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#BeLikeStephen

August 2019 Church News

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The CLC family is made up of so many amazing people, but this month I would like to highlight Steve and June Squire. Steve and June have been CLC Partners for nearly 30 years; they lead a Life Group and are part of our Pastoral Team. But their greatest gift is seen when the church family gather together. It doesn't matter whether it is Sunday morning, a prayer meeting or the Church BBQ, Steve and June are always on a mission: making guests feel welcome. So many people say a significant factor in choosing CLC as their Church was the welcome they received from Steve. Steve and June arrive early, and never just sit waiting for the service to begin or chatting with their friends. Instead, they are on the lookout for new faces. They wander around shaking hands, sensitively asking questions, engaging in conversation, and showing genuine interest. Steve and June make everyone feel welcome - they are helping to build the CLC family.

So often visitors comment on how warm and friendly we are at CLC. We have a wonderful welcome team, thank you. However, last week a ministry friend came up to me at a prayer meeting and nervously started a conversation: "Andy, I'm not sure if this is the right thing to say but..." There was a pause and I knew I wasn't going to like what he was about to say so I braced myself, "I recently recommended CLC to two people looking for a Pentecostal church but they waited around after the service but no-one spoke to them." My heart sank! They obviously came when Steve and June were away I thought! Should we ban them from ever going on holiday again?

There are guests every week at CLC and the truth is, as well as Steve and June we have lots of friendly people, but these people felt overlooked. I know I'm slightly biased, but I think CLC is the best church family in Birmingham, but this served as a reminder of the importance of making people feel welcome. During the summer and autumn term we get lots of visitors, especially students looking for a church family. We can't just rely on Steve and June and therefore we are launching: #BeLikeStephen. Anyone can join, no qualification or training necessary. We need a willing army of people to arrive early and stay late, not to sit and talk with friends, but to look and talk to visitors. We need you to be like Steve (or June) to make sure no-one can ever say 'no-one talked to me'! #BeLikeStephen



Andy Boxall
SENIOR PASTOR

Check website for top tips from Stephen

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Feature Events 2019

Week of Prayer

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th September

International Bring and Share

Sunday 17th November

Baptism Sunday

Sunday 29th September

God Conversations Conference

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October

Summer Refresh

Sundays at 18:30 in the Church Auditorium

Summer Refresh is an opportunity to stop and allow God to speak through His Word. Jesus encouraged those who were thirsty to come to Him and receive water that gives life. This summer we have invited a variety of local ministers to share God's Word with us. Let's pause, wait and sit at His feet and allow His word to refresh, enrich and direct our lives this summer.



