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Mid-September to December 2024

Prayer focus and news from HAMPSHIRE



THE NET:

Monthly outreach meetings for men. We kicked off our NET season with a men's BBQ in the Orchard.



True to British tradition, it rained, but a good number of men came along and enjoyed an interesting evening. The Gospel was shared, and we are all looking forward to future activities.

SUMMER CAMPS:

It was a joy to be guest speaker at **SYBC** (Seymour Youth Bible Camp) in St Austell, Cornwall in August. The young people listened well to the teaching and were friendly and chatty. I was hugely encouraged when, just as I was leaving, two younger leaders followed me out into the car park, and with tears in his eyes one of them said, *"I have heard these kind of talks for 18 years, but this week has been so different, your talks were real and helpful, thank you!"*



'GOOD NEWS CAMP' 2024 PHOTO GALLERY:



GOOD NEWS CAMP:

It's difficult to describe in a few lines just how amazing our own Good News Camp was this year! It ticked all the right boxes, and when problems came along, with God's help, we got over them and carried on!

There were lots of children coming for the first time to camp this year and for some it was their first time away from home too, but our fantastic team of Cabin Leaders cared for them well and they all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

We had a large group of Year 10 youngsters on their final year at GNC, many of whom have been coming to camp since they were Year 3! It has been wonderful to see them making commitments and growing in their faith over time and especially to hear that quite a few of them have decided they need to be baptised this year.

These young people come from a variety of different churches and backgrounds but have built some solid relationships with other campers and leaders, and it was put on Penny's heart to provide a place for them to continue to meet and grow strong in the Lord, now that they are too old to come away on camp with us.

So, with some of the younger leaders I am starting a MASH group (**M**eeting **A**t **S**omeone's **H**ouse) to run alongside Body Builders extra which we introduced last October. MASH will hopefully give these teenagers a chance to get together and discuss relevant issues and concerns from a Biblical perspective, once a month on the fourth Sunday from 6.30pm-8pm. If you would like more details, please contact me but PLEASE especially pray for these youngsters as they navigate exams, college choices, relationships and all the world throws at them during this formative time.

SPEAKERS CORNER:

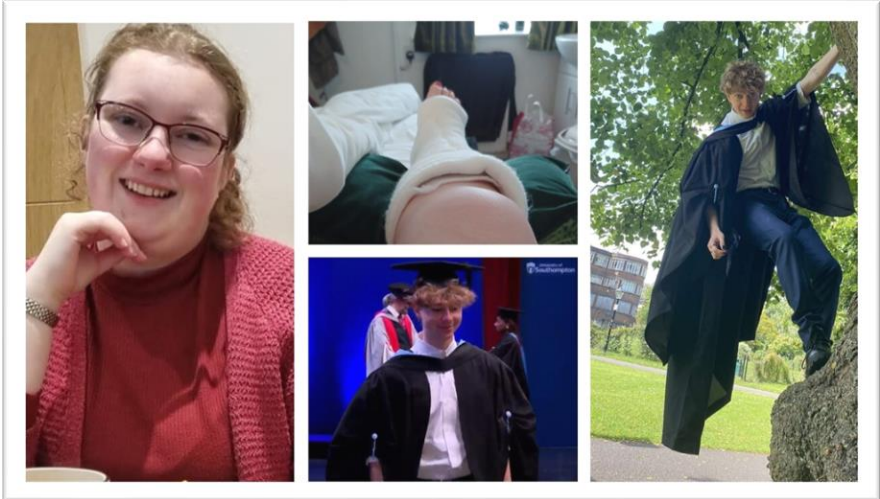
Often on a Sunday afternoon/evening I continue to head off to London, I could fill this whole letter with stories of the shenanigans and madness that often takes place but also the many very good conversations with people of all faiths and none. I always appreciate the opportunities to speak to people from 'closed' countries such as Somalia, Saudi Arabia etc.



FAMILY NEWS:

The summer felt quite long and full for us, but the time seemed to get sucked away!

I am still having to manage my energy levels carefully. I still do too much some days, and pay for it for the next three, but I am definitely better than I was this time last year and learning to say 'no' to some things, I hope!



Kathy has provided us with extra entertainment this summer by fracturing her foot in two places and spending the last three months in plaster or a surgical boot!! Her immobility and related hospital trips added an extra layer of activity to our lives, but she has recovered amazingly well and remained cheerful throughout!

She was able to start driving and get back to work at the beginning of September and is delighted to have her independence restored!! She loved looking after the youngest girls on camp and is developing a stash of 'useful items' in an ever-expanding box!

