

# #THEBUZZ

## PASTOR ANDREW'S BIT



Well hopefully everyone has had their summer holidays by now and you're all feeling refreshed! So much has happened this year already and we still have Christmas just around the corner...

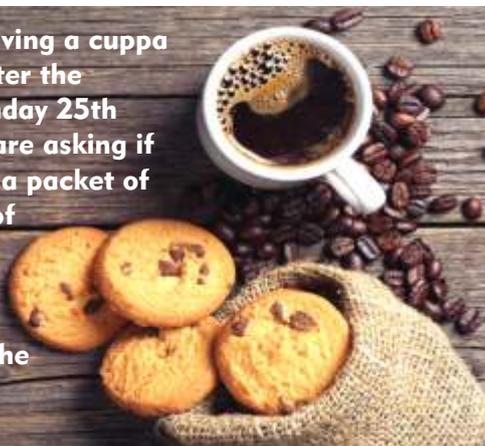
I've really enjoyed teaching the series recently on **The Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6** - what struck me is that in everything Christ was teaching us, it always comes back to our heart condition. So it's very important to **guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it** - as the wise man said in Proverbs 4:23 - **your heart attitude to Our Father God and to others, determines who you are and what you will be. So let's try and keep up the pace and stay close to our Lord!**

The purpose of this magazine is that people get a taste of what else is happening in and through the church. It's not only what you see and hear on a Sunday morning, there is so much more going on that you might not get a chance to see. If you are interested in anything just ask one of the Welcome Team or one of the Leaders.

Something exciting that is coming up in Bethel on **November 2nd** is 'Wales to the World'. A time of celebration, looking back through Wales' rich spiritual heritage with Cath and Dai Woolridge and 'Sound of Wales'.

*Pastor Andrew*

Do you enjoy having a cuppa and a biscuit after the service? On Sunday 25th September, we are asking if you could bring a packet of biscuits, a bag of sugar or a jar of coffee to help keep us stocked up for the coming months. Many thanks!



## BETHEL PODCAST



**Catch up** if you've been away or missed part of a series. **Listen back** if you want to take notes or remember a message. **Share** a word with friends or family! Listen to one or **subscribe for free** so you'll never miss out on our challenging teaching.

**NEW!**

**SUNBEAMS**  
PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Every Friday • 10am - 12 noon

First child £1.50  
Additional children 50p each  
Refreshments provided

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Jane and Linda, with a team of volunteers, have launched our new community project, Sunbeams parent and toddler group. It's every Friday morning during term time, 10am-12pm in the lower hall of the church. There is a small charge to cover refreshments provided. Please spread the word and come and support us with your babies/toddlers and preschoolers. Bring a neighbour or a friend and come and enjoy some time together whilst the little ones play.

## SHINE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 21st & 22nd OCTOBER 2016

THERE IS MORE



shine

It's here! Booking for Shine 2016 is officially open!

Our theme this year is 'There is more...' and there truly is! There is more *to do*, there is more *to be said*, there is more *healing*, there is more *freedom*, there is more *than enough of God*..... there is more!

We are dedicating Friday to giving out and so we'll be hitting Newport City Centre with **Random Acts of Kindness**; going out in teams to share love and encouragement and just **love** Newport.

After a Friday afternoon break, we will kick off the conference with an Evening Celebration. Then on Saturday, we will go into a full day of teaching and worship; sharing and learning together.

We hope that you can all take time out to come and join us as we delve into what God has in store for us at Shine this year. Book in now via the **eventbrite** website or by filling in the form at the back of the brochure.

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# SOUL SURVIVOR

//written by the youth

Sat in the van, just before going to Soul Survivor, and in the weeks building up to it, we were all excited. For many different reasons; the music, making friends and just having a great experience.

But I think after leaving, **we had all found something that none of us has anticipated, which was a loving Father who could speak to us all in different ways, with just a song or a service. It was amazing to see the things that God was doing in everyone, and to feel completely accepted by everyone.**

We are all so grateful, more than anyone can explain, because without the money we were given, some of us wouldn't have been able to go. But thanks to everyone's generosity, we could all go and make lasting memories. **And I can easily say we are all excited for Soul Survivor 2017!**

*Shanice*

I had the pleasure of going to Soul Survivor this summer; **experiencing the excitement to worship the Lord and share the passion with other people from across the country.** Christian or not, everyone developed a stronger relationship with God.



