

## **Excited about Mission!**

**September 2011**

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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### **Souldern Chapel – Café+ update**

We at Souldern Chapel have been holding a joint meeting with the local Parish Church for over a year. We called the monthly Sunday morning meeting Cafe+.

Six to twelve of us meet for cake and Coffee (tea) then we have a general Christian and moral discussion for about half an hour and finish with a prayer. The Clergy, Margaret and I take turns to lead the meeting.

We are to begin a Family service once a month beginning on the second Sunday morning of October, Please pray for Margaret and I as we plan and lead the meeting.

Pray with us that the parents and other families in the village will join us. We have planned to deliver over 150 letters around in village in September.

### **Low Moor – New Xcite - service**

Low Moor are starting an extra service for all ages on a Sunday morning at 9am. It will run for one hour and will include, Crafts, Story Telling, Games, Singing & Prayer. They will then have 30 minutes before the next service, to mingle with those coming to the traditional service at 10:30am. It is hoped that parents and their children will feel able to attend this time of worship with the church and then still be able to go off and do the activities they have planned for the day, e.g, Swimming, Walking etc. Please pray for Ady the Pastor at Low Moor as he prepares for three services, and that it will prove to be a great opportunity to make further contact with the children's families from the Friday Club they have started recently.

### **Addingham 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

**September 15/16/17th** from 10 to 12noon the chapel will be open for teas and coffee and a display telling the history of the chapel with pictures from down the years etc there also [hopefully ] will be a flower display up in the chapel.

**Friday 16th** (evening) we will be having a social evening with various members taking part and the cutting of the Anniversary 150yrs cake, 7.pm.past members and WRU circuit members welcome.

**Saturday 17th 7pm** we have an Evening with John Wesley [period costume encouraged] **by ticket only** as seating is limited available from Drue Wiggins on 01943 609599.

**Sunday 18th** Colin Braithwaite will lead the service and there will be the unveiling of a plaque in memory of a past member and pastor, who became a missionary called kendal Gale.



## Chip K event - For one night only



Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 7:30pm @ Bromham Baptist Church  
Tickets £2  
With... Live Music, Live DJ set, Giveaways, Games, Snax Bar,  
Inspired for Life and much more  
Open to school years 7+  
Spread the word, it's gonna be a great night  
I have flyers so if you need some let me know

Will Partridge-Underwood

## Circuit Prayer meeting

Wellingborough Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October @ Bozeat 10am – 12noon

# Reporting Back

## Pyramid Rock Mexborough - Tue 16<sup>th</sup> to Fri 19<sup>th</sup> August



New Oxford Road Church in Mexborough held their very first Summer Club in August. The Church was filled with an average of thirty five children daily and a grand total of sixty four children visited us over the course of the four days.

The team of volunteers worked from the Scripture Union resource of 'Pyramid Rock'. There were games, dances, video and a dramatic re-telling of the Joseph story. The youngsters were also encouraged to partake in group

discussions on the issues raised by the Joseph story.

We thank God for the contacts that have been established with local schools via the 'Assembly Teams'. Local Mexborough schools have been very open to promoting the Summer Club.

Many volunteers from the church participated in many ways. Volunteers were happy to do the administrative tasks of registering children, helping out with the

crafts, making tea, serving children with refreshments at 'The Oasis' complete with palm trees and last but by no means least ~ sweeping up. All contributions were very much appreciated and were vital to making the Summer Club a great success.

We were blessed with good dry weather that enabled us to have a 'Famine Sports Day' on the neighbouring Athletic Club's field.

We are very grateful for that opportunity to let the kid's let off some steam.

We also had arts and craft sessions all on the themes of Joseph and Egypt - learning about history and God has never been quite so much fun.



A video of the story of Joseph was presented to the children. Drama was very much an element of the programme with special presentations from 'Dr Digger' and 'Miss Potts' who were undertaking the great Giza dig. Live music was supplied by the 'Sizzling Sand Do Dah Band'. The 'Mummy' Race was particularly good fun ~ but health and safety legislation required we undertake only a partial 'embalming' ceremony!

