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CHURCH NEWS

June 2018

MAKING JESUS FAMOUS

Welcome!

Welcome to our May edition of CLC's church news!

If you are a visitor today, thank you for taking time out to be with us. We hope you will feel welcome and at home. After the service, please say "hi" at the **Connect Point** in the foyer. We would like to introduce ourselves properly to you and give you a welcome pack.

HOW CAN I CONNECT WITH CLC?

We would love to stay in touch, so why not complete a connect card found in the welcome pack and hand it in at the **Connect Point.** We will then text, call, or email you during the week to say "hello". You can also connect with us on facebook, instagram and twitter.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about what we do or what we believe at CLC, please also visit the Connect Point. We're here to help and have something for everyone.

For more information about our groups, activities, or events, please visit the calendar on our church website: **www.weareclc.co.uk** or visit Reception in the foyer.

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What Do You See?

Do you see opportunities or do you see obstacles? Some people seem to be wired to see a cup half full and others half empty. I wonder if that is why we are encouraged time and time again through the Bible to lift up our heads: to lift our eyes toward heaven and to fix our gaze upon Jesus. In his letter to the Colossians, Paul writes:

'Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.' – Colossians 3:1-3

It is so easy to look down, to become distracted and, rather than living full of faith and seeing possibility, to become defeated, negative, and overwhelmed. But perhaps we need to be reminded through the words of a Psalm that the Lord is the lifter our heads, if we will let Him:

'But you, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.' – Ps. 3:3

Thank you Lord, that you lift my head! I want to learn to see things as He sees things, I want to see what matters, to take courage from His presence and shield, to get a glimpse of His heart and grow with His compassion and courage.

Over the next few months, my prayer is that we would see things as Jesus sees: to be moved by His compassion and to align our lives with His plans and purpose. It is so easy to get caught up with the things that don't matter instead of focussing on Him and His plans. I love the account when Elisha and his servant were surrounded and looked like they faced certain defeat, but Elisha prayed for his servant:

'"*O Lord, open his eyes so he may see". Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.'* – 2 Kings 6:17

Let's make this our prayer:
"O Lord, open our eyes that we may see as you see."

Pastor Andy Boxall

SENIOR PASTOR

May we see what Jesus sees: Prayer Walking

God is challenging us at CLC to step up in prayer. This is exciting because every move of God is preceded by a move to pray. This summer, we believe it's time to prayer-walk our communities. As we walk and pray, we believe God will speak to us, fill our hearts with His compassion for the lost, and align our thoughts and ideas with His plans for us and His community. We want God to help us see what He sees and to help us feel what He feels about our communities. Prayer walking not only prepares the hearts of people to receive the gospel; it allows the Holy Spirit to transform us.

For the next three months we are going to meet every other week, starting on Friday 15th June at 7:30pm at the church. We are going to worship and pray together, prayer walk for about an hour in pairs, before gathering again to share stories and give thanks. We will have some pre-planned routes to follow, and we aim to walk every street within a mile of the church over the next three months. We would also like to ask you to prayer walk your street. Why not schedule to prayer walk your street seven times before the end of August, as God led Joshua and the Israelites? Let's pray that the walls around the hearts of people come down and allow Jesus in.

Friday 15th and 29th June
Friday 13th July and 27th July
Friday 10th August and 24th August

Look out for a leaflet on prayer walking to give more details and top tips. This is our prayer: "Lord, give us eyes to see what Jesus sees and feel what Jesus feels." Amen

Join us for **Soaking Prayer** on Fridays at 11am-12 noon. This is a place of rest for your soul and encounter with the Living God. In our busy schedules, we often don't get time to be still and know that He is God. Come and spend just one hour in the presence of God to rest in Him. Open your heart to Him and give God room to speak or to fill you with His peace. Afterwards, we often fellowship together with refreshments.

We also recommend coming to this Trumpet Call day of prayer in Birmingham city centre:

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.. (2 Chron 7:14)

Youth Take-Over Sunday: Sunday 8th July

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CLCYouth are taking over all three services on Sunday 8th July. Young people will be leading worship, preaching, and generally making the services much more fun than usual! We will be fundraising for LIMITLESS, so that more teenagers will be able to go on our summer camp in August (6th-11th). Please pray about how much you would like to give to this amazing cause, which can change the lives of teenagers you know.

