



Men's Retreat – Twelve of us shared a weekend retreat looking at what it takes to Build Godly Character – purity in relationships, right thinking, and building integrity. It was good to reconnect with a few friends who live in other parts of the country, as well as spending some time with men from the church, encouraging and praying for one another.

Exhilarate Club – We have begun the new school year with a series of lessons looking at Jesus' 'I Am' statements. We have been running this club at our local school for the past 7 years and it continues to be popular with the children who attend. We regularly have 35-40 children coming to learn about Jesus through lessons, crafts, games and songs. We are blessed to have a great team of helpers. Please pray we have breakthroughs with both the children and their parents over the coming months.



Bits & Pieces – Dan has begun his last year of school – he has to wear a suit and tie everyday to school. He's also started driving lessons, and we've begun to look at possible universities for him. Naomi is currently looking for a new housemate – pray for a Christian to fill that vacancy. Phil and Emma are getting on well with life in London. Pray they find a church to get in involved with. Lynn and I have been involved in helping a Syrian family get moved in to their new home. Lynn has organised another coffee morning for Christian and Muslim women to share together, and is very involved in her work with an orphanage in Kenya. We continue to invest in becoming a church that is intentional in making disciples who are able to who make disciples and so on. We are currently running a Holiday Bible Club so will report on it next time.

As always, there is too much to say and not enough room to say it. We are so blessed by your faithful support of the ministry here in the UK. Thank you for your support through prayer, finance and your encouraging words.

Love from The Allens (Cliff, Lynn, Naomi, Phil & Dan)

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Dear Friends

One of the UK's hottest, driest summers is behind us now as we begin to feel the effects of autumn and head into winter. For the past 2 years, our news has been dominated by one story...BREXIT. Now with less than 6 months to go



before the UK leaves the European Union, there seems to be as much uncertainty about what this will mean as when the process began. Psalms 121 reminds us to remember where our help

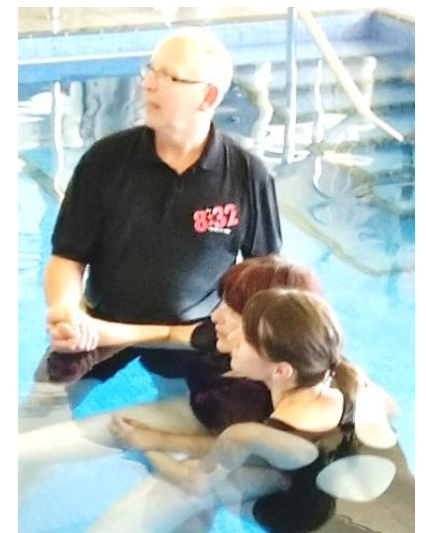
comes from – from our Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.



Baptism – Mark & Helen have been attending the church for a number of years. Both are confined to wheelchairs. They are amazing in so many ways – their attitude towards life is always positive, they know so many people in the town and they are often going off on holidays.

Helen had expressed a desire to be baptised several years ago, but at that time, she was undergoing surgery and we had no means of getting her in and out of the water at our church.

Burrswood, is a Christian health and wellbeing centre with a hydrotherapy pool with a hoist to help physically challenged people get in and out of the pool. Helen shared her testimony at our morning worship service – such a woman of faith, in spite of so much adversity. Later that afternoon, we went to Burrswood and had a short baptismal service and with the help of 2 of our ladies who work in the caring profession and the physiotherapist at Burrswood, we got Helen in to the pool and baptised her. She glowed with the love of Jesus. Afterwards, we all shared together in a cream tea at the local tea room. Helen and Mark are a continual inspiration to us all as they radiate faith and love, despite the challenges they face.





Visitors from the US - We were blessed to have a team from the Dayspring Church in Fort Collins, CO with us in early July. Daniel & Christie Herrington and Royce & Megan Cline blessed us so much during their time with us. They helped us with our Soup Bowl, with our after-school club, they engaged in prayer walking our community, they went out with the Street Pastors, they were involved in preaching, teaching, in talking with people about Jesus in our shopping district. It was a joy to have them serve with us.

HIT Camp – One of the key areas of help our US friends provided was at our annual 'Heroes in Training; (HIT) Camp. We had nearly 35 children and young people at camp, many from a non-churched background so it provides a great opportunity to share the love and truth of Jesus with them. The team from Dayspring, along with our own Church members



engaged the young people in Bible lessons on creation and God's power and love. They spoke at our campfire times and joined in a variety of activities & games. Please be praying for our ongoing contact with children and parents who attended the camp that we might see them come to faith in Jesus.



New Wine & Soul Survivor – Lynn and I spent time serving other leaders at a Christian Conference this past summer. We served with a team from Tunbridge Wells. Dan, served by helping with the 5-7's. He later attended a large Christian youth gathering called Soul Survivor.

Over 60 youth from Tunbridge Wells attended along with over 10,000 young people from across the nation. This conference has always provided a real sense of community amongst our youth groups in the town as well as providing great worship and teaching.



Church Barbecue – Through the month of August we engaged in a few different activities aimed at getting us out of the 'barn' and more intentionally engaged with our local community. We went out one Sunday, after a short worship time, to the streets around the church picking up litter, pulling weeds and giving out invitations to our Church BBQ the following week. We were pleased with the positive response from many of our neighbours – a few joined in and helped



us, while others made a point of thanking us later that week. The following week we moved our time of worship to the local park where we had our annual Church BBQ . Over 65 people attended, including several on the fringe of the church and friends who had been invited along. We had great food, fun and really good conversations about Jesus. What a great day!

