

St Asaph Centre of Mission

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Tin Can Youth Centre

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Our work at the Tin Can has grown steadily over the past year. We have two after school drop-in sessions and started a Youth Club one evening a week this year. Numbers at the drop-ins are still really high and the youth club, although it is generally quieter, is becoming increasingly more popular especially with those young people aged 14+. Through the youth club we have been able to get to know some of the young people a lot better and build relationships with them often touching on faith and what it means to be a Christian.

MCYC

As we had began to get to know the young people from the youth club a lot better we decided to invite a number of them to the Merseyside Christian Youth Camp in August. Six young people came with us and despite concerns about these young people attending a Christian Camp and how they might behave, all six had a great time. One of the most encouraging things about this week away however was that three of those young people made the decision to give their lives to Christ while we were away. Josh personally was able to guide two of the young people through this decision and pray with them and can say it was probably his best experience so-far at the St. Asaph Centre of Mission.



Lantern Parade Refreshments

Bonfire Night and Lantern Parade

These are now becoming regular events on Caia Park with more families attending each year to watch the fireworks or walk through the Estate with their Lanterns. We offer free refreshments at both events and the Mayor of Wrexham came to judge the lanterns at the parade.

Schools Work & Holiday Clubs

Chris continues to develop the relationship with the two secular Primary

Schools on the estate. This year Chris was invited to work with both Schools in creating lanterns especially for the Parade where over 70 children from both Schools attended.

Josh continues to coach in the local School and at the Venture Youth Group, he is also continuing as School Pastor at the local High School - this is the same High School that sits right next to and feeds into 'Tin Can Youth Centre'.

Chris worked with the YWAM team in February half term in creating a Holiday Club for the local children, over 20 enjoyed a crazy week where we learnt about the miracles of Jesus and the 'greatest miracle of all'.

Me & My Dads Club

Me & My Dad club meet on the first Saturday of each month at St Giles Church and



attract a real mixture of young Dads, some with Church backgrounds, but most without. Over the last 18 months we have grown steadily and just last month we held a BBQ at the Tin Can Youth Centre - we even allowed the Mums to come-along - and enjoyed playing on the games as well as eating Chris's Burgers

Spirituality Fairs

The Spirituality fairs have continued to develop over the last year with Chris and other Christians in Wrexham

working together to reach people who feel they are Spiritual but struggle with the idea of God, with Chris using the Jesus Deck as a tool to connect with people. We recently we had the joy of watching a young man be Confirmed who made contact to the Church through his uncle doing the Jesus Deck with Chris.

Wrexham FC Chaplaincy

This season marks Josh's third season as Chaplain with Wrexham FC. It has been really encouraging how the new manager wanted to keep Josh involved in the same capacity he was last year as this can change when a new manager comes to a Football Club. Josh has been spending his time at the club trying to get to know the new players and staff as well as developing existing relationships with players and staff he already knows.

Moving Forward

Tin Can Youth Centre

With the Tin Can Youth Centre we are now looking at how best to disciple the young people who gave their lives to Christ in camp and to continue to grow the number of Christian young people who attend. In the coming months we are planning on starting a Youth Alpha for those who went to camp but also others who have shown an interest in the Christian faith.

'Why on Earth?'

Following-on from the success of Faith Pictures two years ago Chris is starting the new Church Army 'Why on Earth Course', for both Christians and those exploring the Christian faith in Wrexham, Chris has advertised it widely in the hope that Christians from other denominations will join-in.

Holiday Club with Holiday Hunger

In October half term, Chris is leading a group of Christians from Wrexham in running a Holiday club with Holiday Hunger which as well as running a Holiday Club will be giving a free Lunch for the families that attend.

Men's Supper

We are running our first Men's Supper on the 24th November. We are trying to encourage all Christian men in Wrexham to bring along a friend to a Curry Night where Josh will be speaking about his life as a Football Chaplain and presenting the Gospel.

Prayers

Thank you...

- For the three young people who gave their lives to Christ at Camp
- Great Links with Schools Continuing to be developed
- Greater positive links into the Caia Park community

Please pray for...

- The three young people who gave their lives to Christ at Camp
- Josh, Chris and the team of volunteers at the Tin Can Youth Centre
- Upcoming 'Why on Earth' and 'Youth Alpha' Courses
- Men's Supper and Josh as he speaks to men about his faith
- Upcoming October half term Holiday Club
- Chris, as he witnesses to the men at 'Me & My Dad' club
- Josh as he goes about his duties as Chaplain to Wrexham FC

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