Limitless Festival is a dynamic summer camp experience set against the backdrop of the stunning Malvern Hills. With three fantastic venues for kids, youth and young adults, and a programme packed full of exciting activities, sports, games, bands, social spaces, seminars and celebrations - Limitless Festival is a week of community, connection and change that is not to be missed! Join with hundreds of young people meeting God in a vibrant, dynamic and life-transforming environment.

Registration for Limitless Please contact Hannah Korsgen or David Lezama if you (aged 11+) would like to go to Limitless with CLCYouth. The official deadline for registration and the first deposit has passed, so please hurry if you still want to go.

Students & Young Adults

If you are new to Birmingham and studying at a local university or college, welcome! Get in touch via email or Facebook to find out when our next events are and meet other students.
We have a monthly social and often pop to the pub together after church.

Next FREE BBQ night: Friday 13th July.

Life Group for Students and Young Adults!

Thursdays, 7.30pm @ the Life House

All 18-30s are welcome to join us at the Students and Young Adults Life Group for chats, prayer, and fun getting to know each other.

We're also looking for volunteers to help to lead or host this life group. If this is something you're interested in, please get in touch!

Bring & Share meal: 21st June
Outreach: 11th June, 2nd July

@YAConnectCLC

Follow us on instagram! **@weareclcstudents**

email: students@weareclc.co.uk

She is Strong

Proverbs 31:25

Summer Date: Saturday 7th July, details soon!

"She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future."

Autumn: 15th September, with Leanne Mallet

Leanne is married to Darren and has two children, Abigail and Jack. Although originally from Cardiff she currently serves alongside her husband who pastors the Elim Church in Salisbury. As the national leader for Aspire, Leanne's passion is to equip, encourage and enable women to rise up in their giftings and callings.

Andrea Boxall, Women's Ministry

Woman of Worth

All ladies are invited to our Ladies Life Group, 'Woman of Worth', which takes place in the Centre at 7.30pm.

Summertime social, care and share:

Thursday 14th June

(last one for the summer)

CAMEO

Come and Meet Each Other (CAMEO): Meeting every Thursday 1.15-2.45pm in the City Room at church for students and the wives of international students to find friendship and practise English. For more information contact hills@friendsinternational.uk

Men's Gathering

25th June, 7.30pm at the Life House Lounge.
An opportunity for the men of CLC to gather together to pray, chat, and support each other. Come on down to meet other men at our church and to grow in your relationship with Jesus.

Prime Time

Prime Time have a visiting speaker on **Thursday 21st June, 2-4pm**: Bob the Bottle Man! If you're 55 or over, you're very welcome to join us! We will have refreshements.

Ways to get involved with Christians Against Poverty:

Volunteers/Information evening: Friday 29th June, 7.30pm at Central House, 13 Ravenhurst Street, Digbeth, B12 0HD.
- Find out more about CAP's vision and the work in Birmingham. There will be an opportunity for questions, too. There will be volunteers from the 3 local CAP debt centres: Birmingham South (Judy Ward and our team), Birmingham West (manager Owen O'Brien), Oldbury (manager Sarah Jordan)

Visit a client with Judy: While Judy is busy with a client's paperwork and ringing creditors, she needs someone to chat with the client and encourage them. Judy meets volunteers at Selly Park Baptist church and then she will drive you. Please email judyward@capuk.org.

Prayer Meeting: Tuesday 12th June, 7.45pm-9pm.
We meet to pray for our clients once a month. We meet at Selly Park Baptist Church, 1041 Pershore Road, B29 7PS.

For a more detailed letter from Judy Ward, please go to **www.weareclc.co.uk/cap-2018.**

Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. (James 1:27)

Our Church Family Needs...

Can you help??

An elderly couple in our church community are in need of a lift from Northfield to the 11.15am service on Sundays. Please call the office if you are available to help.

Do you have a spare room in your house?

Now and again, we have visiting speakers who need accommodation. We also have refugees in our church family who are suddenly made homeless when their refugee status is accepted. They often have to move away from CLC to another city. The Bible commands us to look after our own with hospitality, and we would love to help those in need. Do you have a spare room for a visiting speaker or a place where a young woman or young man could stay for a few weeks, while they organise a new place for themselves to live? Please contact the church office on 0121 471 3677. Thank you for your generosity!

Do you have any spare empty jam jars? Please give them to Soroya or Hannah Korsgen, who are preparing for a creative outreach with Townsend Gardens on 11th June.

