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BCM NI Newsletter



## WHAT'S NEXT?!

JUDITH ROGERS CEO

After an action-packed summer we are entering a season where we need God's guidance and wisdom as we seek to faithfully steward our resources and premises.

### COTTAGE PROJECT @ MULLARTOWN

We were delighted to finally receive planning permission for the cottage re-build in August. Please pray for the tender process and the commencement of the work - we would love to see it finished by June 2025 to provide accommodation for interns at Mullartown again come September! Please pray too for wisdom as we seek to raise the necessary funds, and apply for suitable grants.

### RENOVATION OF THE BCM CENTRE

For some time we have had growing issues with damp etc at the BCM Centre in Lisburn and as a result we are embarking on some renovation work. This will include re-building

the ground floor bathroom, making it disabled, reconfiguring the ground floor kitchen, and sorting out wet rot etc.

For both the cottage and the Centre projects we are so grateful for volunteers and supporters who are skilled in various disciplines, and willing to help and guide us - such a wonderful example of the body of Christ working together!

### KEEPING OUR EYES ON CHRIST

Please pray that during these projects we, the BCM NI staff and Board, will have the right perspective, and help to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. Please pray too for builders and tradesmen whom we will meet, that we will be an encouragement to those who are believers, and a witness to those who aren't. Ultimately our desire is that everything will be done to the honour and glory of our Lord and Saviour!

This was my second year of **Hello Life Lurgan**. I found out before the week started that I'd be the only girl on the team which I was nervous about but with prayer I decided to take part. We did three kids clubs every day, and during one of the evenings we participated in a youth night.

During the kids clubs we'd pray for good weather, seeing as two of the clubs took place outside, and for the children that would attend. I learn more every day that prayer works, because even if only five kids came that was five more kids learning about God. God taught me a lot about myself that week, He taught me I do not have to do anything alone He is always there.



## ENGAGE CAMP

ELLA MORFETT

I have been going to Christian summer camps since P5, and to BCM camps for three years. This year I was at **Engage** in Rostrevor and I had a great time. We went paddleboarding in the sea, toasted marshmallows around a campfire, and played lots of silly games.

Camps have been a critical part in my journey to following Jesus. They are such a comforting, family environment where it is simply normal to chat about Jesus and who He is, and read the Bible. This year we studied the book of Daniel.

For most of the rest of the year Christians are the exception in school, with friends, or in sports teams, so it is so helpful for just a couple of weeks a year to be encouraged by all the other people at camps. They are the place I always feel I can look around and be able to think, 'THIS is Christianity.' I love seeing more and more people, both new and old, turn up each year.

I was very happy to be baptised by Nathan Anderson at camp this year, in the sea near Rostrevor. It goes without saying that I have always had a great time at Engage and will be back next year!





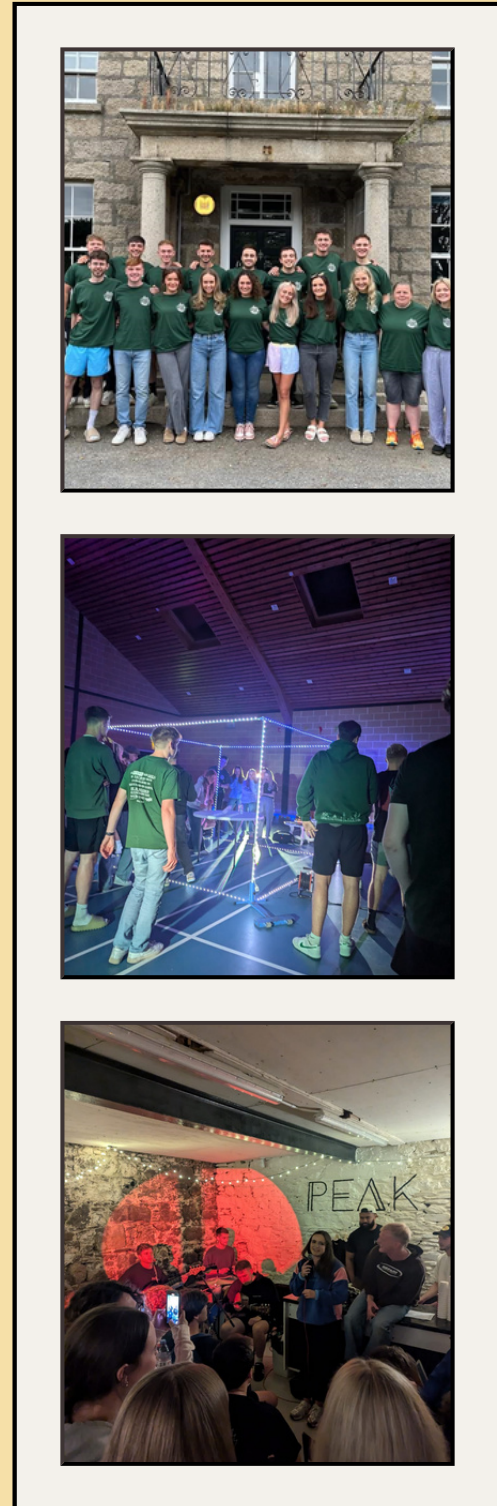
This summer Phil and I took on the privilege of being Programme Directors for **Senior Teens**, the 16+ camp at Mullartown. This role was very new to both of us, so it was great to have each other for support – working as a team to deliver a God-centred week. Our main prayer for the week was that the campers would encounter God - maybe for the first time - or meet Him again and go deeper with Him.

