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Prayer focus and news from HAMPSHIRE







BAPTISM

"Plant your seed in the morning and keep busy all afternoon, for you don't know if profit will come from one activity or another or maybe both." (Ecclesiastes 11:6)



We sow and we wait... and we enjoy the surprise of what grows!

It was such a joy to baptise Ava, one of many young people we have had the privilege of helping to faith

BODYBUILDERS HOUSEPARTY:

'Body Builders' is a monthly, inter-Church youth event for anyone aged 8 to 15 years. It runs from October to May, with May's event being a threeday house party.



The house party is a full weekend of exciting indoor and outdoor activities. We sleep in the various rooms of Charminster Chapel in Bournemouth and each day we have morning quiet time groups and a main teaching session, just like Good News Camp. This year Gordon spoke on the life of Moses. It is difficult to describe how much these weekends impact people spiritually, youngsters and leaders alike, and provide so many fantastic, life-long memories. We are grateful to God for our brilliant team of helpers.

'BODYBUILDERS HOUSEPARTY 2025 PHOTO GALLERY:





















PENNY WRITES:

This time last year Kathy was 24 hours away from a broken ankle and I had not discovered the blessing of electric hot-water bottles for traumatised muscles!! Praise God that our bodies are so wonderfully designed that they are capable of healing, and that both Kathy and I are nearly back to full health. Kathy will have an aching ankle after a long drive/walk and I am currently trying to 'defrost' a 'frozen' shoulder (secondary trauma), with the help of physio and injections, but we are nearly there!

Kathy is well and enjoying her swimming, choir rehearsals, puzzling and church activities as well as her demanding Forensic Occupational Therapy job. She is a joy to have around and a great help in our many projects. Arlo has just landed an internship in London over the summer while he finishes off his M.A. in Philosophy. He will be continuing to work for the Student Accommodation Company Yugo, in their publicity department and is hoping that his internship will lead to a full-time position in the Autumn. He is looking forward to some new challenges, please continue to pray for him and his girlfriend, Oana.



Our recent Counties Cluster retreat was a breath of fresh-air and an encouragement to everyone involved, I hope. I am starting NOW to try and fix a date for next year's retreat though... these Evangelists are a busy bunch!

Please continue to pray for us as we start and maintain initiatives and activities designed to disciple men, women, and children in their walk towards, and with, our precious Saviour. Please pray especially for our unity as a family as the children branch out and Gordon and I remain busy in our individual spheres.

Many, many thanks for your faithful friendship and for your prayers.

SPEAKERS CORNER:

Most Sundays I enjoy visiting Speakers Corner in Hyde Park, London. Each week is a mixture of arguments, in-depth debates and good quality conversations. It is a joy to talk to people from all over the world; tourists visiting London, the eclectic population that live there and those that travel in for the day. It is not unusual to meet people visiting from Sheffield or Barnsley who have come to Hyde Park specifically to meet and speak with their Moslem YouTube heroes, after watching their debates streamed live or later loaded up on Social Media, and then in the park, they encounter Christians too!



Recently a measure of violence has returned to the park with Christians being attacked almost every week. The police presence has increased but this doesn't seem to make much difference. Please pray for the safety of all those who attend on a Sunday afternoon.

JUNE:

1st: Morning Service – West End Chapel. Fareham, Hants.

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

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

GC @ Attending Apologetics & Polemics Conference - London.

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

7th: Attending Apologetics & Polemics Conference - London.

8th: Morning Service – Sholing Baptist Church. Southampton. Hants.

Evening Service – Cannon Court Evangelical Church, Fetcham. Surrey.

9th: Prayer & Planning Meeting for Alresford Show Outreach – Alresford

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

11th: Assemblies (x_2) – Sarisbury Junior School. Southampton. Hants

Good News Camp planning meeting – Fareham.

12th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

Penny at Counties Schools Resources Steering Committee meeting.

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

15th: Morning Service - Charminster Chapel. Bournemouth. Dorset.

Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London. (TBC)

17th to 19th: Sermon Preparation (3 Talks) for Youth Weekend.

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

20th: Penny @ Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton,

20th to 22nd: Youth Weekend Paulsgrove Baptist Church – Christian Youth Enterprise. West











22nd: Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London. (TBC)

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

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

29th: Morning Service – New Farm Chapel. Alresford. Hants.

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

JULY:

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

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

5th: Reporting @ Missions Fellowship Day - Woodside Green Christian

Centre. Croydon. Register to watch on ZOOM:

https://www.missionsfellowshipday.org.uk/register-for-zoom.html

JULY (CONTINUED):

7th: School Assemblies (x2) - Park Gate Primary School. Southampton.

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

13th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Evening Service - Bethany Christian Fellowship. Holbury. Hants.

14th: Assembly – Marchwood Church of England Infant School.

17th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Bible presentation to those starting school.

18th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Southampton,

20th: Morning Service - Methodist Church. Shirrell Heath. Hants.

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

21st to 4th Aug: Holiday - Somewhere Hot & Sunny!

AUGUST:

7th-8th: Camp Preparation (6 main talks & 6 epilogues)

10th: Morning Service – Manor Road Evangelical Church. Guildford. Surrey.

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

13th-14th: Camp Preparation (6 main talks & 6 epilogues)

16th: Set Up Site – Good News Camp. Lockerley Water Farm. Hants.

17th-22nd: Good News Camp. Lockerley Water Farm. Hants.











24th: Morning Service – United Reformed Church. Hayling Island. Hants.

DATE TO PRAY FOR:

September 6th: Outreach @ The Alresford Town & Country Show - Working alongside New Farm Chapel. Alresford. (Penny: face painting, Gordon: bookstall and the team tracting & witnessing).











