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Prayer focus and news from HAMPSHIRE



## CAMP

We are encouraged share with you that Good News Camp is fully booked for this year! We have never been full so early in the year before, we even have children on the waiting list should a place become available.



Praise God that most of the team has already signed in and that this year we have quite a few 'junior' leaders, i.e. former Campers who, after a year's break, are back to help. Please pray that we match people and jobs in a way which gives us a balanced and united team and enables everyone to serve God effectively.

## 'BODYBUILDERS' HOUSEPARTY:

We arrived... we got wet... we still enjoyed another cracking 'BodyBuilders' Houseparty weekend! We took a great bunch of Campers with us who enjoyed sleeping in the various rooms of Charminster Chapel, Bournemouth; some on the floor, some on camp beds, and some on airbeds (a few of which deflated in the night!). We provided a full programme, including indoor and outdoor activities, three 'quiet times' and three main teaching sessions (Gordon spoke on Psalm 19), and we fed them well, all of which added up to a remarkably busy weekend. Many of the Campers were first timers, which means Penny and I we may be doing this for a few years yet!



A big shout-out to our amazing team of helpers; they volunteer, pay to be there, experience little sleep over the weekend and yet still manage to 'go the extra mile' – THANK YOU!

# 'BODYBUILDERS' HOUSEPARTY PHOTO GALLERY 2026:



## SPEAKERS CORNER:

The Corner in Hyde Park, London has changed in many ways over the last year. Thanks to the material now available on YouTube and elsewhere, there are more, well-informed, Christian apologists/polemics in the park. (e.g. search- 'The Islamic Dilemma', or get the book of the same name by Christopher W. Frost – Chris is a regular at the Corner) As a result the Moslems there have had to change their strategy and now avoid speaking to Christians of 'knowledge' and instead focus on tourists or 'newbies' to the Corner.



I still love the unpredictability of SC, one week I might only speak with atheists and the next only to Catholics, but each week there are many good conversations. Moslems from all over the world still outnumber the other groups however, providing a unique opportunity to regularly share the gospel with Moslems from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Somalia, and other countries that are usually closed to the gospel.



The Corner can still be a dangerous place at times with Christians regularly being kicked and punched. Recently, during a fight between Sunni and Shia Moslems, one man pulled out a large knife and started to wave it about! By the time the Police turned up he had long gone. Please continue to pray for more of the invaluable opportunities to share the gospel and for safety!

## HOLIDAY CLUBS:

Since the last newsletter we have run two Holiday Clubs, one at Swanfield Chapel in Chichester and the other at Duncan Road Church, Southampton.

Two hours of activities, games, Bible stories, competitions, DVD's, songs and much more! The fun theme was, 'Going Bananas' and the spiritual theme was 'People who did the unusual' (i.e. went 'Bananas') such as Noah, Gideon, Elijah etc. As well as a good number of children turning up each day, it was also encouraging at DRC to have 20 teenagers from the Church & youth group helping during the week.



We all love a 'God-incidence', and I'd like to share one with you. A boy was walking to the local train station with his guardian, when they saw the children pouring into the building and the banner on the wall and they were intrigued. They asked if they could come in for an hour before they caught their train, which they did, and the boy has come along to every 'Kids Klub' since. Pray for him, he is in foster-care and has come with a different adult assistant each week so far and they get to hear the good news of Jesus too!



## PENNY WRITES:

Well... Gordon and I are officially 'empty nesters'!! Kathy moved into her lovely flat just after Easter and is feeling settled, and enjoying having people round for dinner etc. It is great to have her close still but also wonderful to have a little extra space at home, being the dreadful hoarder that I am! Arlo and Oana are also very settled in Milton Keynes for now and both thriving in their jobs.