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up . Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith. (Galatians 6:9-10)

christian life centre

Thursday the 17th of May at 10am in the Life house

DIGIKICK

Join our fun, social 8-week access to the internet group! We work with you on the things you think are important, for example staying in touch with friends, family and loved ones or internet safety - you decide!

For more information, get in touch with Chris and Sair on 07712443039, email: info@digi-kick.co.uk or take a look at our website: www.digi-kick.co.uk/

This session is free and will be run from the cafe in the Life House, 4 Frederick Road, Selly Oak, B29 6PB
Sponsored by the CLC

Pursue Justice 2018:

Speaking out for religious freedom.

This event is organised by Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW)

Date: Saturday 16 June 1-4pm

Venue: Elim Church Selly Oak, Exeter Rd, Birmingham B29 6EU

www.csw.org.uk/pursuejustice

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What's it all about?

CHRISTIANITY | EXPLORED

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED COURSE.

This 7 week course gives you the time and space to consider the big questions of life and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith – Jesus Christ.

You don't need to know anything about the Bible.
You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing.
You can ask any question you want.

Each session stands 'alone', so you won't miss out if you miss one!

Starts Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Every Wednesday Evening @ 19:30 – 21:30

Where: **The Centre**
2-6 Frederick Road,
Selly Oak, B29 6PB

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME, OR FIND OUT MORE PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE ON:

0121 471 3677

office@weareclc.co.uk

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need volunteers to help with set-up, bake cakes/cookies or lead a small group. Training will be provided for small group leaders and a leader's handbook is available.

Please sign up with Lynette Pienaar or at the church office.

Dates for your diary

There are some exciting events coming up so please put the dates in your diary and start praying about who you can invite:

International Sunday is now 15th July!

9:00am, 11:15am, 6:30pm
This is one of our favourite Sundays of the year! Let's make sure every nation in our church is represented.

Summer Family BBQ: Monday 27th August

Celebrate the bank holiday sunshine with the whole church family!

CLC Intern Programme 2018: Up, Out and In

Step Up in faith, Step Out of your comfort zone, and Step In to a new adventure!

In **September** we are launching our new CLC Intern Programme. If you're age 18+ and ready for an adventure, consider coming on team as an intern. The 10-month programme will offer ministry experience, character development, and leadership training. Interns will be assigned an area of ministry to serve in, a mentor to meet with, and will work alongside the Pastors and staff team at Christian Life Centre.

The Intern programme is FREE but can serve part-time, to give you time to work to support yourself. We are also only an hour from Regents Theological College and our intern programme can run alongside any of the Applied Theology degree courses. There may be a limited number of bursaries available toward accommodation: details on request. We are particularly interested those with a passion for worship, youth, young adults, community, schools work, sound engineering or design.

Get in touch: office@weareclc.co.uk, 0121 471 3677, www.weareclc.co.uk

Stay Connected with CLC

At Christian Life Church we want to invite you to everything. We don't want you to miss out on encountering God or making deeper friendships at an event simply because you didn't know. To help us keep in touch we use a database called ChurchSuite and from there we can email, text, and call you. This is also what we use for pastoral calls (for example, if you or your family members are ill) and to create rotas for those on teams.

However, with the Data laws changing (GDPR), we need your express consent again for us to continue holding your personal information (e.g. name/address/phone/email). We have a new Privacy Policy: www.weareclc.co.uk/privacy-policy. But if you don't respond, we will unfortunately need to delete your data, which will mean that you'll need to sign up again later.

Sounds like a lot of work, doesn't it? **We need your help!**

1. Please respond to the emails sent to the email address you provided us. It is easy to update your information and give consent for us to keep your data: just click on the link, and it'll help you with the rest.

2. If you didn't receive an email, please check your details at reception. You'll find a printed copy of your information to review and the opportunity to give your consent again.

3. If you don't think you're on our database but would like to be, please send our office an email with your name in the subject to: office@weareclc.co.uk or call 0121 471 3677.

We send an email every week, highlighting the events that week. There is also a calendar on our website: www.weareclc.co.uk where you can find out lots more information. We can be found on social media with @weareclc.

Hopefully you will never miss an invite again!
The CLC staff team.

