for Friday tea with the Pizza Ears group. Chatty Craft twice a month has led to two table top sales and being involved in Adult Learners week, through these we have come into contact with more people.

Overall numbers involved: **34**

Regular CCW attendee: **16**

Not regular CCW attendee: **18**

### Cefn Mawr

The groups meets weekly and gets at least 10 people each week and sometimes 18. The four leaders meet weekly as well. There have been 3 extra Saturday outreach events since Christmas, coming into contact with more people.

Overall numbers involved: **20**

Regular CCW attendee: **2**

Not regular CCW attendee: **18**

### Youth

We don't really think we're a proper MC yet, although we are continuing to work towards this. The groups we have are C2 – there are 30+ children on the register, none come to church. Pizza ears – there are 5 from church, with 12 -15 on register. Pie n ears – there are 7 regulars. This is best group for teaching and discipling. All of the youth in this group are involved in other groups. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – this is the least successful group in terms of continuity and commitment.

Overall numbers involved: **63**

Regular CCW attendee: **23**

Not regular CCW attendee: **40**

### TWM

Regular CCW attendee: **12**

### Total numbers

Overall numbers involved: **181**

Regular CCW attendee: **86**

Not regular CCW attendee: **95**

## Youth work summer update from Bekki Dunnington

As the school summer holidays quickly drawing to a close I am preparing to start a new term developing the youth work into a missional community. As usual clubs have stopped running for the summer, so my workload is reduced and I spend my time maintaining relationships with key young people and encouraging social gatherings and team building with the 'Pie n Ears' group in particular.

The last week in July saw the beginning of our annual urban saints camp. The camp itself was great, the young people had the best week making friends with other young people, exploring faith together and building up their confidence and identity. I took a small group of three young people, which made for a great environment for sharing and getting to know each other better. I thank God for opportunities to talk with integrity to young people about things that truly matter regarding life and faith.

As always I am grateful for and reliant on your ongoing prayer and support so thank you all. As the new term starts I will be getting involved with a group Andrew started to run last term called 'Pizza Ears'. I will also be continuing work in C2 and Pie n Ears with a focus on integrating some of these young people into our Sunday missional community group with Church young people.

## This time tomorrow- Alan and Sue Knight

Sue and I are both retired, so most of our week is spent with our 2 daughters and 2 grand-daughters including sleepovers. I seem to spend a lot of time on the 'naughty step'. Living in Llangollen, we are able to enjoy lovely canal walks and our lovely garden. We start the day with Every Day With Jesus and I am a member of Prison Fellowship. I am told by Sue we enjoy shopping? We do enjoy city breaks, and have recently been to Venice, Ilkley Moor, and St. Andrews.



We are thankful for our super family and home and are very thankful that we and our 2 daughters are Saved !Hallelujah! We are thankful too that God has used us-Sue with IPAC pregnancy crisis and me with Healing Rooms and 2 short missions to Zambia and Russia, and also street work at the Cross in Chester. Ask us about them if you are interested.

We would value your prayers that we know God's will for our future at CCW as we have applied for membership and applied to join the Prayer ministry team. Sue has volunteered as a trustee for IPAC and I have joined the team for Hungary and I am expecting God to do great things. Sue and I are interested in the new Missional Community initiative. Finally, thanks for making us so very welcome at CCW.

# ChristChurch BASE CAMP

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



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

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	4 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>
		communion	Offering	communion
<b>Setting Up</b>	Sue	Gareth	Richard	Rob
<b>PA</b>	-	Eth, Colin	Eth, Colin	Rob, Adrian
<b>IT</b>	Rob	Rebecca	Rob	tbc
<b>Music Group Leader</b>	Elizabeth	Colin	John	Lesley and Genni
<b>Celebration Leader</b>	Sue	Gareth	Elizabeth and Andrew	Rob
<b>Speaker</b>	Gareth	Colin Marsden Kings Church Warrington	Elizabeth and Andrew	Gareth
<b>Tea</b>	Marilyn, Elaine, Charlie	Andrew, Elizabeth, Mo	Paul, Gill, Dorothy	John, Ffion, Mandy
<b>LO Helper</b>	Early Celebration	tbc	Val	Sue
<b>Little Ones</b>	ACT at ACRC	Clare	Sally	Sarah
<b>Junior Church 1</b>	Discovery Church HCRC	Andrew & Elizabeth	Jean & Lynsey	Lucy & Marilyn
<b>Junior Church 2</b>	Youth	Katy	Kev	Bekki

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

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