I have been reminded recently of God's faithfulness towards us and how we have the opportunity to reflect that in our work. We are sometimes the most consistent presence in the lives of the children and families we serve, and we need God's help to maintain that presence in a kind, fair, compassionate, and yes... faithful way. One of our FNL Mums has started to come to church and talk about faith again after a twenty-year absence from any Christian community, she is looking for that 'wholeness' and 'peace' she knew as a baptised teenager. Please pray that others will conclude that Jesus is the answer to their emptiness and unsettledness too and come seeking a relationship with Him, and that, as they do, we will be ready to answer their questions with 'gentleness and respect.' These are the days that we are thankful to be in the Lord's service and especially thankful that He is the one who draws people to Himself, we cannot earn His love, but we do respond to it. Thank you for all your prayers, and for partnering with us both as Gordon and I talk about that love and His design for humanity whenever and wherever we get the opportunity.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

thank you for your prayer support!

## JUNE:

- 4th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.  
GC Attending Apologetics & Polemics Conference - London.
- 5th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
- 6th: Attending Apologetics & Polemics Conference - London.
- 7th: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
- 9th: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home. Southampton.
- 11th: Penny @ Counties Schools Resources Steering In-person  
Committee meeting. Chippenham, Wiltshire.
- 12th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton,
- 14th: Marchwood Gospel Church - Marchwood, Southampton. Hants.  
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
- 18th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.
- 19th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton,
- 21st: Morning Service - West End Chapel. Fareham, Hants.  
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.
- Penny@ MASH – Inter-church Youth Bible study
- 25th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.

**26th to 28th: Penny speaking at a Ladies Conference -Hosted  
by Alverstoke Evangelical Church. Gosport. Venue:  
Greenhouse Christian Centre. Poole.**



- 28th: Morning Service - Velmore Church. Chandlers Ford. Hants  
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.

## JULY:

1st: Assemblies (x2) - Sarisbury Junior School. Southampton. Hants.  
2nd: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.  
3rd: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.  
5th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.  
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.  
6th: Assembly – Marchwood Church of England Infant School.  
7th: Penny @ Counties Cluster Day - Westbury. Wilts.  
9th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.  
10th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.  
12th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.  
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.  
13th: Penny @ Summer Craft Night - Duncan Road Church, Southampton,  
14th: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home.  
16th: Penny 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group – Duncan Road Church.@  
Penny @ Counties Cluster Leaders Meeting on Zoom..  
17th: Kids & Youth Clubs – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.  
19th: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.  
Evening Service - Bethany Christian Fellowship. Holbury. Hants.  
**21st to 4th Aug: Holiday - Somewhere Hot & Sunny!**

## AUGUST:

9th: Morning Service – Shipton Bellinger Community Church. Hants  
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.  
11th: Morning Service - Hawthorne Court Nursing Home.  
12th-14th: Camp Preparation (6 main talks & 6 epilogues)  
15th: Set Up Site – Good News Camp. Lockerley Water Farm. Hants.  
**16th-21st: Good News Camp. Lockerley Water Farm. Hants.**



23rd: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.  
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.  
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16th-21st: Good News Camp. Lockerley Water Farm. Hants.  
23rd: Morning Service – Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.  
Afternoon/Evening: Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. London.  
30th: Morning Service – Cowplain Evangelical Church, Hants.  
Evening Service: Cannon Court Evangelical Church, Fetcham. Surrey

## ANSWERING YOUR QUESTIONS REGARDING FINANCE.

### Are you employed by 'Counties'?

The answer is no, we are self-employed, we do receive a monthly gift from 'Counties' which is a great help, but that alone will not pay the bills.

### Who then provides the rest of our needed income?

The simple answer is God! We trust the Lord to provide for our needs. The practical answer is that God meets our needs through his people, i.e. Churches or individuals who choose to support the work.

### Do we charge for our work?

No! We work on an invitation only basis and trust that the Church or organisation we are working with will be conscientious before the Lord. Sometimes there is no financial remuneration, other times a church or group will be very generous.

With many of our non-Church related activities, such as schools, pastoral support, care homes, mission in Moldova etc. we receive no financial remuneration at all.

### How can I help support 'Counties' Hampshire?

To find out more about supporting the projects of 'Counties' Hants, please visit the website and click on the 'Donate' button.

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