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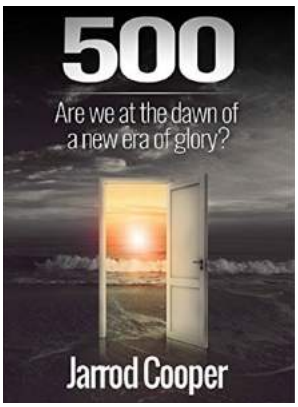
weareclc.churchsuite.co.uk

Andy's Book Recommendations

I enjoy reading, not just stories, but to learn and be challenged, so on holiday I took five books to read and I would like to recommend them to you. You may not agree with everything (I didn't!), but they made me think, grew my faith, helped me pray, and inspired me to be a disciple maker. Why not pick up a book this summer and be inspired?

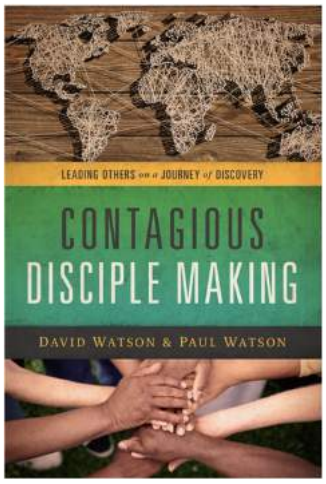


500: Are we at the dawn of a new era of glory? **- Jarrod Cooper**

Jarrod looks at church history, examines prophecies, and encourages us that perhaps God is about to do something new in our nation. We need to be aware and ready to give our lives to the plans and purposes of God.

Imagine: Trusting God like never before **- Simon Lawton**

We say we trust God, but Simon challenges this and wants us to imagine what life would be like if we really trusted God. Imagine is filled with loads of personal stories and practical advice on how to trust God like never before.

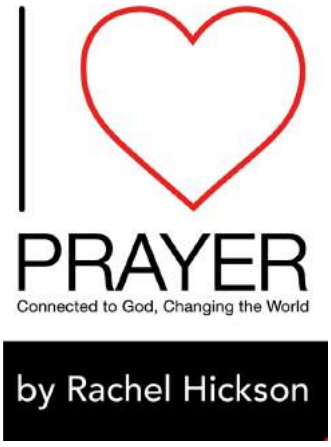


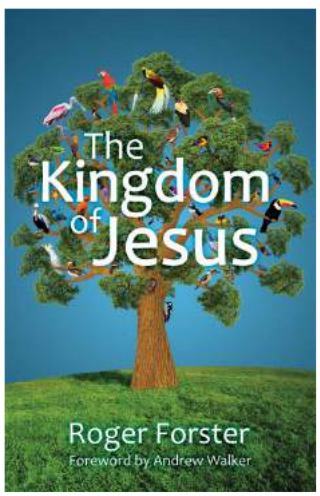
Contagious Disciple Making **- David Watson and Paul Watson**

In my quest to learn how to make disciples, I had been looking forward to reading this book. At first, it seemed too good to be true, but as I read I started to believe that we are called to be fruitful and to yield 'a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown' (Matthew 13:23).

I Love Prayer **- Rachel Hickson**

If you want to go deeper in prayer and rediscover the joy of spending time with Jesus, this is the book for you. Full of practical advice, Rachel is honest about her own struggles but encourages us that if we want to see God move in our personal lives, family and nation, we need to start on our knees.





The Kingdom of Jesus **- Roger Forster**

I didn't find this book easy at first, but the more I read, the more I was inspired to pray: 'Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10). If you want to know what it is like to be a citizen in the Kingdom of Jesus, this is the book for you.

Pastor Andy Boxall

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Weekly Church Programme

TUESDAY
10.30am Daytime Life Group (CH)
10.00am Oasis Coffee Shop (LH)
7.30pm Life Groups

WEDNESDAY
9.30am Cosy Toes Toddler Group (CE)

THURSDAY
11.00am Drop-in Lounge (CE)
1.30pm CAMEO (CH)
7.30pm Worship Team (CH)

FRIDAY
6.30am Early Morning Prayer (CH)
9.30am Cosy Toes Toddler Group (CE)
11.00am Encounter soaking time (CH)
6.00pm Kidzone kids club (CE)

SUNDAY
9.00am Worship & Communion
incl: Children's programme (CH)
11.15am Worship Celebration
incl: Children's programme (CH)
11.15am Sunday Morning Youth (CE)
6:30pm Evening Service.
incl: Children's dance group (CH)

Venues:
CH: Church, 900 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, B29 6HW
LH: Life House, 4 Frederick Road, Selly Oak, B29 6PB
CE: The Centre, rear of 2 Frederick Road, Selly Oak

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