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Scripture Union

Dates for the Diary May

9th May - Messy Church
26th May - Painswick Praise

June

1st June - Pitchcombe BBQ and Heritage Celebration
13th June - Messy Church
19-20th June - Benefice Prayer Weekend

July

6th July - Messy Church Fun Day
7th July - PLA Graduation
11th July - Beacon PULSE GAMES
24-28th July - TRAC

August

17th- 21st Aug - Soul Survivor

Weekly Activities (Term Time)

Mondays

Cranham Pulsar
Club Pulse
ACTIVE RE Croft

Tuesdays

Croft Pulsar
ACTIVE RE Croft

Thursdays

Messy Church
Pulsar Sheepscombe
ACTIVE RE Sheepscombe

Fridays

PSALMS Tennis Painswick

Sunday

Engine Room

Club Pulse

Our Youth Club continues to thrive under the leadership of Louise, We've have great fun this term with some quality themed nights and a trip out bowling in Stroud where regrettably many of the youth beat me. One particular highlight has been the back and forth we had in our discussions at the end of youth club.

We looked at the life of Jesus and the youth club has evolved into a place where the youth feel capable of disagreeing and asking questions which is great! On the we managed to run a community night where we did a huge car



wash to encourage the young people to channel their inner servant to give back like Jesus did and does. It was such a inclusive atmosphere and although much of the water went on each other rather than the cars, we still were encourage by the young peoples willingness to serve others!



ACTIVE RE

I'm now delivering ACTIVE RE in both the Croft and Sheepscombe Schools. With each school have 36 lessons delivered throughout the year. Praise God that the schools have been so open to us, and that we now have another Christian teaching about Jesus with a personal experience of him as their foundation

Sheepscombe have already committed to paying for the program next year and have been really receptive to the way that we teach a topic that many teachers don't feel comfortable teaching.



Tennis

We've been running our PSALMS Tennis session for 10 weeks and we seen 25 kids come along to one of our sessions, with an average of 10 kids each week. It's been a real encouragement to me, with a real atmosphere of inclusivity and exploration growing. Each week Emily runs a



fun, interactive Tennis session for all abilities and the parents watch and have tea and cake. During the session we have a time of exploration of faith, and regularly do an interactive sharing of who Jesus is. We've also seen quite a few kids praying and talking to God for the first time in recent weeks. So continue to pray for relationship to grow and for Jesus to reach out and touch the hearts of the families attending.



Beacon Sports Camp

Over the Easter holidays we ran a Multi Sports Camp in the local Croft school with the sole purpose of spending some more intentional time with some of the kids we see week in week out, and prayed that Jesus would meet with them in an exciting way.

We had 15 KS2 come along, which for a first one in a rural area was a real success.

We looked at the character of Moses over the 2 days and specifically looked at how he had to Trust God with the his plan to go rescue the Israelites, and that God gave him power to Persevere through the tough times. We saw some really cool things happen, and one of the kids started talking to God for the first time and said he heard the word 'sowing' when he asked God what he was doing right now. So lets continue to pray that God sows seeds amongst the kids who came along.

We had a great team of volunteers and young leaders who helped both days, so praise God for the backing from the local church.



Pulsar

Give thanks that we are still able to run Pulsar Clubs in all 3 local schools. We managed to take 8 kids away from the Beacon area,



with the majority of them unchurched. Thank you that over the weekend many of them decided that they were comfortable with Jesus being their friend, and wanted to pray more.

Pray going forward as some of the clubs are in transition. With Louise leaving, there is a void to fill in Granham, and Sheepscombe will be changing to an after-school Club. Pray that I am wise in my decision making, and volunteers feel equipped to continuing to share Jesus.

Messy Church

We've picked up a great new crop of families at Messy Church since January, but it's still early stages in building relationships. It continues to be hard to actually take the relationships past just acquaintances, as we see them so infrequently. Pray that we be bold enough to continue our relationships with these families outside of the once a month event. It's great that we can sing, eat and chat with these families, but let us all be pushed to be out of comfort zone and build everlasting friendships in our day to day lives with these families.

Please pray for:

- Give thanks for the Pulsar Weekend Away, which saw 8 kids from the Beacon area grow in their understanding of Jesus.
- Thank God for the Sports camp that ran in the Beacon area during Easter. We managed to draw in 15 KS2 Kids over the 2 days and found it such an encouraging time, with many praying for the first time.
- Pray for the PULSE GAMES that will be running in the Beacon area on the 11th July. It will join up all 3 local schools for a morning learning about 'TRUST' and how God is the one true person we can always trust
- Pray over Nathan and he starts to develop a café style informal service for local families and young people
- Thank God for all the people who currently volunteer with PSAUMS, either on a monthly or weekly basis. Bless them, but also pray for more people to assist and join in with the work.
- Pray for our Tennis session running every Friday at the Painswick Rec. Pray that the culture would be one of inclusivity, and that during our conversations about Jesus the kids would thirst for more of him.
- Pray for Club PULSE on a Monday night, which needs a bit more extra support. The young people are fantastic, but we want to be able to shepherd them rather than just run a fun night for them—so pray specifically for the Holy Spirit to dwell within every aspect of the youth club.