We haven't seen a huge amount of Arlo this summer as he has been working as many hours as he can to finance his upcoming MA year. Lectures start for him at the end of September though and he is looking forward to being a student again!

As always, we are incredibly grateful for your prayers for us all and humbled by your interest in our work and family. Many, many thanks. Lv Penny

ALRESFORD AGRICULTURAL SHOW:

“Mud, mud, glorious mud” – well, not a hippopotamus in sight but plenty of other four-legged creatures such as cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, horses, and dogs, but I’m not sure anyone was enjoying the mud! Despite the overcast weather and the random rain showers, the agricultural show carried on and from the noise, and the smiles of everyone around us, it seems to have been a successful day.



Thanks to Sarah & Tom Main for organising this event and to New Farm Chapel who funded and hosted the ‘Christian Witness’ stand. We were glad to be a part of this witness; Penny & Karen did some face painting; I had my second-hand bookstall, and the rest of the team gave out bags with Bible verses on them and tracts. We also had a pet patting area which helped to attract people into our stand.

DIARY DATES: MID-SEPTEMBER:

16th: Funeral Service – Portchester Crematorium. Hants

18th: Penny @ Counties Schools Resources meeting

19th: Penny @ ‘Noah’s Ark’ Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

21st: Evangelists Conference – Speedwell Chapel. Bristol.

22nd: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

(SEPTEMBER CONTINUED):

23rd: Assembly – Marchwood Church of England Infant School.

26th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

27th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

28th: Harvest Supper Talk – West End Chapel. Fareham. Hants.

29th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Afternoon Service: Gospel Hall. Stanford. Bordon Hants.

Evening Service – Gospel Hall. Fair Oak. Hants.

30th: 'BodyBuilders' Youth Events Prayer & Plan – Fareham. Hants..

OCTOBER:

2nd: Class Lessons x2 – Park Gate School. Southampton. Hants.

Counties CLG – Fareham. Hants.

3rd: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

4th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

6th: Morning Service @ West End Chapel. Fareham. Hants.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London..

**7th: Counties Evening - Duncan Road Church, Southampton,
7.45 Refreshments. 8.00pm Report Meeting**



A Counties Evening - Join with us live in the building or online!

YouTube Livestream:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/BGpk9IntGug?si=SGb9Lq8b2KWAh2bv>

8th: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home. Southampton.

'The Net' (outreach to men) - Fareham. Hants:

9th: Assemblies (x2) - Sarisbury Junior School. Southampton. Hants

10th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

11th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

12th: 'BodyBuilders' & BBxtra inter-Church Youth Events – Duncan Road Church.

13th: Morning Service - Manor Road Evangelical Church. Guildford.

Surrey Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

17th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

(OCTOBER CONTINUED):

18th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

20th: Morning Service - Alderholt Chapel. Alderholt. Dorset

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

Penny @ First MASH event for Yr11's

24th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

25th-27th: Penny @ Counties Conference - Staffordshire.

31st : Penny @ Cluster Leaders meeting

26th to Nov 5th: Gordon - Gospel Preaching Mission – Moldova (organised by the Moldovan Mission - www.moldovanmission.org).



NOVEMBER:

7th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

8th: 'Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

9th: 'BodyBuilders' & BBextra, inter-Church Youth Event – Duncan Road Church.

10th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

12th: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home. Southampton.

'The Net' (outreach to men) - Fareham. Hants.

13th: Assemblies (x2) - Sarisbury Junior School. Southampton. Hants

14th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

15th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

17th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Evening Service - Bethany Christian Fellowship. Holbury. Hants..

18th-22nd: Counties Life Expo - Swanfield Chapel. Chichester.



21st: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

22nd: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

24th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

Penny @ MASH event

28th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

29th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

DECEMBER:

1st: Morning Service - West End Chapel. Fareham. Hants.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

2nd: Penny @ Craft Night (TBC) - Duncan Road Church, Southampton,

4th: Penny @ Counties Schools resources meeting

5th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

6th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

8th: Morning Service - New Farm Chapel. Alresford. Hants.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

10th: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home. Southampton.

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13th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

14th: 'BodyBuilders' & BBxtra inter-Church Youth Event – Duncan Road Church.

15th: Morning Service - Methodist Church. Shirrell Heath. Hants.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

Penny @ MASH event

19th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

20th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

22nd: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Afternoon Carol Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

25th: Happy Christmas!



In addition to the activities listed, more schools & other meetings will be added, your prayers are also requested for the times taken up in studying for & preparing messages, visual aids & all the extras that seem to take up so much time!