

Mourne *update*

autumn 2022



News and prayer requests from Child Evangelism Fellowship® in the Mourne area



It's great to be back! That was the feeling as normal summer ministry began again in the Area. Camps, Holiday Bible Clubs and Five-Day Clubs all took place, and many children were reached. We asked some of our volunteer helpers to share their experiences.

Good News Club Camp took place in Seaview House in July. **Gary Chambers** was one of the leaders

"We knew there would be some challenges as children got back into the swing of things after not having been at camp before - we had a whole camp of children who were all at camp for the first time!"

Our teaching was on John the Baptist, a faithful messenger of God preparing the way for Jesus. We all heard the gospel message that he taught in Bible times, retold through Olivia and Karen.

Of course, camp had great activities, such as fancy dress, our classic trip to Coco's, and the spectacular water fight!

Most important of all, we saw God at work, with many of the campers standing up in front of everyone to share their testimonies and even more did so in small groups in dorm time on the last night. There were many of the children at camp who knew the Lord and we trust the camp helped

strengthen them in their faith. One boy said, "This week has really helped me to understand things about Jesus for the first time". We pray that God will continue to challenge those who have not yet trusted Him but heard the gospel message on our week of camp".

Our Christian Youth in Action Week was based in 1st Rathfriland Presbyterian Church Hall this year. The teams conducted Clubs from Newcastle on one side of the area to Bessbrook on the other. **Emma Edwards** was part of the team.



"Going into CYIA 2022 none of us were very sure what to expect, given that we hadn't held a proper club in any of the estates for the past 3 years due to COVID.

But, as we learned through our studies in the book of Joshua, God went before us, and we could depend on him to provide for our every need.

We were richly blessed throughout the course of the week with as we were able to share the good news of Jesus with boys and girls in 15 different housing estates in Newry, Kilcoo, Banbridge, Castlewellan and many others in between.

CYIA 2022 was a real blessing to all of us and we can't wait to see how God will work through CYIA again next year!"

Inters Camp at Fivemiletown was a very hot and very busy week! 68 campers attended the camp. **Kate Bingham** reflects on it.

"Inters holds a special place in my heart as it is the camp where I trusted in our Saviour Jesus some years ago. So, when asked to be part of the team I jumped at the opportunity. My eyes were opened to the challenges young people face and how hard it is for them to live as a Christian. In chatting to young people, I was able to draw on my own experiences and to have many meaningful conversations with God at the centre.

The love many of these young people have for Jesus really encouraged me. Please pray for them and the world they live in! Pray that they will walk in the love and strength of Jesus as they face many issues".



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Teaching Children Effectively™

Teaching Children Effectively is an excellent training course for anyone interested in teaching God's Word to boys and girls. We hope to run a TCE Level 1 Course in the Area in 2023, most likely on Tuesday evenings in Rathfriland. The Course is now divided into three "modules" of 6 weeks, 4 weeks and 6 weeks, which means it can be spread throughout the year. It is possible to take the full course, or just one or two of the modules if preferred. Module 1 will run up to Easter, Module 2 after Easter and Module 3 in the early autumn.

If you feel you would be interested in this training, or know someone who would, please contact us for full details. You would find the training a tremendous help in your ministry, as you learn how to teach God's Word effectively to the children.

Good News Clubs recommence

The seventeen Good News Clubs which meet across the Area will recommence soon. It is wonderful to think of many boys and girls being faithfully taught God's Word week by week through the winter months. Please remember all the teachers in your prayers. Pray that new children will come to Clubs this term, and especially pray for the new Good News Club in Downshire Road Presbyterian Church, Newry.

CEF Autumn Conference

Our Autumn Conference on Saturday 1 October is in Emmanuel Church, Lurgan in the afternoon (2pm) and Lurgan Baptist Church in the evening (7.30pm). The leaflet enclosed gives all the details. It would be great if you could come along!

Holiday Bible Clubs

Twelve Holiday Bible Clubs were held in the Area over the summer, with Olivia teaching at four of them. Churches were encouraged to see the numbers of children attending and learning from the story of Daniel each day.



Autumn Week of Prayer

CEF Ireland holds a Week of Prayer each spring and autumn to encourage prayer for all aspects of ministry. The autumn dates are 16-22 October. We hope to be visiting some local church midweek meetings around that time to share prayer needs and will also be posting daily prayer points on our Facebook page. We will also hold a Zoom prayer meeting on Tuesday 18 October at 8.00pm. Meeting ID is **851 4734 2015** and passcode **Mournepray**. Please do join with us to pray for all the outreach to boys and girls in the Area.



Prayer Points

- Thank God for a really good summer of outreach and pray for all the boys and girls who heard His Word taught.
- Pray for all the Good News Clubs in the Area as they resume their autumn and winter work.
- Pray for the Junior and Senior Youth Challenge groups, especially that a Senior group would be established.
- Pray for the Mourne Area Committee as they continue to direct the work in the Area.
- Pray for the school assemblies ministry and especially for Olivia and for Karen Wallace as they teach.
- Pray for tract distribution at Hallow'een events and also at Christmas lights switch-ons in November.