

This coming week...

Day	Time	Activity	Venue
Mon	9.00am 8.00pm	Staff meeting and Prayer Discipleship Explored	Forefront 21 Crimchard
Sun	10.00am 10.30am	Prayer before the service Morning Service	Guildhall Guildhall

Dates coming up...

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17.08.19	9.00 – 11.00am	Community Breakfast	St Mary's Church – the Church room
23.08.19	-	Leadership Planning Day	-
03.09.19	10.00am 11.00am	Worklife Service	Forefront Sunnymeade Care Home
07.09.19	9.45am	Messy Church	Baptist Church

Please pray for this week:

- Our young families during summer break. Please pray for some good quality time.
- Anyone you know in Forefront who is currently facing a difficult time.

If you have any items for inclusion in next weeks news sheet, please let Martyna know by email or phone by Thursday lunchtime – thank you.

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Welcome to our service
Sunday 11th August 2019

We are glad you are with us today, whether visiting or regular. We hope you will enjoy the service and find your time with us refreshing and encouraging. If you are around in Chard during the week, feel free to pop into our Community Centre (address on the back) for a cup of coffee and a chat.

The Prayer team will be available after the service if you would like to pray with someone.

Children and Youth:

Pebbles: (0-5yrs) downstairs
Leaders: Ben G and Becky G
Rocks & Topz: (KS1 & KS2) in the Town Hall
180° in the service today
The children will leave for their groups early in the service and return later on.

This morning:

Series: Summer Series: Missions

Topic: Justice as Mission

Leading: Becs Holling

Speaker: Steve Farrer

OUR BIBLE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

“Whoever shuts their ears to cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered. A gift given in secret soothes anger, and a bribe concealed in the cloak pacifies great wrath. When justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers.”

Proverbs 21:13-15

Vision 2019 – Living as the Family of God!

MODERN SLAVERY

In 2019, over 40,000,000 men, women, boys & girls are trapped - tricked, deceived or sold into a life they didn't choose - a life of hardship, suffering, of low or no value - they are often treated as a disposable commodity - all in the name of producing goods or providing services for profit. Their suffering generates over USD\$150,000,000,000 every year. One of the fastest growing crimes in the world; it is the 3rd largest criminal activity by revenue. It affects every nation, every community, every business, every person. This is Modern Slavery.

"It ought to concern every person, because it is a debasement of our common humanity. It ought to concern every community, because it tears at our social fabric. It ought to concern every business, because it distorts markets. It ought to concern every nation, because it endangers public health and fuels violence and organized crime. I'm talking about the injustice, the outrage, of human trafficking, which must be called by its true name - modern slavery."

President Barack Obama (23 Sept 2014)

PYRAMID ROCK

Songs, games, stories, food, BBQ, crafts, drama, laughter, friendship, chat, fellowship, worship, Joseph and God...

Where did all this happen? The Holiday Club!

45 children came during the week. There was a great sense of community as members of the Chard Churches worked together in organising and running the club. Adults and children got to know each other in their small groups, and being able to share Bible stories together was a great privilege. Also, hearing the children and helpers sing about God's power and love, and his care for each of us, was so uplifting. On Friday, parents and friends were invited to share in a time of worship, which the children helped to lead. The week finished with a wonderful BBQ to which everyone was invited. We give God thanks for a great week. [Liz Sutcliffe, holiday club volunteer]

Many thanks for praying for us during the week of Holiday Club. It was a really fun, safe week with some great opportunities to introduce the children to God, and what it looks like to follow him. Many thanks too to all the wonderful volunteers, both adults and teens. Everyone worked together really well and no doubt have their own stories to share about their experience. Why not seek them out, ask and be encouraged by what God is doing amongst us.

SUPPORTING OUR EXTENDED FAMILY OVERSEAS

It was great to get the opportunity to catch up with Ben and Emma and the family when they were back in our area last month, to hear what they have been involved in over the last year, and some of the joys and challenges that lie ahead. Please continue to pray for them as they return to Egypt and pick up their various responsibilities again.

As a church, we also support them financially, and currently contribute just over £600 a month towards the families living expenses. This is both through our church mission giving (approx £210/month), and through individuals specific offerings (£355/month), mostly through standing orders, which we're able to top up through reclaiming gift aid.

One of the changes for them over this next year is that their youngest will be starting school. This has financial implications and will increase their expenses as a family by £1,100 per year in school fees.

If you would like to give to support them, or change the level of support you are already contributing, please speak to Steve Capstick, our Treasurer, today.



A WARM WELCOME AT FOREFRONT CENTRE

Forefront Centre manager Martyna Lee (pictured) is managing a new team of receptionists, since we released Angie to her well-deserved retirement.

Jane Marsh is in the hot seat on Mondays and Fridays. Martyna is behind the desk on Tuesdays. From October, new team member Julie Bristow will be our receptionist on Wednesdays and Thursdays – until then, Anisa Marsh is temporarily standing in on those days.

You will probably have met Julie on Sunday mornings at the Guildhall. Julie brings a wealth of experience having been involved in church administration since 2005. We look forward to getting to know her better and welcoming her to the Forefront team.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the small team of dedicated volunteers who have stepped in over the last few months to help out on the front desk greeting people, chatting and providing refreshments to those that come in. You are amazing!

We are always looking for more volunteers to help out in this way and to compliment our staff team. If you would like to get involved please contact Martyna Lee.