We found a big part of our role was the prep beforehand; during the week we focused more on supporting the team - allowing them to build relationships with the campers. Our team were such a blessing to us: seeing all the effort and thought they put into the activities, talks, and testimonies was amazing.

God was so good – and answered so much prayer - for the weather, safety, and a smooth programme. We had been praying especially that God would prepare campers' hearts before camp. It was so cool to see a guy becoming a Christian, another guy recommitting his life to the Lord, and a real sense of community created amongst the campers.

Wednesday night was a real highlight: we had extended worship, and the sound of the whole barn singing praises to God was amazing. During the open mic time God did immeasurably more than I expected. The campers demonstrated the theme of "Faith First" in their willingness to be vulnerable with one another – prompted by the Holy Spirit to share their testimonies. Sharing what they had learnt from Daniel, and how they aimed to live it out, they also prayed for one another. God allowed Phil and I, and the team, to see how He had been working throughout the week.

1 Samuel 2v30, ***"Those who honour me I will honour"*** was a key verse at camp. It's been so encouraging and yet humbling to look back and see how He honoured all the prayer and prep, and used Senior Teens as a vessel for His glory!



- **Every Tuesday**  
**Bubbles** 1st-4th year girls, 7:30-9pm @Mullartown
- **Every Friday**  
**Bubbles** 5th-6th year girls, 3.45-5:30pm @Mullartown
- **Every Monday**  
**Oaks Bible Study** secondary age boys, 8-9:30pm @Mullartown
- **First Saturday of the month 7:30-9:30pm**  
**Deeper** Years 9-12 @Sloan Street Presbyterian Church Halls, Lisburn



FOR YOUR DIARY



# OUR FAVOURITE WEEK OF SUMMER!

## JANICE ANDERSON

Our family have been at **Family Camp** every summer since 2014 – a week packed with fun, laughs, friendships, prayers and activities with parents who follow Jesus and teach their children to do the same.

Family Worship in the Barn every morning and evening involves a missionary story, skit and memory verse. Separate programmes each morning for the children and adults focused on the amazing story of Daniel this summer.

There is never a dull moment at family camp with games, the play park, trampoline, sports, outings, the enormous water slide, talent show, ladies' pamper evening, lads' night, kids' party, outdoor zumba, movies and late night teen hang outs in Peak.

Did I mention the fantastic leaders?! The group of Christian young people who give their love and time to helping the children are such good role models for them. Jason and Gemma also go above and beyond for everyone in their leadership of the week. The never-ending supply of delicious food is a highlight - huge meals with so much variety all cooked fresh by the very hardworking kitchen staff, plus decadent desserts, traybakes and hot chocolate for supper.

It's our family's favourite week of the year and helps children to see that following Jesus and being a Christian is the best decision they will ever make. Childhood is where the seeds of the Christian faith are planted. Within the last year some of the children and young people we know through Family Camp have been saved which is so wonderful for others to see.





# HELLO LIFE BALLINDERRY

PAULINA CICHY



The Moravian Church in Ballinderry is perfectly located right in the middle of the local area. If you've ever been in Lower Ballinderry, chances are you've driven past it. This church has such a heart to serve and connect with the people around them. Being able to run a Hello Life team was such a blessing, not just for the local area, but for the congregation itself.

## HELLO LIFE LISBURN & ENDURE

KATE MAGINNIS

We had around 15 children at the kids' club and 6 youth as well. Although the kids' club only ran for 3 days, we were able to pack in lots of fun, laughter and learning about who Jesus is and finish with a BBQ for the families of the children that came.

This past year at **Endure** we had between 5 and 10 young people aged 17+ coming along each week for a small group Bible study. This year we studied Haggai and 1 Peter over the course of the year. We were really encouraged to see how God worked in the lives of the young people and how they grew in their faith.

Regardless of the rain, renovations going on in the church, and only having a small number of volunteers, God was good. This is the second year of Hello Life in Lower Ballinderry and we hope that this is just the start of many years of partnership.

We also were blessed to have the opportunity to lead **Hello Life Lisburn** this summer again with some young people from Endure and some new team members. During this week we did door to door work, practical work, and two 5 day kids clubs each day, as well as a team Bible study each evening in Proverbs.



God was so faithful in answering our prayers for the week, and we were really encouraged to see the young team step out of their comfort zones to serve and honour Him.

Please pray that as we step away from these ministries, God would continue to grow these young people in their faith and that they would continue to have desire to serve and glorify Him where He has placed them.





# MISSIONARY UPDATES

## JASON & GEMMA HILL

Hard to believe we are in our 'winter' season again. We had a fab summer, it was a real joy to have 582 campers over 200 leaders here at Mullartown. God used this place to reach so many and it was a real joy to see campers come to know the Lord. We miss the buzz of summer camp but also enjoy seeing God continue to use these facilities to be a blessing and a vessel to reach church and youth groups throughout the year. Weekend wise we are fully booked now until this time next year, and included in that is 13 BCM and reunion weekends. It's also great having Bubbles and Oaks back and using the place every week.



*Congratulations to Jason Nicholl on his marriage to Lynn on 20th September! Please remember them in prayer as they start out on married life together.*



## NATE HEATER

I am recovering from what was a very busy and encouraging summer, and am eager to get busy with all the Lord has ahead for me this term. Discipleship and Bible Study groups are starting up again, and I've already gotten some SUs and YFs lined up. In addition, there are some fantastic opportunities for follow-up kids and teen work in both Downpatrick and Lurgan that I am excited to press into as He leads!



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