

## **Excited about Mission!**

**July 2010**

Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding anything in this letter. I would love to hear from you, **especially if you want ideas or help with outreach in your area!**

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### **Giving thanks – Report back**

#### **Ivinghoe & Pitstone – Church Plant**

Ron Treacher, who died in 2008, left the fellowship with a vision to sell the old building and plant a new church in the adjoining Pitstone part of the town. The small fellowship advertised for a pastor / church planter and Dave and Sheridan (teachers from the West Midlands) took up the challenge and moved there 18 months ago. Here is just a snap shot of what has been happening



- Regular Sunday worship in the Yardley Lounge Community Centre. Which includes video clips, sketches, interactive prayer and discussion, puppets, drama and quizzes. Five new people have joined the fellowship since this started.
- Home Bible study
- Bi-Monthly Church News Letter
- Website - <http://www.thechapelfellowship.org.uk/>
- Church involved in running - Over 60's monthly group
- Use of the Yardley lounge
  - Music Hall Special
  - Christmas Party
  - Coffee Mornings
  - Weekly Drama Group
- Sheridan has also got involved in a local Concert Band
- Working with the Anglican and 2 House Churches

**Prayer for** the on-going work as the new church is still very much in its infancy. Wisdom for premises for the church and a more permanent place for Dave and Sheridan to live.

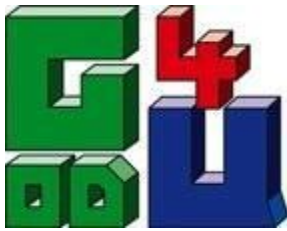
#### **Richmond update**

Some of our youth workers have been into two local schools to take copies of the Scripture Union "It's your move" booklets and been allowed to run a session with the different classes moving on to senior school in September who were getting the booklets.

We were offered a stall at the summer fayre of one of the schools and used the opportunity to raise our profile in the community. We had riddles for the adults to solve and a couple of games for the children, all free of charge, with sweets, stickers and balloons for prizes. We were able to give out leaflets advertising our family service (one family did come as a result) and our barbecue, as well as our usual weekly activities.

The barbecue at Richmond on 16<sup>th</sup> July went well. We had a number of non church families and visitors and there was an excellent epilogue given by Colin Braithwaite. We followed our encouraging time at the school fayre, with a stall at the summer gala in the local park and had an equally encouraging time there. We used the same approach and had good contacts until the rain came down and brought things to a premature end!

Some of our young people have gone to the Keswick Convention for a week, along with some of the youth leaders. We are pleased that some of the girls from the mid-week club, who are interested but who aren't yet Christians, have gone along and we pray that it will make a real impact on their lives.



### **Mission in Cawston**

**"God 4 You" Mission** - 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June through Faith Mission

Please find attached a full report of this mission, but here is how our churches in Cawston got involved with the wider work and played their part.

#### **Swanton Abbot**

Hosted the team for 5 Days

School 5 days going through the whole bible - Drama

Coffee morning = Knit and Natter

Door to door 2 morning - Questionnaire

Ladies Meeting - four women at the cross - Evangelistic message

Sunday Service

#### **Colby**

Door 2 Door 1 afternoon

#### **Cawston**

Talk on the Santiago Walk - Pilgrimage Walk great Gospel opportunity

### **Mexborough - World Cup 2010**

Sat 12th June

1pm-5pm afternoon football tournament

5:30-7pm food, presentation and ex-professional footballer speaker

7pm watch the first of England's world cup matches

When this event began England hadn't played a game in the World Cup. Anything seemed possible. Well this event was greatly blessed. The Football tournament was a fantastic success, with local school teams, Sunday and Saturday League teams, church youth clubs and an adult team. They then all came back to the church for the presentations. The church was packed with kids all sitting on the floor, parents on every seat and standing at the back and out the door.

Bruce Dyre a local Barnsley Hero and England's first teenage Million pound transfer, presented the medals and then gave a very clear testimony. This was then followed by great burgers and the match live on a big screen. Well done to Steve Hunt for organising the event and pulling it all together.

### **YPD North Area Sleepover 2010** (For school years Y5 to Y9)

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> to Sat 26<sup>th</sup> June @ Jump Church (Barnsley)

41 kids attended a fantastic 24 hour marathon of fun, outings, teaching, food and a little sleep. Will and Andy headed up the programme, with excellent support from Youth leaders of the different groups attending. Jump were superb hosts, and provided a great venue for inside and outside games. The teaching was split into four

session and also workshops which included a physical challenge and craft activity and a devotional time all based around the Pearl of Great Price.

## **What's coming up**

### **Holiday Kids Clubs**

More information next month, but please pray for leaders as they prepare and plan the activities and promote the clubs in school assemblies.

#### **Heath End – (Nuneaton)**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Hampden View – (Sheffield)**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Bozeat Parish Church**, with Ellie and Dan helping from our Chapel

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July

The Countess Free Church, Ely are running a SU Holiday Club for 5-12 yr olds, called "Rocky's Plaice" from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>-Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August

#### **Cawston Holiday Bible Club** Champions

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Barnsley Circuit Focus**

#### **Getting together - Last Sunday in the Month.**

A new initiative starting Autumn 2010 to support a given church. Each month a church in the circuit will be selected for all the other churches to attend one of their services on the last Sunday in the month. Some Churches may close one of their services so that they can all seek to encourage the given fellowship that month.

