

MEDWAY CENTRE OF MISSION

Summer Greetings from Medway

How are you all? I hope everything is good with you wherever you are.

Everything is going good here at the Medway Centre of Mission. There has been a lot happening here since my last newsletter in the New Year.



Mike Dare our new Pioneer Evangelist joined us in February and was licensed to Rochester Diocese in April. We had a lovely service for Mike and Claire at Christ Church Luton.



Mike is settling in well and has really hit the ground running it is a real pleasure to have him along with his wife Claire as part of the team here in Medway.

Mike's main area of work will be with the Youth, Children and Families:

I suppose the highlight of the year so far has been the launch of Medway Oaks and the way that the work has took off.

First let me give you a bit of background to Medway Oaks, a bit of context as they like to say.

And there we have a photo of Lynn & Claire as we were setting up and getting ready to open the doors for the first session of Medway Oaks on Sunday 24/3/19.

Medway Oaks came about after having talked to a few of our Homeless Guest at the Medway Night Shelter. They told me that a Sunday was the worst day of the week for the homeless. They said everywhere is closed like the libraries, where they could sit and get warm. Other organisations that helped the homeless through the day were closed also; one man told me how he had travelled backwards and forwards on the train from Strood to Tonbridge all day just to keep warm.



We decided that we would open a Drop-in on a Sunday for the homeless, for the marginalised, in fact for anyone. We would also be Jesus centred we would start and finish with prayer and have a “God Slot” in the middle. Numbers have grown we now have on average about 30 come along each week and we have now gone from a Drop-in to a Fresh Expression of Church. This is really exciting Medway Oaks is growing, we meet every Sunday 3.00-5.00, people are being helped and lives are being transformed. We have already had one young man give his life to Jesus, Praise the Lord.

In March myself and Helen Kiralfy went up to Bradford to do the CAP Fresh Start training as a result of this training we have just started our first CAP Fresh Start Course. Fresh Start is to help people with addictions, dependencies, and bad habits, overcome those things that are keeping them captive. Fresh Start is an eight week course and we will be looking to run 3-4 courses a year. Through these courses again we will be looking to see lives changed, and people seeing God at work in their lives.



The School work at St. John’s Infant school is still going well along with the Church Plant at the school which meets monthly, plus the Messy Church. We recently held a Big Lunch event for the families from the school and the local area. The Big Lunch was a great day the sun shone; we had food, games, and great fun as a community.

The Medway Centre of Mission is growing and committed to seeing individual lives and communities transformed by Jesus. This year we were again involved with Rochester Cathedral’s outreach during the Sweeps Festival. We are part of the team for Messy Prison, and we are exploring the possibilities of a “Metal Church” I will keep you informed of how that all works out. These are exciting times and it is with your support that this work continues to grow, Thank You.



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We'd love you to support us in any of the following ways:

- Prayer
- Volunteering
- Financial support

Prayers

Prayer is such an important part of your support. We need God's help in every aspect of our work.

- For Medway Oaks for the work we are doing with the homeless and marginalised that people will know how much they are worth, loved and valued. That they would know Jesus.
- For all the work at St. John's School, the Assemblies, the end of Term Worship, Messy Church, the Church Plant, the Holiday Clubs, and one off events in the Community.
- For all the plans Mike Dare has for growing the Children's and Youth work.
- For CAP Fresh Start, that people can be set free from the chains of dependencies, and bad habits, Transformed by Jesus.
- For Messy Prison, the Modern Day Slavery Awareness work, the Medway Night Shelter and all the work we are involved with across Medway, and the Rochester Diocese.

Volunteering

If you would like to come along and get involved then again please get in touch.

Financial Support

If you would like to make a regular or one-off gift to support this work please complete and return the form below or visit churcharmy.org/donate

A Massive **Thank You** for your continued support of our work here in Medway. I don't take your support for granted, so thank you so much for standing with us. I want to pray for you so please let me know how I can, by emailing stephen.ramshaw@churcharmy.org

Thank you!

Stephen



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