

## This coming week...

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

## Dates coming up...

Day	Time	Activity	Venue
23.08.19	-	Leadership Planning Day	-
03.09.19	10.00am	Worklife	Forefront
	11.00am	Service	Sunnymeade Care Home
07.09.19	9.45am	Messy Church	Baptist Church

## Please pray for this week:

- Leadership Team planning day away. Pray for wisdom in decision making and a God – given vision for the church and Centre.

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

*Vision 2019 – Living as the Family of God!*

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Welcome to our service  
Sunday 18th 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.**

### This morning:

**Series:** Summer Series: Missions

**Topic:** Compassion in Mission

**Leading:** Sheila Dimon

**Speaker:** Anisa Marsh

### Later on today:

Evening communion at Bruce and Jackie's home, Kentmere, 6.30pm.

### Children and Youth:

**Pebbles:** (0-5yrs) downstairs

**Leaders:** Sue D and Debby W

**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.

### OUR BIBLE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” **Matthew 25:34-40**

## COMPASSION IN MISSION... A FEW WORDS FROM ANISA

**Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14 NIV**

Children are so unabashedly open and liberal in what they say and the things they do; from loudly announcing, "mummy that man has really ugly shoes", to regurgitating food they didn't like... To, in more raw and complex contexts, greeting one in the morning with "Buenos días! My grandma is out of prison!"

Working in a children's Comedor in a beautiful yet vulnerable town in Colombia, I have come to know children personally and intimately; their stories in all their brokenness and all their glory. For many of these children, the Comedor and the volunteers provide the only place they will receive good food, generous unconditional love and contact with Jesus.

Silvia (\*name changed\*), a quiet young girl came into the Comedor one morning. She asked me "Anisa, have you accomplished your dreams?" Taken aback I replied, "some of them yes - for example being here with you was a dream! But I have many more and I know that if they match up with what God wants for me, I will achieve them". She proceeded to elaborate on her visions and dreams of studying and travelling, and I realised that this - these nuggets of hope and ambition that God plants and we help nurture in the children - is one of the fundamental works of the project and its dedicated volunteers who serve tirelessly every day.

## WHAT IS NEXT FOR ME

Next year I will be moving to Glastonbury to do youth work with St Johns church of England church. I will be doing work with the local schools and youth clubs that are already running as well as setting some new stuff up.

This is going to be a big step for me as I will be moving into a flat on my own! I haven't lived on my own yet, so I am starting from scratch and I need to acquire all the things that I need to in order to live alone.

Starting again somewhere new is both exciting and scary and your prayers would be greatly appreciated at this time. My studies: as some of you know I was accepted by SWYM (south west youth ministries) to do the degree this September, however, due to the to the move and setting up things in the new placement I am deferring my place until September 2020.

My time in Chard has been a major part of the journey that God has got me on, and you haven't seen the end of me yet!

Thank you for all of the memories love Naomi.

## 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 contact Steve Capstick, our Treasurer.



## 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.