Jul 28: Paul Folland - Pastoral Dean Regents Theological College

Aug 4: Mark Ryan - Senior Pastor Birmingham City Church

Aug 11: Leon Evans - Senior Pastor Life Central, Halesowen

Aug 18: Dave Wellington - Worship Director and Minister Cheltenham Elim Church

Aug 25: Caleb Nyanni - Senior Pastor Sparkbrook Christian Centre

Sep 1: Mike and Suela Brown - Pastors Elim Full Gospel Church Nuneaton





International Sunday 2019



International Sunday is an annual event at Christian Life Church to celebrate what it means to be a vibrant and dynamic Christian community of people that are drawn together from different cultural and national backgrounds. Historically we've celebrated this event for about 15 years, and it normally comes up prior to the end of the school year, before people jet off on summer holiday! Our 2019 International Sunday was on the 14th of July and was celebrated in style in all of our three services. Our recent snapshot census (2019) indicated 38 nationalities are represented at CLC. However, we reckon that there could be more nations than perhaps reported in our census. Of the 38 nations 16 participated in this year's International Sunday doing things like singing, dancing, sharing a poem, and offering personal reflection on the diversities and experiences of what it means to be a part of a multi-cultural, multi-national, multi-accented and inter-generational Church in Selly Oak, Birmingham. For example we had a representative from South Sudan sing a beautiful song in Arabic. Also we had a very entertaining poem in Jamaican Patois (Patwa). And there was the exciting story of a young lady whose membership of CLC began at an International Sunday she attended a few years ago. Another important element of International Sunday is that most people usually come dressed in their native or national dress. It is always a rewarding day because nearly everyone from the youngest to the oldest contributes something important to the event. Not only does International Sunday showcase the rich and beautiful cultures at CLC but it also reveals some hidden talents like great musicians or people with leadership qualities who can go on to serve Jesus in significant ways. Realistically, being an international Church community is not without its challenges but with good leadership at different levels and openness to the Holy Spirit we are able to flourish as an international community. International Sunday is never complete without a BBQ! In the past we would conclude the international Sunday with an evening meal featuring dishes coming from the nations. This year it was decided to hold a BBQ on 26th August, as an extension of our International Sunday celebration. A significant reflection on International Sunday is that the event points to the amazing work of Christ across all human societies. Nothing unites humanity like what Jesus did! This is what we try to capture and to celebrate on International Sunday at CLC. Therefore, as a community of nations let us continue to bring Jesus wonderful gifts of praise and thanksgiving from the nations!



We regularly give the opportunity for new followers of Jesus to be baptised. Jesus set the example to His followers by getting baptised and so we believe that this is an important step for those who have decided to follow Jesus to take.

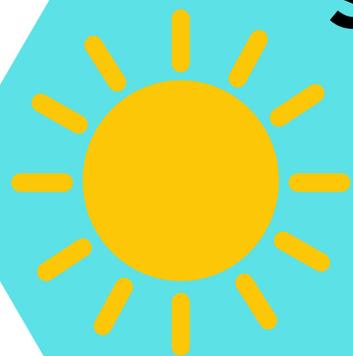
If you would like to be baptised or find out more please speak to one of the Pastors then either:

- Sign up online
- Collect and complete a form at reception

We will then arrange for you to meet one of our Pastors, who will invite you to a Baptism Class on Tuesday 24th September at 19:00 in Church Gallery Room.

Baptism Sunday

On Sunday 29th September 2019 at
18:30 in the Church Auditorium



Spontaneous Summer Socials

Over the summer on Sundays, in anticipation of the wonderful sunny weather, we will be holding spontaneous events at various venues. These could include a picnic, games, chill... Watch out for them on Sunday announcements and our website / social media.

Summer BBQ

On Monday 26th August (Bank Holiday), at 12:30 at Rubery Leisure Centre, Holywell Lane, B45 9AD. It's our annual summer BBQ for all the family to gather and enjoy the sun together. Bring along picnic blankets, outside chairs and games. We'll provide the food (meat, vegetation option) and drinks. If you have dietary requirements, please contact Seinde Balogun on balogun.o@sky.com

Roy and Lainey Hitchman

Conference

On Saturday 14th September (time TBC), and Sunday 15th September 09:00, 11:15 & 18:30 in Church Auditorium.



We have invited Roy and Lainey Hitchman who are Elim Missionaries based in Hungary and who run a ministry nick-named 'hitched' to minister to us. Their heart is to see healthy relationships that build healthy families, communities and neighbourhoods. With three grown up children and living on the mission field they understand the pressures families can be under living in a new culture. There will be seminars on Saturday and they will be speaking on Sunday. This will be a conference Sunday and as they will share a different message at every service. Please put these dates in your diary and more information will be put on our website.

Week of Prayer - Awaken

Monday 2nd to Friday 6th September

Awaken Revival at 19:30 in the Church Auditorium

We will continue to pray for God to awaken us, our theme for 2019. May he awaken greater faith, unstoppable love, renewed hope, outrageous joy and unprecedented power in His church. We want to create time to enjoy God's presence and call out to Him on behalf of His Church, our nation and the world. Let us pray together for another Pentecost, an awakening that changes us forever.

Prayer for the Family

On Saturday 31st August, at 16:30 in the Life House Boardroom. Final Saturday of the month.

Praying for the families of the church.

For more details, please contact Joyce Sule.