Keep up to date with all things PSAUMS related via our social media pages on Facebook (PSAUMS), Twitter (PSAUMS UK), Instagram (gloslifesport) and our Youtube channel (PSAUMS UK).

Future Events 2019

TRAC Dates - 24th – 28th July

Soul Survivor Dates - 17th – 21st August

Sports Ministry in Gloucestershire Update

Over the last couple of years PSAUMS has had the privilege of working more widely across Gloucestershire to develop sports ministry in new areas. The three way partnership between PSAUMS, Scripture Union and the Diocese of Gloucester has been really positive with PSAUMS providing capacity on the ground to equip local churches in connecting with their local communities through sport.



Two and a bit years into this we are now working with the Diocese and Scripture Union to develop plans for Sports Ministry longer term that may have an even greater impact in local areas of Gloucestershire. These plans for project 'Wellspring' (a working title for now) include Sports and Community centres that may become the heart of community life and provide an opportunity for new worshipping communities to build around discovering Jesus through sport. Furthermore there will be a wider reaching sports ministry team who can continue to equip local churches in how they might share the gospel through sport.

Prayers are appreciated as we continue to discern PSAUMS role within all of these exciting plans.

Pulsar Weekend

What a weekend!

On the 28 - 29th April, PSAUMS partnered with Minchinhampton Baptist Church and Chalford Methodist Church to run the annual Pulsar Weekend Away for KS2 kids. We took along 34 children, and journeyed with them as we explored the idea of Jesus being our friend.

On the Saturday, we ventured over to Viney Hill to take part in a host of activities including Caving, Abseiling, Crate Stack and Archery where we all had great fun. We then followed that up by sleeping over at the Methodist church and running their service for them on the Sunday.



Give thanks for the way that God moved amongst the kids, with many of them coming to accept Jesus as someone who could be their friend of the weekend. Give thanks for the huge mix of backgrounds in the children, and how they all got along so well together and built great friendships.

Internship with PSAUMS from September

PSAUMS offers two individual internship streams to choose from:

- 1) Sports Specialism: This stream is ideal for those who are interested in developing in youth work, but also have a passion for sports and sports ministry for those aged 8 to 18. More conventional youth work practice is combined with sports activities in a variety of ways.
- 2) Youth Ministry: PSAUMS Youth Ministry Stream aims to develop core youth work and ministry skills through community, schools and church work.

In each of these streams, successful applicants will work over the placement, to develop and deliver a project that fits into their core specialism areas. There are also opportunities within these roles to develop media skills. PSAUMS partners with New Wine Discipleship Year, and successful applicants will spend one day a week at New Wine Cheltenham as part of their placement. The internships also include a number of retreats, training conferences and camps, such as Soul Survivor.

For more details and an application pack visit www.psalms.uk.net

Are you a pioneer considering an exciting change?

Are you passionate about sport and sharing your Christian faith?

Do you love a challenge and have a sense of humour?...then read on because **PSALMS NEEDS YOU!**

We are recruiting for a **Graduate Intern**

To help us grow as a hub of excellence, partnering with Scripture Union and the Diocese of Gloucester, you will be working with the Director of Sports ministry and the PSAUMS team. You will be an important and strategic part of equipping and encouraging churches to reach out into their communities introducing young people to the love and life of Jesus through your and their love of sport.

For more details and application pack

visit www.psalms.uk.net

Alternatively, contact Andy on andy.poole@psalms.uk.net, 07895 135317 or Sue on sue.shaw@psalms.net



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Wild + Fit



On a cold Saturday morning back in March, PSALMS and the Diocese of Gloucester saw a health and wellbeing event come to life inside Gloucester Cathedral.

A morning of HIT, Zumba and Pilates took over the Cathedral, with 83 people turning up to show off their moves. The event was called



Wild + Fit, with the key message of the day being John 10:10 "I have come to give them life to the full." Exploring what it means to live the way we were created to be made.

This unique event saw a range of ages, from babies through to adults, enjoying a morning of fitness inside a beautiful building, some of who would never usually consider getting involved with Church. We were also massively blessed with volunteers, with a team of twenty-six all coming together to lend a helping hand and welcome all those who attended.



Kenya, by Oli one of our current interns

In March, both Louise and I embarked on a mission trip to Kenya as part of our discipleship year with New Wine. It was an amazing experience and a privilege to be able to meet people and serve on the trip in such a beautiful place.



Actually, my biggest frustration about the trip brought about a big lesson. Jesus lived a life serving (continually) the physical and spiritual needs of others. The trip was fantastic, but we didn't get the chance to meet anyone with much relative need (due to being on Christian compounds).

The mission trip to Kenya has inspired me to open myself up to try and know God and make him known. More specifically, to ensure my life is given over (like Jesus) to loving others in the ways Jesus did it.

This looks like leaving the safety net of what I currently know and saying yes to loving God and my neighbours (in all things), trusting that this way of living is only possible because our God is faithful and it is his desire.

The Gathering

Passionate about or interested in mission through sport with children and young people?



Join us for THE GATHERING – three days of practical coaching and hands-on experience that will explore how the language and activity of sport can collide naturally with faith in your local context. July 1st - 3rd at Hartpury College, Gloucestershire.

Speak to your sports minister or visit the Scripture Union website.

