

The Future

In my last Prayer Diary, I wrote concerning forthcoming changes to the way a future assistant's post would be funded, mainly due to budget constraints. I mentioned that I had asked Nancy Wang, whom I met while I was in China, if she would be interested in working with me as my new assistant.

The good news is that she has agreed to come, and she is currently working towards applying for her visa. Although Church Army are sponsoring the visa, she has to undertake quite a lot of complicated tasks herself to enable her to visit here, including travelling twice to Jinan, a city about 220 miles away from her home, in connection with her mandatory TB test and biometric fingerprinting. Please pray that her visa application goes ahead smoothly, so that she is able to join me here in July. Also that she is able to acclimatise to a new culture as she joins me.

Other work

We had a very good holiday club at St St Paul's church in Maidstone during the Easter holidays, which was attended by over 40 children. We also had a great team who helped with worship, stories, crafts and games, and both helpers and children enjoyed this special time. I've enjoyed preaching at quite a few different churches recently, and would love to hear from you if this is something that you might be interested in for your church.

I am continuing to work on the annual summer camp at Brymore, but I am feeling the lack of an assistant this year. We also have fewer leaders this year, which is causing an additional headache.

Prayer

Please remember all these things, as well as personal safety in travel, and new ideas in outreach. I give thanks for all those who pray for me and who fund this work.

Pray for the Camp and summer activities that are not yet finalised.

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Prayer diary
April-August 2016

The Dates

April

9th Church Army Cluster
10th Preaching Linton Congregational
11th Prep and Admin
12th Herne & Sturry Schools
13th Downsview & Kennington Academy
Mersham planning meeting
14th Goatleas School & BnT Club
16th Brymore 1 planning
17th Preach Milton Regis
18th BRF RE day Ninfield school
19th Bapchild, Teynham & Phoenix schools
20th Egerton, Willesborough inf, Stowting
21st BRF RE day Hawkhurst
24th Kennington Cafe style
25th Brymore 2 planning day
26th Graveny & St Marys Faversham
27th Kingswood School
28th-4th May Little Venice Canal Festival

May

5th Bodsham, Saltwood, New Romney
8th Messy Church St Georges Deal
9th-11th Camp Prep
12th B nT Club
16th BRF RE day Sevenoaks
17th Sissinghurst & Phoenix schools
18th Woodchurch, High Halden Kennington
19th -3rd June Holiday

June

4th Brymore training day
5th Ringlestone Family service
6th Team Meeting & Support Group
7th Bapchild & Teynham
8th Birthday
9th Downsview, BnT Bapchild
12th Preach Kennington. Travel to Wales
13-14th CA Board Residential
16th BRF RE day Ninfield school
20th Borden, Bredgar, Milstead Kennington
21st CA day London
22nd Woodchurch & High Halden, Herne Camp

June

23rd Goatleas school
26th St Mary's Kennington cafe style
27th St Leonard's BRF Day
CA Cluster BBQ
28th St Leonard's BRF Day
29th Stowting Bible day
30th Saltwood, Bodsham, New Romney

July

2nd Iwade Evangelistic event
3rd Preach Sturry
4th BRF day Gateway school
5th Herne & Sturry school
6th Teynham camp
7th Goatleas School
10th Preach St Francis, Strood
11th Benenden & Goudhurst
12th Phoenix
13th Kingswood & Kennington
14th Downsview
16th Saltwood Messy Church
17th Preach Underriver Sevenoaks
18th Camp Prep
19th Kennington leavers service
20th-31st BRYMORE VENTURES

August

There are various events not finalised for Holiday clubs etc

There are also various other activities and dates not finalised. Please see up to date weekly Prayer diary at www.churcharmy.org.uk/grahamunn

As St Mary's Kennington is in interregnum, it means at times I will be helping out more in the parish, when needed, to offer pastoral support and undertake other duties if needed.

The News

Schools

Schools have been such a dominant part of my ministry over the years, an in the last two terms I have been invited into several new ones - so now Kingswood school, New Romney and Stowting schools have come into the regular timetable spots. I also went into a senior school, Bethany School, which was really different, but apparently well received, and I've been asked to go back when I can.

The welcome I received at Stowting, and the comments from the children were amazing, and lovely to receive.

The assemblies I decided to do were two very different styles. In the first term I used the story of the prodigal son illustrated with my own line drawings. This was hilarious as my drawing needs a lot of imagination, and the children and staff thought the 12 pictures I drew to illustrate the story were amusing! I then donated my masterpieces the schools, leaving some of the staff bemused as to what to do with them. One school was going to auction them off, another had them on their value board, while others used them for the retelling of the story.

During the second term I used the story of David and Goliath, and a trick about the selection of a suitable stone, explaining that it doesn't matter what sort of people or stone we are, as God used many different people in the Bible that we would probably have thought were not up to the task. God did, and he still does, pick all sorts of different people who do amazing things for him.

Easter week saw all 4 primary schools in Kennington hear the Easter story. Downsview and Kennington Academy came to church and Goatleas and Phoenix had their own special Easter assemblies, so approximately 850 Children in the parish heard the Easter story.

At Herne I did a talk about my visit to China with a question and answer session. This was a great two hours spent with year five pupils.

Im also being booked to help take part in inset days, as well as story telling idea workshops with teachers. There will also be the chance to help with some spiritual input in school residentials.

I have about ten BRF RE days booked, and as I am still without an assistant, this is quite a lot of work. I find it quite tiring, so would welcome your prayers for this.