Ladies Prayer Chain

On Saturday 10th August. Every 2nd Saturday of the month. Ladies pray for an hour then call each other to pass on the prayer baton.

Currently 17 hours long! To get involved, please contact Moji Balogun on 07790 291621.

CAP Money Course

On Monday 9th and 16th September at 19:00 in Church City Room.
Come and learn budgeting skills. Financial privacy is ensured at all times and you will not be asked to share your circumstances with the group or its leaders. Limited places so must book online.

Our CAP Money Course Rep is Marline. For more information contact through moneycourse@thelifehouse.net

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Intercessory Prayer

On Saturday 3rd, 10th and 17th August
from 16:00 to 18:00 in the Life House Boardroom

A time of praying and worshipping God Almighty in a relaxed atmosphere, open to all Christians willing to stand in the gap for others, especially those who are not yet saved. We pray for anything and everything, 'big and small' - individual prayer requests are welcome. This meeting is free to all. For more information, please contact Killion Mbewe on killyhandros@yahoo.co.uk



All Night Prayer

On Friday 16th August, 13th September
At 23:50 to 05:30 in the Church Auditorium
An opportunity to pray through the night together.

For further information, please contact
Bismark Dediako on 07988 633775



Lost property

The lost property in reception will be cleared out once a month. Please ensure you collect your belongings before they are discarded.

Children

During the month of August there will be no 9am Sunday School for the children.

At the 11.15 service the children will have a choice of watching a film or doing a craft.

Also Children's Club on a Friday will be on summer break.



CLC Youth presents

SUMMER SESSIONS

SUN 28TH JULY Rounders at Selly Oak Park	SUN 18TH AUGUST Lets eat! Breakfast at the Centre
SUN 4TH AUGUST Joining main church	SUN 25TH AUGUST Chill out at the Centre
SUN 11TH AUGUST No Youth as we are returning from Limitless Festival	SUN 1ST SEPTEMBER Rounders at Selly Oak Park

YOUTH DROP IN

Every Wednesday from the 24th July- 28th August (except the 7th August)
2-4pm Come hang out at the Centre. There will be xbox, Wii and other games

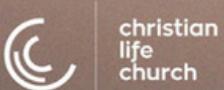
The Youth Leader is Becca Hudson, contactable on becca.hudson@weareclc.co.uk

CLC Intern Programme 2019

Up, In & Out



There is still time to sign up before we begin.






Healing on the Street

On Saturday 10th August, from 10:30 to 12:00 in Northfield City Centre.
Every 2nd Saturday of the month.
To share the gospel and to pray for healing on the streets. To get involved, please contact Annie Goco via 07534 616904.

THE LIFE HOUSE



Strengthening Community Together
thelifehouse.net

Christian Life Church set up The Life House as an independent project, to serve the community. Overall it is a Health and Well-being Centre open for all.



Funding July Update

Operation Life House **appeal budget is £2.5m**. For 2019 the goal is to **send out 300 applications** to charitable trusts - currently we have *sent out 50 (30+ from June)*. Currently *charitable trusts have given £500 (0+ from June)*. The **church contribution target is £250k** - currently CLC have *contributed £19,000 (0+ from June)*.

Poppy fund raises £182.70!

Thank you to Poppy for fundraising £182.70 for Operation Life House general appeal. She did a 75m swim, 3km bike and 1500m run - a great achievement. We encourage you to do something to help fund raise for Operation Life House.

75m SWIM 3KM Bike 1500m Run



Cosy Toes Toddler Group Sponsored Walk

We truly have a fantastic Playgroup who helped us raise a grand total of £670.00. This year we helped two charities close to our hearts as it affected families within our Playgroup.



One of our parents wanted to raise money for S.E.N.D Socials so that they could provide social activities during the summer holidays for children with Special Educational Needs within the South Birmingham area.



The other charity was The Children's Trust. They offer a range of activities for children who have suffered a brain injury. They work with families across the country. One of our toddlers had a stroke at the beginning of the year and this charity has truly helped the little boy and he is making a really good recovery. He was even able to take part in our sponsored walk which was amazing.