**The joy that came from being with the Lord in those special moments were unforgettable. It was incredible getting to know so many people with a phenomenal passion for God.**

Even at the parties, it was another chance to meet our beautiful brothers and sisters. **I am truly blessed to have had this opportunity and it's definitely a memory I won't forget.**

*Mia*



**Along with amazing time spent with God and the seminars we went to, during Soul Survivor, there were some other great experiences we all had.**

Some of our favourite parties were the colour clash and the silent disco. There was a place called rewind which can only be described as like a club where all the young people would meet and dance, which we really enjoyed.

In all honestly, some of the most laughs were from the morning and evening meals we all ate together as a youth group, joking around. We really feel going on this trip that we have all bonded as a group, even though we were all close before, **we have become more like a family and that was a lovely thing to experience.**

*Ernie*

Before going to Soul Survivor, I thought it would be like a massive church service, **but it was better than I imagined!**



Outside of the services there was lots to get involved with. We went to a UV party one night, which I loved. It was a disco that took place 9pm-midnight. As we went in we were given UV paint that we painted on our faces. It was fun! My funniest memory was when it was Mims turn to wash the dishes, she found someone had placed a facewipe in the washing up - how bizarre. (you had to be there)

The services were all really good; the worship and the preaching. My favourite song was 'You're Beautiful,' I really love the words. And the preach that I remember most was by a lady called Miriam. **She spoke about 'jumping' into God. She likened it to a bungee jump - jumping in with no fear, not holding anything back.** Overall, Soul Survivor was a **life changing experience** that I got to spend with some of my best friends. I can't wait for next year!

*Will*

## WALES TO THE WORLD

'Wales to the World' is a time of celebration, looking back through Wales' rich spiritual heritage, and forward to its great spiritual opportunity...

Join us for an evening of song, story, spoken word and leave inspired!

*Featuring:*

**Cath Woolridge** and SOW Acapella  
Spoken Words artist **Dai Woolridge**  
Head of Bible Society Wales **Christine Daniel**  
and **Arfon Jones** of Beibl.net

**WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**

**BETHEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**40 Stow Hill**  
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# CHURCH DAY OUT

On Saturday 27th August we all braved the potential showers and headed off to Barry Island! We grabbed our buckets, spades, boules and volleyball sets and set up camp for the day. (This included a full kitchen set-up which kept everyone fed and watered...)

What a fun day it was! There was a full game of volleyball played from the get go while others built sandcastles, dug big holes, and some even braved the cold waters of the sea!

We ate chips, drank tea, played boules and finished off with a rather competitive game of guys vs girls rounders, which saw a lot of us falling over while trying to run on sand. Apparently the guys won.....

All in all, the rain held off, the sun shone periodically and a good day was had by everyone!



# CYPRUS MISSION

//by pastor karen

On October 3rd, four ladies from BCC will be flying out to Cyprus on a mission trip to help Jade with the work she does out there. Lynnette Burton, Ayshea Howells, Linda Lewis and Myself will all be working with the girls in the safe house. One of the main things Jade wants us to do is to take the girls out for some day trips. They can often go weeks without leaving the house, and just a simple trip up the mountains for a picnic or a trip to the beach raises their spirits which makes a huge difference.

As well as this we will be there to assist Jade with hospital appointments and immigration visits, as well as looking after the many babies that are there!

A lot of girls that are coming through Cyprus now are very young. Some have been left pregnant and the trauma they have suffered is unbelievable, but as Jade always says, **the majority of the girls have faith in God and that is what, they say, has got them through.**

This trip will be difficult for many reasons. We would appreciate your prayers throughout; please pray that God will use us mightily on reaching these young women and pray that we will have wisdom to know what to say and when to say it.

The ladies have funded the trip themselves but if you would like to help with the costs towards the mini bus hire then **please see me over the next few weeks.** We are also collecting **Asda vouchers** to enable us to buy a variety of homely items for the new safe house. After the girls are rescued we would love to be able to provide them with a lovely place they can call home. **Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.**

# A PERSIAN NIGHT

//by mark seymour

A group of volunteers from The Sanctuary ran a Persian pop up restaurant on a Saturday night in June to raise money for this project run by Bethel Church, which helps refugees rebuild their lives in Newport.

30 customers were treated to a delicious 3 course Persian meal and traditional Persian drinks, whilst listening to Persian music. The evening also included a short presentation about Iran, celebrating its history and culture, but also explaining why people have to flee the repressive Government. **Thanks to everyone's support, we raised nearly £400 which will pay for a month's creche so that refugee women can access English classes,** which they otherwise wouldn't be able to attend. Learning English is vital in supporting the women contributing to and accessing life in Newport.

