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MID JANUARY TO MARCH 2011

Dear Christian friends,

Many thanks for your prayerful and practical support over the last few months, this is very much needed and appreciated!

NEW WEBSITE:

It has been a long time coming but at last it is up and running!



As well as the latest news and an updated diary, the new website enables online booking & payments for Camps &

Houseparties etc and also offers a number of free resources.

The free resources are proving a help and a blessing to many. Gordon has already received a number of emails from as far away as Asia & South America, from Christians who have found the sermons useful.

131 people downloaded the free Nativity Quiz for use in a Christmas Family Service, Kids Club or School assembly. Rather than file these resources away on a disc where they are no use to anyone, Gordon felt that it would be good to share them with other Christians online.

NEW OPPORTUNITY:

Over the years we have had a number of opportunities to encourage, promote and support young people in mission. It is a great thrill to know of many young people who have gone on to serve God in short term and longer term missions.

'First Serve' (www.first-serve.org.uk) is a discipleship and mission programme for 18-25 year olds. It's a gap programme designed to give participants a taste of service in the UK and overseas. 'First Serve' is sponsored by 'Echoes of Service', 'GLO', and 'Interlink'.

Gordon is very much looking forward to being involved with this exciting project.

NEW SESSION:

A new season of the monthly inter-Church youth event 'BodyBuilders' restarted in October. Although numbers are not as large as they once were, this is still a good opportunity to impact young lives. An email from one young person who used to attend 'BodyBuilders' as a teenager included this encouragement:

"I was talking to my Dad about you just the other day. I was telling him how instrumental you were in my youth! It would seem an appropriate time to tell you! In all honesty I am very thankful for all the work you did over the years. I can safely say that without the work God was doing through you I and many others would have suffered the same fate many other young Christians do. So many young people lose their way because they don't have any Christian friends and they don't have anywhere to go to keep them on track. And instrumental to that is passionate people leading groups for young people to meet up. People like yourself and Penny. Thank you so much for putting so much energy, time and patience into your service. God has used, and I'm sure still is using you, in a massive way."



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FAMILY NEWS:

Penny writes: "We have really enjoyed a busy Christmas with lots of visitors and visiting; a family outing to the Natural History Museum; birthday treats and cinema trips. We really loved all being together and none of us were that keen to get back into routine last week!! We are adapting slowly!

Adjusting to life without my Dad has been difficult, there are so many things and situations that remind us of him but we are certain of where he is and know that we will meet up with him again someday. We have had lots of related conversations with the children and it has been a real blessing to listen to their simple but sure faith growing and finding expression. Please continue to pray for their individual walks with God and especially for Gordon and me as we attempt to guide them and to set them a Godly example. What a challenge eh?

My work is as varied as ever with home office applications jostling with craft groups and emergency babysitting. Scout groups, Discovery club (Sunday school) and ladies meetings, Bible studies and Toddler groups all fit round each

other intricately and although not always leaving much time for the housework I hopefully always just about find time for homework! I love it all but ask you to pray for Gordon and myself that we prioritise our activities appropriately and manage to maintain a healthy 'life balance', which will in itself be a witness to the many families that we have contact with. Another huge challenge!!



Arlo (aged 8) & Kathy (aged 10)



MID JANUARY:

13th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.

14th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.

16th: Sunday Services - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.

Penny @ M.A.S.H. InterChurch Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.

17th: Assembly - Park Gate Primary School, Southampton, Hants.

18th: Assembly - Boxgrove School, Chichester, West Sussex.

Penny @ Ladies Meeting - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.

Bible Teaching/Report - Middlecroft Gospel Hall, Gosport, Hants.

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20th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.

Assembly - Sarisbury Junior School, Southampton, Hants.

21st: Junior & Senior Assemblies - Meoncross School, Stubbington, Hants

Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.

23rd: Morning Service - West End Chapel, Fareham, Hants.

Evening Service - Bethany Chapel, Holbury, Hants.

25th: Counties Training Day.

Penny @ H.A.L.O. - Kings Church, West End, Southampton, Hants.

27th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.

28th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.

30th: Morning Service - Velmore Chapel, Cahndlers Ford, Hants.

Evening Service - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.

31st: Assembly - Perin's School, Alresford, Hants.

FEBRUARY:

1st Assembly - Perin's School, Alresford, Hants.

Bible Teaching - Gospel Hall, Liphook, Hants.

2nd: Assembly - Perin's School, Alresford, Hants.
 3rd: Assembly - Perin's School, Alresford, Hants.
 Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 4th: Assembly - Perin's School, Alresford, Hants.
 Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 5th: 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
 6th: Sunday Service - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
 Penny @ M.A.S.H. interChurch Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.
 8th: Ladies Meeting - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
 'The Net' (men's outreach event) - Fareham, Hants.
 10th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 11th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 13th: Morning Service - Buckskin Evangelical Church, Basingstoke, Hants.
 Afternoon Service - Gospel Hall, Stanford, Hants.
 15th: Christian Union - Solent University, Southampton, Hants.
 16th: 'First Serve' Meeting - Bath, Somerset.
 17th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 18th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 20th: Sunday Service - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
 Penny @ M.A.S.H. interChurch Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.
21st-25th: 'Rocky's Plaice' Holiday Club - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.
 26th: Family Fun Night - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.
 27th: Morning Service - South Road, Drayton, Portsmouth, Hants.
 Evening Service - Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, West Sussex.
28th: 'Counties Evening' - Duncan Road Church, Southampton – 8pm Everyone Welcome
MARCH:
 1st: Scout Group - Warsash, Southampton, Hants.
 3rd: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 'Boomerang' inter-Church Holiday Club Planning Meeting, Fareham, Hants.
 4th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
5th: 'Counties' Day – Maidenhead, Berkshire - Everyone Welcome
 'BodyBuilders' inter-Church Youth Event - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
 6th: Sunday Service - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
 Penny @ M.A.S.H. interChurch Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.
 Afternoon Service - Gospel Hall, Warsash, Southampton, Hants.
 7th: Assembly - Park Gate Primary School, Southampton, Hants.
 8th: 'The Net' (men's outreach event) - Fareham, Hants.
 9th: Bible Teaching - Bethany Gospel Hall, Holbury, Hants.
 10th: Assembly - Sarisbury Green Junior School, Southampton, Hants.
 Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 11th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 13th: Sunday Services - Efford Christian Fellowship, Plymouth, Devon.
 15th: Bible Teaching - Manor Road Evangelical Church, Guildford, Surrey.
 17th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 18th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 20th: Sunday Service - Duncan Road Church, Southampton, Hants.
 Penny @ M.A.S.H. interChurch Youth Event - Fareham, Hants.
 22nd: Service - Hawthorne Court Senior Citizens Home, Southampton, Hants.
 Scout Group - Warsash, Southampton, Hants.
 24th: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.
 25th: Kids & Youth Clubs - Duncan Road Church, Park Gate, Southampton, Hants.
 27th: Morning Service - West End Chapel, Fareham, Hants.
 31st: Penny @ 'Noah's Ark' Carers & Toddler Group - Duncan Road Church, Southampton.