

# CITY SCAPE

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## **SEEDS** ARE TINY MIRACLES.

Round ones, long ones, spiky ones, and tiny microscopic ones. Dry and dusty and light as a feather. Mix them with mud and add a little water and with time a tiny flash of green announces new life to your garden and as spring turns to summer a technicolour floral display to take your breath away and fruit to savour on the hot balmy days of summer.

## // THE HIDDEN LIFE OF THE SEED

BY GUY MILLER

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## JESUS CALLS THE WORD OF GOD **SEED** AND TALKS ABOUT THE IM- PORTANCE OF HEARING WELL.

Hearing, with faith, the words of God and mixing the seed with soil and water, he challenges us to be hearing well in order to see a harvest and transformation of our lives as we submit to God's will for us.

The summer is before us and with it the summer's best novel to take with you to the beach. Can I

encourage you to read the bible, meditate on the bible and pray the bible, even if it is only ten minutes a day. There is power in his word and although you may feel it was only a tiny fragment of seed, I can assure you when put into practice it will transform your life, your garden with fruit of the Holy Spirit.



And as we look to the future of Citygate Church and the transformation from barren desert to a fruitful orchard let us collectively come to our meetings with a heart already prepared to hear with faith, praying on the evening before for heaven's rain to be poured out and seed to find that good soil.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

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We have two great Children's work opportunities for those who aren't already-serving in an area of the church:

**ENJOY** is the children's work for 3 year olds to reception and needs an overall team leader, plus some more people to help on the team.

We want the kids to know that our all powerful and loving God wants a friendship with them and not only that, but He is also looking after them. So through Bible stories, drama, craft, games, praise and play we aim to show the kids about the joy that is found in having a friend like Jesus.

**ENGAGE** is the children's work for school years 1-6, and needs more people to join the team.

We encourage the kids into an active and engaging friendship with Jesus through fun and inspirational learning, showing them how the Bible is so important and helpful, why so many of the characters are relevant to them and their struggles, and how God through His Holy Spirit is available and willing to help them.

**If you are interested and you would like to know more, please let Martin Flood know by contacting him on 01202 259704 or by email at [mflood@citygatechurch.net](mailto:mflood@citygatechurch.net)**

## NO MEETINGS ON SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST

As the church is away at Westpoint over the weekend of the 22nd, there will be no meetings in St Swithun's that Sunday.

## BRIGHTON DOWNLOADS

If you were at Brighton, and especially if you weren't, most of the Leader's and Mobilise talks, seminars and training tracks are now available to download for free from the Newfrontiers website: [www.newfrontierstogether.org/resources](http://www.newfrontierstogether.org/resources) As ever the teaching was excellent, and all these talks come highly recommended.

## DENDLE'S AND PRIDE'S

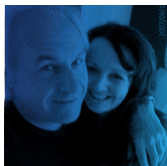
The Dendle's and the Pride's are having a feedback and prayer evening on Sunday 8th August.

If you're keen to know what they've been up to and want to join with them in prayer then they will be meeting in the Shaw Suite from 7.30pm

## CURRY NIGHT

Friday 10th September sees the return of Citygate's famous Curry Night! The event will also feature two testimonies from some who've been through Why Jesus, to give a taster for your guests who might want to find out more. For more information and to book your table as a cell or an individual see Andi Northrop or visit [www.citygatechurch.net/curry](http://www.citygatechurch.net/curry).

# FIVE QUESTIONS WITH PAUL AND HAZEL FLOOD ON STUDENTS AND TWENTIES



**That's a fairly self-explanatory name, but why do Students and Twenties need their own ministry?**

It's a time of crossroads, when the choices made about university, college and career, as well as relationships, will have vast impacts on the rest of their lives. We count it a huge privilege to walk some of the way with them. We have an amazing team around us who are so committed to this; watch out for them in their red hoodies!

**How many Students and Twenties do we have in Citygate Church?** Citygate has seen some amazing growth in this age group over the last

three years. We estimate that in 2007 there were in the region of 40-50 and now there are 120-140. It's difficult to put a firm figure on this as there is quite a large fringe but you can see a huge difference on a Sunday morning now.

**What kind of things do you get up to with them?** We have monthly events, Five Smooth Stones, which is a night dedicated to worship and Cafe29, an open mic night open to anyone. We get all sorts turn up to that and the talent never ceases to amaze us. Quite often we end up at the pub on a Sunday night which is a great place just to chill out and chat. There are always things happening Sunday lunch times and afternoons, as well as prayer and discipleship midweek, too much to list here really but it is an amazing, diverse community.

**How can people help make Students and Twenties feel at home in Citygate?** Show an interest and talk to them! Feed them and open up your home, some of them are a long way from home and really miss a family around them. We are rolling out an adopt a student scheme this autumn where people can sign up for looking after a fresher... more information will follow soon!

## PRAYER DIARY

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**MON**

**People serving overseas**  
Andre & Lucy Shore (Portugal)  
Steve & Beth Devaraj (India)

**TUE**

**The Church**  
Cell groups, The Poor, Church finances, Building project

**WED**

**Prayer for healing**  
Hannah Painter, Helen Southey,  
Doug Pringle, Rip & Dot

**THUR**

**Newfrontiers**  
Together at Westpoint,  
Regional church planting

**FRI**

**Outreach teams**  
Little Acorns, Recovery team  
Internationals, Student team

**SAT**

**Teams**  
SUPA, Crèche, Enjoy,  
Engage

**SUN**

**Sundays**  
Holy Spirit outpouring in our  
Sunday Meetings

## AUG

- Tue 10** No Leadership Summit  
**Wed 11 – 17** Newday – Newfrontiers youth camp  
**Wed 18** No Engine Room  
**Thur 19 – 22** Together at Westpoint

## SEPT

- Wed 8** Conurbation Prayer at St Swithun's  
**Fri 10** Curry Night  
**Sun 12** Welcome in new members  
**Sun 12** Baptisms  
**Tue 14** Leadership Summit  
**Wed 15** Engine Room  
**Sun 26** Why Citygate Part I (now a two part course on Sunday evenings)

## LOOKING AHEAD: OCT

- Sat 2** Marriage Day  
**Sun 3** Why Citygate Part II  
**Sun 17** Adrian Holloway

## REGULAR EVENTS:

Revival Prayer Meeting is for everyone.

Happens every Friday lunchtime: 12.30-1.30 in the Citygate Office.

Everyone is welcome to and come and pray for as long as they're able.

Momentum is for ages 14-18.

Happens every Friday night, except 13th and 20th August.

Contact: Martin and Rebecca Flood (mflood@citygatechurch.net)

Emerge is for sch yrs 7-9.

Happens every other term-time Friday night starting again on 3rd September.

Contact Chris and Helen Vessey (emerge@citygatechurch.net)

Little Acorns is our parents-and-toddler group.

Happens every Wednesday morning during term-time.

Contact Jenny Cornish (la@citygatechurch.net)

Oasis is our coffee mornings for over 60s.

Happens every Thursday morning except 19th August.

Contact Fiona Chadd (oasis@citygatechurch.net)

Citygate Students and Twenties group is exactly that.

See the facebook page for event details.

Contact Paul and Hazel Flood (students@citygatechurch.net)

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