Report from Lisa Taylor | Events Team

## 'Pirates' Holiday Club 31<sup>st</sup> Aug to 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep 2011



### Bethel Community Church, Bierley, Bradford

Will we or won't we? Can we or can't we? These were the questions posed when, after the resignation of our minister, we considered the holiday club planned for late August.

On the Sunday morning when a decision had to be made I asked God to give us a team of six and made an appeal for helpers during the church notices. By lunchtime we had our team of six and so the message was relayed to Martin that we were going ahead. Numbers of children wanting to attend did not give much encouragement but plans were put in place and preparations made. Martin told us that small numbers was not a problem to him. In the end 15 children attended the club which nicely split into three teams of five with two leaders per team and also 'spare' leaders to deal with the sundries.

Martin was brilliant in leadership and the team amazing in their enthusiasm, diligence and support of the children. For three mornings the church was alive with children learning about searching for treasure that was worth having and I am sure that neither they nor their leaders will ever forget this special time. For some of the leaders it was their first experience of holiday clubs but I am sure it will not be the last as they were truly blessed and encouraged.

The Sunday following we were able to give opportunity for the children and families to come to a family service which also happened to be our Chapel Anniversary and Gift day. It was a real opportunity of celebration and sharing the love of God

How glad we were that we went ahead with our plans. We could so easily have missed out on so many blessings by listening to the voice of reason and not the voice and prompting of God. He gave us all that we needed to make the holiday club possible and we give the praise and glory to Him.

Margaret Dennison

### EaM – Special Series – Church Holidays

Richmonds' trip to [New Word Alive](http://newwordalive.org/)

Dates for 2012 - 31 March - 5 April 2012, Prestatyn - <http://newwordalive.org/>



A group of about 20 of us went to New Word Alive in April this year. It was on the Haven Holiday Camp near Pwllheli in North Wales. Most of us were staying in self catering caravan accommodation and the cost was roughly £125 each then there was the cost of food. The conference lasted from Sunday to Friday.

There were meetings for both adults and children. There were some excellent speakers and to some extent it was difficult to decide which meetings to go to! There was a worship time morning and evening. The morning daily readings ran twice so that everyone could be accommodated and the speaker for those was David Cook, from Sydney Bible College. He was so down to earth and practical

as he spoke on the early church from the book of Acts. Many of us went to Carl Trueman's morning seminars on church history. He was speaking on Athanasius, Martin Luther, Blaise Pascale and John Gresham Machen. We came away eager to learn more of these heroes of the faith, but the books didn't bring them alive in the same way as Carl Trueman did!



It was great to be in a large Christian community for a week. The teaching, worship and fellowship were all brilliant and there was time to relax and unwind in our groups. We did manage one gathering of nearly the whole of our party, but caravans don't really lend themselves to mass get-togethers!

One evening, Ben Kwashi, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Jos in Nigeria, spoke of the persecution that the church there has been experiencing and of his own deliverance, by the grace of God, from men who had come to kill him. We were reminded of the cost to some Christians of following the Saviour. Rico Tice also spoke on this theme. That has had an impact on me in terms of praying for the persecuted church and in the light of what is happening in our own country, wondering when our turn will come. I think we were all wondering if we would be such courageous servants of Christ as our Nigerian brothers and sisters.

Wendy Hudson – Richmond Church Sheffield.

### **A few notes from the Doc**

In future prayer letters I hope to include accounts of Rushden Missions camping at New Wine, Bozeats Church Weekend away, Keswick's youth work and others. If your Church has been away, please let me know about it. Going away together can provide a fantastic time of fellowship, teaching, challenging, discipleship and fun.

**Also I would love to come and visit your church to speak or chat with you about outreach opportunities in your area. Please get in touch I would love to hear from you.**

**Yours in His service**

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