



HAMPSHIRE

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MID JANUARY TO MARCH 2012

Dear Christian friends,

Many thanks for your prayerful and practical support over the last year, this is very much needed and appreciated! It is great to finish 2012 seeing people respond to the gospel and exciting to look forward (God willing) to a new year of outstanding opportunities!

SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

'Who made God?' 'How do you know the Bible is true?' 'What is a Christian?' 'What makes Jesus special?' 'Why are you a Christian?'

These are just a few of the questions asked by pupils during three 'Grill A Christian' sessions in a school in Southampton.

The pupils had prepared a wide range of questions to ask during their 45 minute lesson.



What a great opportunity to share something of what Christians believe and to help these pupils gain a clearer understanding of the Christian faith!

Regular Assemblies still provide great opportunities to share the Christian message with hundreds of children and young people who sadly have no regular contact with Churches.

THE NET is the monthly inter-Church event (November to May) that is aimed at 'unchurched' men. With fewer men likely to attend a Church service these days, it must be the responsibility of Christian men to build friendships as they seek to share the gospel.

'The Net' provides a neutral setting and an appealing activity designed to draw a wide range of men together.



'The Net' is often the first time that these guys encounter the message of Jesus Christ. So far this session we have enjoyed a Quiz Night, a Snooker Evening and a Fish & Chip Supper with Nick Rufford who shared his gripping testimony. It has been encouraging to see approximately 30 men attend each evening event so far this season.

Please pray for: (1). The speakers who share a short talk at each event. (2). That Christian men will make the most of this opportunity and invite friends/work/family members to come along!

PREACHING SEMINAR:

It was great to have twenty people from about seven different Churches attend a day's seminar on preaching. There was a great mixture of people, some just starting their preaching ministry and others more experienced but wanting to 'sharpen up', we all appreciated being reminded of the important principles involved in preaching.



Ivor Cooper (Counties Warwickshire) and myself led the four, interactive sessions. We trust that those who attended the seminar will be better equipped in their preaching ministry.

FIRSTSERVE

FirstServe is a gap year programme designed to give young adults (18-25) a taste of service in the UK and overseas.

Gordon is part of the steering group and believes it is a valuable investment of his time to be involved in this project.



Please pray for Ally Watson and Jade Irvine as they embark on the next phase of their gap year. Ally's placement is in Rwanda and Jade's placement is in Zambia.

You can follow their progress on Facebook (just type in Firstserve).

Please pray for the other applicants currently being interviewed to join this project.

FirstServe website: www.first-serve.org.uk

PENNY WRITES:

Thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts that you sent over Christmas and we trust that you had a restful holiday. We loved having time together and with friends and

MID JANUARY:

14th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event - Southampton, Hants.

15th: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Penny @ M.A.S.H. inter-Church Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.

17th: Bible Teaching (1) - Manor Road Evangelical Church, Guildford, Surrey.

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

Assembly - Sarisbury Green Junior School, Southampton, Hants.

20th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.

22nd: Morning Service - West End Chapel, Fareham, Hants.

Evening Service - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.

Holiday Club Prayer & Planning Meeting - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.

23rd: Assembly - Park Gate Primary School, Southampton, Hants.

Prayer & Planning Meeting ('LIFE' Expo) - Western Wards Network, Fareham, Hants.

24th: Bible Teaching (2) - Manor Road Evangelical Church, Guildford, Surrey.

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

family and we rested too, although Gordon was ill for some of the time!!

This term Kathy is throwing herself into the year six school play as 'ZAZU', a wise Hornbill advisor to the Lion King!! Costume making time! Arlo has recently started playing the Cornet but it's all going a bit slowly as his instrument broke after the second lesson and he still hasn't got it back! Please continue to pray for them both, Kathy has a particularly big year ahead!

I have just accepted the role of Community Governor at a local Primary School and am really looking forward to getting involved there. Please pray that I can organise my time effectively and keep a calm spirit and cheerful attitude! It would be great if you could also pray with me for a small group of women as we embark on the Christianity Explored course together over the next few months. Many, many thanks for your continuing support and especially your prayers. What would we do without you?



27th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
28th: Good News Camp Helpers Meeting - Park Gate, Southampton. Hants.
29th: Morning Services (x2) - Buckskin Evangelical Church, Basingstoke, Hants.
Holiday Club Prayer & Planning Meeting - Duncan Road Church, Southampton. Hants.
30th: Elders Meeting - Duncan Road Church, Southampton. Hants.
31st: Bible Teaching (1) - Gospel Hall, Liphook, Hants.

FEBRUARY:

1st: School Assembly (Junior) - Meoncross School, Stubbington. Hants.
2nd: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
3rd: School Assembly (Senior) - Meoncross School, Stubbington. Hants.
Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
5th: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Penny @ M.A.S.H. inter-Church Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.
7th: Bible Teaching (2) - Gospel Hall, Liphook, Hants.
9th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
10th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
11th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event - Southampton, Hants.
12th: Morning Service - Pinehurst Chapel - West Moors, Dorset.
12th: Evening Service - Bethany Gospel Hall, Holbury, Hants.
13th-17th: Holiday Club - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.
14th: The Net (outreach to men) - Queens Head Pub, Titchfield, Hants
18th: Family Fun Night - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.
19th: Morning Service - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
Evening Service - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.
Penny @ M.A.S.H. inter-Church youth event - Fareham, Hants.
21st: Report/Bible Teaching Meeting - Middlecroft Gospel Hall, Gosport, Hants.
23rd: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
24th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
26th: Morning Service - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.
27th: Hampshire Regional Fellowship Committee Prayer & Plan Meeting - Fareham, Hants.

MARCH:

1st: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
School Assembly (Junior) - Sarisbury Green. Southampton. Hants.
2nd: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
Penny @ Women's world day of prayer event - Fareham, Hants.
3rd: 'Counties' Day (Everyone welcome) - Bristol.
4th: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
Penny @ M.A.S.H. inter-Church youth event - Fareham, Hants.
5th: School Assembly - Park Gate Primary School. Southampton. Hants.
8th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
9th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
10th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event - Southampton, Hants.
11th-18th: GLO (Gospel Literature Outreach) Team @ Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
13th: The Net (outreach to men) - Queens Head Pub, Titchfield, Hants
19th: Penny @ 'LIFE' Expo Committee Meeting - Westbury, Wilts.
19th: 'Counties' Evening (Everyone welcome 8.00pm) - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
22nd: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
23rd: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
25th: Morning Service - West End Chapel, Fareham, Hants.
Evening Service - Bethany Gospel Hall, Holbury, Hants.
26th: Prayer & Planning Meeting ('LIFE' Expo) - Western Wards Network, Fareham, Hants.
29th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
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