#### **MARCH (CONTINUED):**

7th: Counties Evening @Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants. 7.45pm for Refreshments & 8pm Report Meeting – All Welcome! (YouTube livestream link: https://youtu.be/nxLurx4beUo)

8th: 'The Net' (event for men) – Fareham. Hants.

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

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

12th: 'Body Builders' inter-Church Youth Event – Duncan Road Church, SO31 1BD.

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

Afternoon: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

Evening: Penny@ Girls Night In (Inter-Church Bible Study)

14th: YouTube Assembly – Park Gate Primary School. Southampton. Hants.

Consultation Meeting – Velmore Chapel. Chandlers Ford. Hants.

 ${\tt 15th: YouTube\ Assembly-Sarisbury\ Junior\ School.\ Southampton.\ Hants.}$ 

16th: Penny@ Counties Resources Steering Committee – Zoom Meeting.

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

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

20th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

23rd-24th: Penny @Counties Trustees Strategy Planning Retreat.

25th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

27th: Morning Service – Norrys Evangelical Church. Wokingham. Berks.

Afternoon: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

31st: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

APRIL:

1st: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

3rd: Morning Service – West End Chapel. Fareham. Hants.

Evening Service - Bethany Christian Fellowship - Holbury. Hants

4th: Penny@Craft Night (Outreach Bridge Building Event) - Duncan Road Church

5th: Assembly - Sarisbury Junior School. Southampton. Hants.

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

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

9th: 'Body Builders' inter-Church Youth Event – Duncan Road Church, SO31 1BD.

10th: Morning Service – Appleyard's Bible Church. Horsham. West Sussex.

Afternoon: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

11th-15th: Holiday Club – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

12th: 'The Net' (Men's outreach) - Fareham. Hants.

16th: Family Fun Event - Duncan Road Church, SO31 1BD.

17th: Morning Service - Methodist Church. Shirrell Heath. Hants.

Afternoon: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

19th-20th: Attending Echoes Conference – Bath. Somerset.

23rd: Penny @ Counties AGM – Northwood Hills. London.

24th: Morning Meeting – Velmore Chapel. Chandlers Ford. Hants.

26th-28th: Preparing talks & QT Notes for Houseparty.

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

29th to May 2nd: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Houseparty. Bournemouth. Dorset.

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March to April 2022

Prayer focus and news from HAMPSHIRE



**PLANNING AHEAD** 

We are currently

building a team of

helpers for this year's

'Good News' Camp.

When: Sunday 21st to

Friday August 26th,

2022.

Where: Lockerlev

Water Farm.



### THE NEW NORMAL:

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." - Albert Einstein.

Well, we are very much 'back in the saddle' and trying to keep our balance! We have been encouraged to see growing numbers of youngsters coming along to the kids' club and youth events since we started back in the Autumn, and if the noise levels are indications of enthusiasm and enjoyment, they are having a fantastic time! We would struggle without our amazing team of helpers at events like 'Body Builders,' and we thank God for them. Many of these leaders have grown up 'through the system' and nothing thrills the heart like seeing people growing in their faith and serving God together.



Volunteers will be needed for a huge variety of tasks from Banker to Bog squad (sorry...Duties team!) and Hut leaders, to Official Photographer, Washer- uppers and onsite Nurse. If you are interested in helping, then please contact us for further information.



A few things are still missing from the diary; like the regular services that we previously ran in local care homes. We are hoping that the opportunity to restore this spiritual lifeline to the residents is not too far away however! We will keep on gently 'pushing doors!

#### **FAMILY NEWS:**

We want to thank you again for all your prayerful support for our work and our family. Kathy and Arlo continue to flourish on their respective courses and keep an eye on their parents from afar!! We would appreciate prayers for Kathy as she enters the 'home-stretch' and will need to start looking for jobs back here in Hampshire in the next few months.

I am still enjoying my closer involvement with Counties as the South-Central Cluster group leader, (although I'm sure you can imagine the issues involved in getting Evangelists together!) and also as one of the two Evangelist Reps at the Trustees meetings. We have a Trustees Strategy Planning Retreat coming up in March which I am looking forward to but would appreciate prayer for, as I'm not quite sure what it involves or how I will be able to contribute. It has been fantastic to see the GSUS Live Tablets resource coming together over the last 6 months, as part of the Schools Resources Steering Group too, and to watch the other resources emerging from their Covid hibernation and getting back into circulation. Thank you for your prayers for Noah's Ark, we have attendees keen to do a



Christianity Explored course for the first time and two families have begun to come along sporadically on a Sunday, (it's only taken 20 years!), there really does appear to be an emerging appetite for the Gospel post lockdowns, which it is a joy to help satisfy! Please also pray for the Girl's Night in group being run on a Sunday evening, once a month. This was set up in response to an observed need and has been encouraging and enjoyable so far! May you all be aware of God's rich blessing and refreshing presence as the Spring beckons us on. Love Penny.

#### **DIARY DATES: MARCH:**

# Feb 28th to March 4th: 'Key to Life' Expo – St John the Baptist CofE Primary School. Waltham Chase. Hants

3rd: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group — Duncan Road Church. 4th: Kids & Youth Clubs — Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants. 6th: Morning Service — Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants. Evening Service — Cannon Court Evangelical Church. Fetcham. Surrey.

#### **MOLDOVA:**

Nov/Dec 2021 saw my fourth visit to this unique and quirky country. We expected the mission week to be richly varied and it did not disappoint! I took six house meetings on one of the days, followed by a funeral wake with a Russian translator! The house was packed with people, and it gave me another great opportunity to share the Gospel... but it was the first time I have ever spoken standing next to an open casket with the deceased staring up at me!



Bob Telford (Warwickshire) and David Brown (West Midlands) from Counties and Mike Wyatt (Leamington Spa) made up the English side of the team and Mark McCormick (organiser & founder of the Moldovan Mission) joined us and the translators for the ten-day Gospel preaching mission. Our remit was simple, to help people come to faith in Jesus Christ and each of us saw many people responding to the gospel at almost every meeting. We ask for your prayers for the local Moldovan Pastors who will follow up on those who responded and seek to disciple them. I was thankful to be able to return to England before new restrictions on travel were introduced, especially as it transpired, I had picked up the Covid Virus while away! My symptoms were relatively mild however and although the days of isolation were frustrating, the enforced rest was very welcome after a draining ten days of mission away from home.