

CITY SCAPE

SEP NEWSLETTER 2010

THE WEATHER FORECAST IS

BY GUY MILLER



What a mixed bag of weather this year. A virtual drought at the beginning has led to flooding at the end. Smiling weather forecasters sheepishly announcing a 'severe weather warning' just in case the unexpected storm blows our forests flat or floods our river basins – no wonder we Brits talk about little else.

Prophecy can sometimes appear as random as the weather forecast. Prophets of doom predict global economic disaster and see presidents as the Anti Christ. Prophets of glee say revival is but a prayer away. Sadly the changeable circumstances in church life produce more cynicism than faith in many believers.

Christianity was birthed in the promised rain of heaven, Pentecost baptisms of heavenly dimensions that brought about the Church. But hardship followed fierce persecution and the church scattered to the hostile 'deserts' of the Roman world.

But the church welcomed the 'weather' and believed God that, whatever the circumstances, he would build his church and the gates of Hell would not overcome it. I believe God is with us and has spoken of a year of "Nothing is impossible." We have had showers of blessing with the building and Westpoint and the moving of key people to come and help us – please pray that John and Sue Hosier will soon sell their home. Let us pull together in this new season, honouring the prophetic and looking for God's hand in every circumstance we encounter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONURBATION PRAYER

We will be meeting together with the other churches from our area on Wednesday 8th September, here at St Swithun's at 7.30pm.

Please be out with us as we pray for our conurbation!

CURRY NIGHT 10TH SEPTEMBER

Full Curry with all the trimmings and desert for a fiver – don't miss out!

This is an introductory meal towards the September launch of Why Jesus and will include short testimonies from those who have already attended.

To book your places see Andi Northrop or go to citygatechurch.net/curry

BAPTISMS

On Sunday 12th September at 6.00pm we will be baptising folk.

If you want to be baptised or know someone who does, please put them in touch with Russell.

WHY JESUS RE-LAUNCH

On Sunday 19th September Why Jesus starts up again after the summer break.

If you know someone interested in finding out more about Christianity, please invite them along!



WHY CITYGATE

Why Citygate has changed format and will now be spread over two Sunday evenings.

If you're looking to become a member, then this is the place for you.



The next course is 26th September to 3rd October
Go to citygatechurch.net/why to book in or see Peter Roxburgh.

FIRST LOVE

Saturday 2nd October will be a morning for every married couple for refreshment, encouragement and wisdom, with teaching from John and Sue Hosier and Guy and Heather Miller.

The morning will run from 9.00am till 2.00pm with lunch and childcare provided. Cost is £10 per couple.
Please book with Andi or go to citygatechurch.net/firstlove

INTERVIEW WITH HEATHER MILLER



WE HEAR THE NAME STREETLIFE MENTIONED EVERY NOW AND THEN IN CHURCH, BUT WHAT ACTUALLY IS IT?

Streetlife is a volunteer based group, which seeks to befriend female drug using street workers and to offer support and hope for change.

SO HOW ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP THESE PEOPLE?

Initial contacts are made on a Friday night outreach with hot drinks and food bags. Conversation and prayer often lead to trust being established and a bridge being built to offer change and a way out of their life style. Some relationships go back 8 or 9 years.

IT SOUNDS DIFFICULT, HOW DO THE GIRLS RESPOND TO YOUR OFFERS OF HELP?

Often the help is on their terms but it is generally very positive. We have helped with appointments, court appearances, housing, hospital visits, even supported a lady through the birth of her baby!

HAVE YOU SEEN MUCH FRUIT THROUGH THIS?

Every time a woman allows us to get close enough to pray with her we see this as fruit and an advance for the kingdom of God. We are scattering lots of seed and trusting God for a harvest even if we don't see it straight away. We know of at least 3 contacts who have exited prostitution and several others make professions of faith.

WHAT ARE THE FUTURE AIMS AND PLANS FOR STREETLIFE?

Wow, how long have you got?! I would love to see a Christian safe house in Bournemouth, more nights in outreach, more volunteers available during the day and better links with existing agencies and the police to name but a few.

PRAYER DIARY

MON

People serving overseas
David & Pearl Pride (Zim)
Dick & Helen Dendle (Cyprus)
Jimmy (Sudan)

TUE

The Church
Cell groups, The Poor,
Church finances

WED

Prayer for healing
Rip & Dot, Jane Lovell,
Susi Burdell

THUR

Newfrontiers
Guy's apostolic responsibilities,
Church planting initiatives in the
region

FRI

Outreach teams
Oasis, Streetlife, Michael's House,
Pathways, Emerge

SAT

Teams
Worship, PA/Words,
Stewarding, Refreshments

SUN

Sundays
Baptisms, Folk signing up to
Why Jesus/Why Citygate

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)

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Sat 2	First Love: a day of marriage enrichment
Sun 3	Why Citygate Part II
Tue 5	Leadership Summit
Sun 17	Adrian Holloway
Wed 20	Engine Room
Sun 24	Baptisms

LOOKING AHEAD: NOV

Sun 14	Why Citygate I
Sun 21	Why Citygate II
Fri 26	Phatfish concert

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.

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

Emerge is for sch yrs 6-8.

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.

Contact Fiona Chadd (oasis@citygatechurch.net)

Citygate Students and Twenties group is exactly that.

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

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