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HOLIDAY CLUB 2010

This year we're planning an action packed holiday club

By Mark Birri
Youth worker

Every summer at Holy Trinity Lyonsdown we run a five day Holiday Club for all primary school aged children.

Our aim is to present the Gospel in an accessible and exciting way, that builds up the Christians and reaches out to the non Christians in our community. It is also a key part of our strategy to reach whole families through their children.

We have found Holiday Club is a key time for raising up and developing children's leaders within the congregation. Many lead a Bible study for the first time, and receive helpful feedback to help them improve.

This year's Holiday Club will run 26 - 30 July with a special Holiday Club service and picnic afterwards in Trent Park on 1 August.

We are planning on presenting the Gospel through John Bunyan's classic, *Pilgrim's Progress* and with Bible studies in Mark's Gospel. In addition, there will be plenty of crafts and games for the children to get stuck into ■



PRAYER POINTS

- 100 children to come to Holiday Club this year
- The teaching package as it is written
- Children's leaders to be raised up and developed
- Whole families to come to Christ through Holiday Club



A PASSION FOR LIFE

In March we ran a week long mission which encouraged every church member to get involved with evangelism

By Andy Burgess
Chair of A Passion for Life committee

A Passion for Life was the theme of our church mission over the Easter period. The Lord acted powerfully to bring his message of salvation to many people in New Barnet, from those we have prayed for over many years to completely new contacts.

The church family contributed wholeheartedly to the mission by, for example, inviting

unconverted neighbours to evangelistic events, supporting our open air preaching and sacrificing a week of annual leave to commit to the mission.

Partnership with other evangelical churches in the area enabled international Gospel preacher Phillip Jensen to join our mission. He preached faithfully at two events, including a packed out FOCUS - an evangelistic Bible study with supper - where our numbers grew significantly to over 150. Phillip also led four excellent mission training sessions during the week.

"The church family contributed wholeheartedly to the mission"

The variety and number of our smaller scale evangelistic events, organised and led by church members, was fantastic. Events ranged from curry nights to murder mysteries. An evangelistic address from the Bible lay at the heart of each event.

We are grateful to God for all he has done through our mission and are praying that he will continue the good work over the year to come ■

PRAYER POINTS

- Fruit from the mission to be shown in our FOCUS follow up sessions
- Church members to continue with evangelism and not forget everything we have learnt from the mission
- Open-air preaching, which is now a regular activity after mission week success



MISSION WEEK EVENTS

These are a few of the events held over the week:

Monday 22 March
Women's batik evening with Gospel talk

Tuesday 23 March
Women's open event with consultant surgeon Bernard Palmer who spoke on why Jesus is the only person who can heal the human heart

Wednesday 24 March
FOCUS guest evening with guest speaker Phillip Jensen, 'What did Jesus require?'

Saturday 27 March
Men's Breakfast with guest speaker Phillip Jensen, 'Why good people go to hell'

Sunday 28 March
Sunday at Ten with guest lunch, 'Is this all there is?'



Over 40 guests packed into Robert Chen's home to hear the Gospel proclaimed in one of many smaller scale initiatives around the parish

IN CONVERSATION WITH ELF BIRRI

We catch up with our children's worker

Hi Elf, could you tell us how you came to be at HTL?

I came to HTL as an Associate straight out of university and have been here for six years now.

What do you do at HTL now?

I have been the children's worker for the last four years. This involves running our midweek children's Bible clubs, planning and overseeing the children's slots in our Sunday at 10 meetings, leading a small group of children at Focus each Wednesday and teaching a Sunday School class.

What has been most encouraging about the work in recent times?

We have seen more and more fruit from our one-off events such as Holiday Club and A Passion for Life, with children from non-Christian families starting to attend regularly.

A few families have been drawn into the church after having sent their children first to our outreach clubs, which has been wonderful. And one girl in particular has been an encouragement; though from a non-Christian



family and not even at school yet, she has understood the Gospel and seems to love Jesus very much. Her father has now come to trust in Jesus too.