For all the latest information [facebook.com/cosytoessellyoak/](https://www.facebook.com/cosytoessellyoak/)

Church Life

Sunday Services

On Sundays we have three services, all with a different flavour: 09:00, 11:15 and 18:30. Choose a service that fits you. Our aim is for everyone to attend one and serve at another.

Life Groups

Remember that Life Groups take a break over the summer from Monday 22nd July 2019. They will restart in September – more information coming soon.

Serving

We would really appreciate a few more volunteers for the Car Park, Welcome, Reception, Worship and Tech, Usher and Communion teams. The more volunteers we have, the lighter the load. We would also like to expand our team to have a dedicated team for our 'after service' connect point. At CLC we encourage everyone to not only attend, but to use the skills God has given them to partner with us to make church happen. If you would like to get involved please see one of the staff team or email: office@weareclc.co.uk

Giving

Christian Life Church desires it's partners to give cheerfully and generously to God. For more information and how to give, please see our Giving leaflet.



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Exploring Partnership

On Tuesday 17th September, from 19:30 in Church Auditorium.

At CLC we refer to our members as partners. We are one body with many parts, each created by God with gifts for a purpose. We believe it is important to partner together behind the vision God gave us. If you would like to know more about becoming a partner at CLC, please attend this meeting. We will explain 'partners' and give you an opportunity to ask questions. Please sign up on our website.

Donated items

Thank you for your continued donations of food and clothes to the Life House. Please drop your donations off at 2-6 Frederick Road because the church reception has been instructed not to accept them there.

If you need to leave items for any other ministry, please arrange collection with the leader of that ministry.

9 Items placed in reception will be removed.

Stay Connected with CLC

At Christian Life Church (CLC) we are a family, diverse yet united in our desire to Make Jesus Famous. We believe we are all equal and all have a part to play. We would love you to connect and be part of our growing family.

The weekly Sunday services are great all being together. The service announcements highlight what's coming up and any important admin.

To know everything about CLC and the most up to date information, CLC's website is the hub: weareclc.co.uk

Brilliant that you have CLC's monthly Church News! It's everything you need to know for the month ahead but remember it's first published on our website.

To help us continue to be connected, complete a 'Connect Card' and hand it to a team member. We'll use it for your pastoral support. This will mean you're on our ChurchSuite database. We highlight events happening in the week by sending a weekly email.

We're an online social community:

Like our Facebook page: facebook.com/weareclc

Follow our Instagram profile: instagram.com/wearechristianlifechurch

Follow our Twitter profile: twitter.com/weareclc



If you're ready to stand and fully commit to Christian Life Church, consider becoming a church partner. There's a yearly Partners Meeting. Please complete a 'Partners' Application Form' and hand it to the team.



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Weekly Church Programme

TUESDAY

18:30 Youth Netball Plug In (UOBS) *

19:30 Youth Football Plug In (UOBS) *

WEDNESDAY

09.30 The Light House Cosy Toes Toddler Group (CE) *

THURSDAY

11:00 The Life House Drop-in Lounge (CE)

13.15 CAMEO (CH) *

FRIDAY

06.30 Early Morning Prayer (LH)

09.30 The Light House Cosy Toes Toddler Group (CE) *

10:00 Craft and Card Making (LH) *

18:00 The Light House Kidzone Children's Club (CE) *

20:00 Young Adults Friday Night After Hours (LH) *

SUNDAY

09:00 Worship & Communion

incl: Children's programme (CH)

11.15 Worship Celebration

incl: Children's programme (CH)

11.15 Sunday Morning Youth (CE)

18:30 Evening Service

* Term time only

Life Groups happen throughout term weeks too.

Please visit our website for all the latest information.

Our Venues

CH: Christian Life Church, 900

Bristol Road, Selly Oak, B29 6HW

LH: The Life House, 2-6 Frederick
Road, Selly Oak, B29 6PB

CE: The Centre at the Life House,
rear of the Life House

External Venues

UOBS: University of Birmingham
School, B29 6LL

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