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BCM NI Newsletter

GOD PROVIDES - AGAIN & AGAIN

JUDITH ROGERS

Over recent months we have been reminded again and again of God's abundant provision – both in meeting anticipated needs, but also in blessing the ministry over and above anything we hoped for. We have been blown away by a number of sacrificial financial gifts, by answers to prayers, by the enthusiasm of the children attending Bible Clubs, by the gift of some beautiful weather, and by the dedication of our volunteers - both to summer ministry and during the rest of the year.

We are reminded that this is God's work, He is sustaining it, and He is the one who causes it to flourish. All we are called to do is to step out in faith, and then He gives us the privilege of being instruments in His hands.



BCM NI SUMMER CAMPS

29 JUNE-4 JULY | **6-11TH JULY** | **13-18TH JULY**

WEEK 1 KIDS CAMP

Matty & Rebekah Reid

FAMILY CAMP

Jason & Gemma Hill

SENIOR TEENS CAMP

Phil Logan & Mikey Cleland

20-25TH JULY

CITY KIDS CAMP

Judith & Stevie Rogers

27 JULY-1 AUG

MERGE CAMP

Gary & Julia Fletcher

3RD-8TH AUG

WEEK 2 KIDS CAMP

Jonny & Claire Martin

10-15TH AUG

WEEK 3 KIDS CAMP

Mel & Rob Henry

17TH-22ND AUG

JUNIOR TEENS CAMP

Dawson Cleland

20-24TH AUG

ENGAGE CAMP

Nathan & Rachel Anderson

BIBLE CLUB WORKSHOP

SATURDAY 22ND JUNE 2024

9.30am-12.30pm

Want to reach children even more effectively through your Bible Club? Then come along to our workshop!

BCM CENTRE, 41 SEYMOUR ST, LISBURN

✔ Lessons

✔ Quizzes

✔ Memory verses



A TIME OF BLESSING

MAE KEALEY

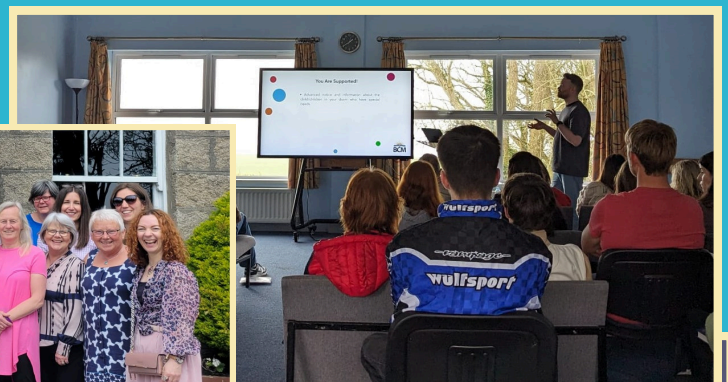
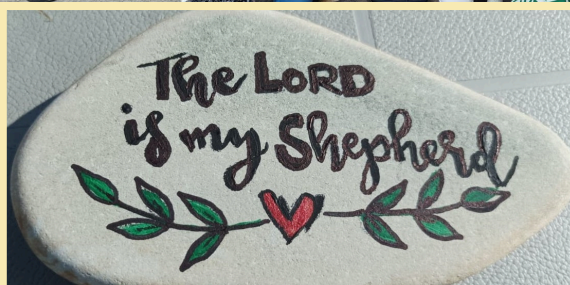
The **BCM Inspire Ladies' Weekend** (10th-12th May) was a time of spiritual refreshing, Christian fellowship with old and new friends, and of course lovely food.

The theme was *"In the Valley, through the Storm"* and our speaker was Christine Mahood. Christine ably drew out lessons from Psalms 119, 23 and 46; reminding us how, like the psalmist, we can cry out honestly to God in our times of struggle but also trust in who God is, how He leads, and His provision and care as our Shepherd, our refuge and our strength.

The sun shone all weekend allowing for walks, stone painting in the courtyard, and outdoor coffee breaks. Some ladies even got a wonderful view of the northern lights on the Friday evening!

It was a lovely relaxing weekend, enjoyed by all. Thank you to all those who helped organise the weekend, the ladies who led the worship, and to all the kitchen staff.

We are already looking forward to the next Inspire Conference: **9th-11th May 2025!**



SUMMER CAMP IS CLOSE!

GEMMA HILL

There is something lovely about this time of year around Mullartown, the grounds start to get some colour, the volunteers come along and help us get the barn decorated and get the house/grounds prepared for summer camp – it's exciting!

In April we had the honour of holding our summer camp leaders' training weekend. Would you believe that in a summer we need around 200 volunteers to make summer camp happen?!