Could you tell us about your plans for the Children's work in the Summer term?

We are aiming to stretch the children who think they 'know it all' by looking at long words about the Cross, words that even many adults struggle to understand (or pronounce!). We hope to humble the children and ourselves and to cause them to rejoice in the wonder of the Cross.

I also hope that we will be able to visit the children and their families in their homes to get to know them better and do a questionnaire about their experience of the clubs ■

PRAYER POINTS

- Discipleship of the children who are reached and the girl mentioned in this interview
- Wisdom in planning the teaching series
- Evangelistic opportunities when visiting families

REFLECTION ON RECENT TEACHING

By Philip Wicksteed
Church member

When have you last heard a talk on sex? Our Sunday morning series on Proverbs has taught us that true wisdom - that which gives life and empowers the Christian believer to be fruitful - comes

from the Lord and starts with the fear of him.

The Bible has been anything but 'out of touch' as we have seen God's wisdom demonstrated in areas of life that are so important, but very little spoken about.

Topics have included: how to seek a marriage partner, sex and parenting. Young adults

especially need to hear about these things and we pray that this series might be equipping them, and the rest of our church family, to take courage in a world that is hostile to Jesus. Perhaps most profoundly, we have seen that wisdom serves the Gospel by extending God's rule in our lives that we might point a perishing world to Christ ■

TESTIMONIES

We hear from two new Christians



Penny Luxford was born in UK and brought up in England and Spain. She is currently awaiting her Finals results from university and about to embark on a midwifery degree.

What encouraged you to find out about Jesus at university?

Although I had been a churchgoer, I found the peer pressure too strong to continue that habit at uni. But a chance attendance at Christian Union and subsequent invitations from Holy Trinity's Youth Worker and associates changed that!

I never really heard that Jesus could be relevant in my life and I realised that I needed to know more about this Jesus. I met and read the Bible with an HTL associate for a year and finally, by Christmas, I put

my trust in Jesus and His death in my place.

What difference has Jesus made in your life?

A huge difference! I hardly know where to begin. I view myself and others in a totally different light and there is real joy in my life now.

The assurance I have that I am forgiven is just amazing – and the way I make decisions is quite different too. Now I long to share what I have found to be true, with others. By God's grace I am going to start teaching one of the Sunday School classes in September ■



Ron Boucher was born in Malta, the son of a serving soldier. He spent 31 years in the Metropolitan Police in London, starting on the beat and finishing as an Inspector. Ron retired 23 years ago.

What brought you into the reach of Holy Trinity Lyonsdown?

I was teaching table tennis in Lyonsdown Hall and a chance invitation from a man called Will led to my coming to the church the following Sunday. I felt completely out of my depth and confused by what I heard.

I couldn't follow the prayers or the creed or the preaching. But things got better when afterwards over coffee, I found myself surrounded by some young men who were very friendly and welcoming. I tried some risqué jokes on them and was met by a cool response. I knew then

that they were different and soon I discovered they had something I didn't.

What happened next?

I continued to come to church for many months and it began to sink in that I wasn't a Christian. Gradually over about two years I began to understand what Jesus had done for me and I became convinced that Jesus died a horrible death to release me from my sin. I found it so dynamic that Jesus died for me. It was **true**.

How has your life changed in the last few months?

At 70 years of age I now know where I am going and

Holy Trinity Lyonsdown needs resources to continue its work. If you would like to partner us in sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ please consider praying for our work and/or supporting us financially.

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Friends of Holy Trinity Lyonsdown,
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Signed

Name

I am prepared for judgement day. I don't think about my past anymore. And my jokes are no longer risqué! I want to read the Bible every day. I find I introduce my new faith into many conversations.

More than anything I want to devote my remaining years to working with Holy Trinity and to sharing with others what I had shared with me ■