**Our next pop up restaurant fundraiser will be on a Saturday night early in November,** with all proceeds going to the work of The Sanctuary. **Let Mark Seymour know if you would like to attend - places are limited to just 30 people and cost a bargain £15 per person.**

**We are also seeking generous regular supporters who can give just £5 a month to support the project - please talk to Mark or Sarah if you are able to support us.** Find us on Facebook: 'The Sanctuary - supporting refugees and asylum seekers in Newport' or email [sanctuary@bethelnewport.co.uk](mailto:sanctuary@bethelnewport.co.uk) to ask to sign up to our quarterly e-newsletter.



# GET INVOLVED

At Bethel, there is always something for you to get involved in or somewhere for you to help out...

**Events team** - We have recently set up an Events team to tackle the practical side of all that goes on at Bethel; from setting things up, to dropping leaflets through doors. If you'd like to be a part of the team **please speak to Henry & Emily Martins.**



**Sanctuary** - The Sanctuary team are always looking for people who are free for a few hours during the week to help out at the drop ins. In particular, they are looking for someone with a car who is able to take bags of clothes to 'Cash for Clothes' a couple of times a month. **Please see Sarah if you can help out.**



**Atomic** - Our Children's ministry here at Bethel has classes for children ages 3-10. If you'd like to get involved **please speak to Mark & Anita...** "We'd like to welcome Juanita, Gina and Lizzy to the Atomic team! Thank you for the enthusiasm you have brought already. We have a fantastic, dedicated team of workers who we'd like to thank for their continued passion, commitment and input into this important ministry. If you'd like to chat to us about joining the team, you are most welcome."



**Creche** - We offer a creche during Sunday services for children aged 3 and under. If you'd like to join the team of creche workers to help out as part of a rota, **please speak to Amina.**



**Want to help out but not sure what you can do or where you can do it? Speak to Pastor Andrew or any of the leaders and they'll point you in the right direction.**

## GIVING THANKS

We are celebrating the support of external funding to help expand our work here at Bethel.

Firstly we would like to acknowledge **Lloyds Bank Enable Fund.** We were successful in obtaining this funding during the latter part of 2015, meaning **Denebo could be employed two days per week**, to develop our policies and procedures over a two year period. This ensures we are fully compliant with all the legal requirements of charities and public places, as well as documenting our objectives and enabling us to become more efficient in our grant funding applications.

More recently, Sanctuary has obtained monies from **New Beginnings consortium.** These monies will be used to continue employment of **Sarah Croft, our project manager.** The focus for this next year is to develop our advocacy work at Sanctuary, together with expanding our volunteer team.

Also, for the Olive Branch, we acknowledge the support of **Garfield Weston and Trusthouse Charitable Foundation** throughout 2016 for the management of the Olive Branch.

**We are so grateful to God for the grant funding that helps us continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the city.**

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU..

**DAVE**



**Full Name:** David William Bale  
**Birthday:** 27th September 1969  
**Favourite time of year:** Summer is my favourite season. The long days motivate me.

**Favourite music to listen to:** I enjoy so many different genres of music. Classical is my favourite, especially Beethoven. Hillsong is my favourite praise and worship group.

**A fun fact about you:** Whilst at work, I accidentally left my kit at quite a high security client's site. When I went back to get it, I realised I had caused a bomb scare and the building was evacuated. Whoops!

**Favourite Bible verse:** Colossians 1:15-20. I love the Message version. This version is glorious and always leaves me in awe, thank you Jesus.

**Something to inspire us:** Life is like photography. You need the negatives to develop.

## THOMAS



**Full Name:** Thomas Solomon  
**Birthday:** 8th February 1990  
**Favourite time of year:** Christmas  
**Favourite music to listen to:**

Eritrean music

**Favourite place you have visited in the UK:** Barry Island

**Favourite Bible verse:** Psalm 116:12 - *What can I offer the Lord for all He has done for me?*

**Something to inspire us:** I encourage you with my favourite verse mentioned above. This was one of the first verses I read when I started to read the Bible and it has remained my favourite. What can we repay to God for all that he has done for us? I cannot put into words a way in which I can thank him or repay him for all the good things he has done for me. There are no words to describe my thanks. God is so good.

## PASTORAL CARE

At Bethel we have a dedicated team of people who are **here for you.** If you've got something bothering you, if life is getting you down or if you just want a friendly face to talk to and pray with you, then please speak to **Bob, Joy or Pauline** who head up our Pastoral Care team. You can also ask one of the Welcome Team who will be happy to point you in the right direction.

Alternatively, you can call or text **07874767472**, and one of the team will get in touch with you.



### MORE INFO

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