Can I ask you to please be praying for our Programme Directors and leaders as they prepare talks/programmes and their own hearts for serving here at Mullartown this summer? Pray for the hearts of the campers that they will be open to the things God has for them. Pray for the practical work required to get the place ready for summer camp, and that the Lord would provide the people we need. Thanks again for your continual interest and support of the ministry here at Mullartown.

We still have a few gaps needing filled at Mullartown:

- 1 person for the kitchen at **City Kids**,
- a few more leaders and kitchen/dish staff for **Family Camp**,
- 2 more dish staff for **Senior Teens**,
- help on **Fridays** in July and August with the changeover.

If you are able and willing to help in any of these areas please give us a wee shout!

THE RUN-UP TO HELLO LIFE 2024

NATE HEATER

At our first night running Bible clubs in **Lurgan** last month, one of the parents told me her daughter had been jumping all over the house in excitement as soon as she saw the leaflet through the door.

The three nights of clubs were equally chaotic, a small group of enthusiastic kids joining myself and some faithful volunteers for the usual games, crafts, and craic as we looked at three 'God is...' lessons – *holy, just, and merciful*. We had some great questions from some of the older boys, a really encouraging conversation with one of the sets of parents, and are looking forward to returning in July with Hello Life.

In June, we are planning three more clubs in **Downpatrick**, going over the same lessons – pray for a good number of volunteers, a good turnout, and that God would keep working in these estates!

On 25th May we held our **Hello Life training** in Lisburn, with around 18 volunteers attending for three sessions looking at *Teaching the Bible to Children, Practical Evangelism, and Prayer and Dependence*, along with the obligatory coffee and food! It was an encouraging and fruitful time, and I'm excited to see how God uses it this summer.

HELLO LIFE SUMMER 2024

Lurgan: 21-26 July

Adam Hanna & Nate Heater

Belfast: 29 July-2 August

Judith & Stevie Rogers

Lisburn: 28 July-3 August

Nathanael McIlveen & Kate Maginnis

Downpatrick: 11-16 August

James & Chloe Maginnis

Upper Ballinderry: 19-21 August

Paulina Cichy & Jordan Haffey



ENGAGE CAMP IS BACK!

DAVID CATHER

Engage is back in **Kilbroney Centre, Rostrevor**, this summer. Nathan and Rachel Anderson will be heading it up again from **20th-24th August**. Engage is aimed at 12-17 year olds: Campers will explore the Gospel, have more epic adventures, form new friendships, and forge unforgettable memories. This is the biggest Engage camp yet, we have just a few spaces left for campers and leaders, so sign up now!

www.bcmni.org/ministry/engage-camp



FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Saturday 22nd June: Bible Club Workshop**
Come along to the **BCM Centre in Lisburn** from **9.30am-12.30pm** to develop your skills in teaching the Bible to children.
- **Tuesday 3rd September**
Join us for our **Summer Thanksgiving Service** in **Sloan Street Presbyterian Church Halls @ 8pm**
- **Every Tuesday in July and August**
Join us in **praying for the summer ministries** of BCM NI, **8-9pm via Zoom**. For Zoom details, please contact: office@bcmni.org

MISSIONARY UPDATES

JASON & GEMMA HILL

The past few months, we have been so thankful for the opportunities to host weekend groups and encourage them in their ministry. We are also delighted to continually point the young people in this area to Jesus through our discipleship groups.

In April the Junior Teens weekend looked at *"I am the vine"*; the teens were encouraged to abide in Him. The young people had a blast - we would just love to have had more male campers.

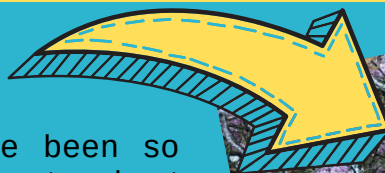
Since Christmas we have been having a monthly prayer meeting in the front room at camp and it's been a real joy getting to bring the ministry here before the Lord and ask Him to lead and guide us and to show us how to best glorify His name. We would love to see more people join us in this, all are welcome!

The boys are doing well, both looking forward to being full-time campers this summer: Ethan at Kids' Week 1 and Caleb at Kids' Week 2. Betsy continues to be full of energy and will be heading to nursery in September.

NATE HEATER

I am preparing for another busy summer of Hello Life and helping at some camps, wrapping up several term-time discipleship groups, starting (already!) to plan ahead for next term's ministry, and hopefully getting out for a couple of long hikes.

I've enjoyed the challenge of writing lessons for our Hello Life teams from the book of Judges, as well as putting together the mentorship studies again this year.



JASON NICHOLL

As the Mullartown staff team we are excited for the summer ahead and have been preparing as best we can to get things ready. Finishing up practical tasks, projects (not to mention the Barn with all that painting!) as well as other ministry opportunities are keeping us busy as July is fast approaching.

In our staff devotions we have turned from Isaiah to looking at the book of Daniel. This has given us the chance to go deeper into the fundamental truths found in Daniel and reminding us throughout our studies to stand firm and trust the Lord.

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