The aims of the initiative are to encourage, bring unity across the circuit, build friendship and fellowship, gain a greater vision and understanding of each others work and to explore ways of working together and supporting each other in gospel ministry.

Also going on in Barnsley

#### **August**

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm - **Circuit Fish & Chip Prayer Meeting** at Worsborough  
Please ring to order F&C's beforehand, or bring your own food if preferred. Drinks provided.

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm - Dodworth **Genesis BarBeQue**

all are welcome, fellowship and fun, plus food at modest prices.

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> 1 till 2pm - **Circuit Prayer Drop-in** at Salem in the town centre

#### **September**

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> 3pm & 6.30pm - **Circuit OM Rallies** at Worsborough with Stephen Bryant (WEC), tea between meetings.

#### **October**

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 9am - **Prayer Bus, touring the Circuit** and various key places around the town. Programme to be announced, anyone can join us at any part of the tour - return transport can be arranged.

Weds 20th - **Ladies Meal Out**, details to follow.

## **The Pastures Summer Programme**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August - Lighthouse Celebration**

10am start with coffee and tea plus crafts for the children.

At 10.45am the main Celebration service will begin which is suitable for everyone [Theme: 'Does God know every star?']. Followed by free BBQ buffet, games, Nature Quiz, and bouncy castle.

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 7.45pm-9.30pm Summer Quiz Night.**

Free entry and prizes for the winners!

### **Thursday Toddlers Picnic at Hughenden Park 12noon-2pm**

[meet at swings; cancelled if wet]

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2pm-5pm Nature Spotter's Walk**

Suitable for whole family [Free booklets provided],

Followed by All-Age Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August [Does God know all the hairs on our head?]. We begin at 10am with coffee, tea, children's craft workshop and an exhibition of the nature booklets. The service starts at 10.45am which will include a prize-giving ceremony for the best Spotters' booklets.

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 12noon-3pm Cameo Garden Party**

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### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August 3pm at The Eden Centre**

The Pastures Church Bowling Competition

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 10am-3pm BOREDOM BUSTERS**

Including coffee shop, board games for adults, toys for toddlers, WII and play-stations for teenagers, all-age competitions, Free BBQ from 12noon-1pm, Craft competition, and Afternoon all-age indoor football match. People will be able to come and go as they please.

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 8pm -9.30pm Musical Concert**

Run by Jodi Cheffy Variety performance

## **Scarecrow Festival - Rushden High Street**

We thought this would be a fun thing to work on together with other people from the town. It means one night a week we will meet up to design and build the Scarecrows. Inviting family and friends to help. It means people would get to know church people in an informal way and who knows what might come out of it. And for the Scarecrow weekend, hopefully it will encourage lots of passers by in the High Street to come in and have a look round the church. Further info. and photo's to follow!

YPD North Weekend Away 2010 (For School years Y10 and over)

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## How can I help?

- **Pray** - please share this letter with your fellowship - print it out and take it to your prayer meeting
- **Starting your own prayer meeting** - Its very simple really - just meet together and pray. You don't need to hold it at the Church building - and it can be for just 10 minutes. I heard of two sisters aged 90 who lived in a nursing home. Morning and afternoon they met in each others bedrooms and prayed for 15 minutes. As parents we approached our Head Teacher, asking to start a prayer meeting for the school. We didn't know how we would be received - her response was "great and we will see what effect it has on the Children". In other words she was expecting results in her school from our little meeting of three (two or three parents and the Lollypop lady)!
- **Sharing your faith**
  - I'd love to hear from you - please email me doc@thewru.co.uk or mob. 07792944217
  - try out ideas from this prayer letter
  - flick through the **Newly** published WofA outreach manual, every church has been sent one!

Then get on and work it out in your own area and context.

- **Contact** - write a letter, send a postcard to the team of a mission encouraging them in the work. Telling them you are praying for them, thanking them for all they have done in Christ's name. You have no idea how much a small gesture like this can mean to a team.
- **Giving**
  - to the Church - Blessing the Church running the mission would be a tremendous support and encouragement (see the Year Book for details of the Church Secretary)
  - to **Home Missions** - who support workers, one off missions and employ the DOC (Development and Outreach Consultant) for three days a week (currently Andy Wilcock). Please send donations to Church House, made payable to "**Wesleyan Reform Union (Home Missions)**" with an accompanying note.
  - to **Young Peoples Department** (YPD) who are actively involved in resourcing and supporting churches in youth work. They also help stage a number of area events for Young People. Please send donations to Church House, made payable to "**Wesleyan Reform Union (YPD)**" with an accompanying note.
- **Applying for a Home Missions grants**
  - Any church in the WRU can apply for a grant towards an evangelistic project or employing a worker for the purpose of outreach. The church secretary needs to ask for an Application Form from Church House, and send the completed form to the General Secretary. Please note we love to receive applications and hear about churches being involved in Outreach!!