

BLACKPOOL CENTRE OF MISSION

Latest 2019



Captain Matthew Rowley



First Baptism

Hope Community Church, Grange Park

GREAT NEWS!!!!!!

On 21st July we held our first service @thegrange with 27 in attendance, we thank GOD for a great turnout. We also celebrated on 22nd September our 1st Baptism. Which is the 1st on Grange Park for over 10 years. Liz had wanted to be Baptized after making the commitment to follow Jesus, due to her poor health we had to rearrange it 3 times, but she was delighted to be able to finally make this commitment in front of her family and friends. As a church we want people to grow in their faith, their fellowship with each other and within the community. With this in mind we run a 4 weekly

cycle of services and events:
1st & 3rd Sunday: Evening praise followed by refreshments
2nd Sunday : Community meal
4th Sunday : Holy Communion



Community Meal

On average 25 people are attending from Grange Park Estate which is a good mixture of both adults and children

Life group

We are a small group of between 5 & 7 who meet every Tuesday at 1pm at the Vicarage. This has been a great opportunity to explore the Christian faith in more depth with time for open questions and discussion. We have recently worked through the *start* course and are currently going through *The Bible Course*.

Sue who attends has written her thoughts on the difference our presence has made on the estate. Having lived on the estate of over 70 years she has seen many changes feels our presence has had an amazing effect on the community.



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Over this last year we have had through the door 80 children, with an average of 20 each week. Recently we have welcomed four new volunteers who are residents on the estate this has been really encouraging and has given them an opportunity to serve the church and community and to help with their own personal development.

Partnering with others

We continue to partner with The Children's Centre, @the Grange (Council run learning Centre), schools and Blackpool Coastal Housing and HIS Provision to name a few.

These partnerships are working well, for example we are very blessed that HIS Provision provide and cook the Community meal for us every month and St Chad's in Poulton support us with volunteers and raising funds for the work here on Grange Park.

We have recently set up a partnership with Blackpool Coastal Housing to welcome new tenants to Grange Park and support existing residents who are in need help and friendship due to feeling isolated.

We have also been able to support Boundary Primary School one of the local schools on the estate with their curriculum by taking part in both lessons and school assemblies.

Summer News and Activities

Over the summer we were able to send a small group of teenagers to Soul Survivor and on return we were thrilled with the news that two of them had made a public commitment to follow Jesus. Both now are active members of the congregation.

Our Annual holiday club was a great success with many children attending and many hearing about Jesus for the first time. It was great to welcome new volunteers from Grange Park.

This summer was significant for Matthew as he attended a BAP and was recommended for Ordination training. The plan is to start in 2020 and to study part time whilst continuing to lead the Centre of Mission.

Pioneer Evangelist

Our Pioneer Evangelist moved on, leaving us with a vacancy, and after prayerful discussion we are now advertising for a Pioneer Youth Evangelist which will be a great opportunity for the right person to work here on Grange Park and wider in the Deanery.



Sue at the Life Group

'being part of the life group at the vicarage every Tuesday has given me a new outlook, studying the bible and making new friends, then the starting of Hope Community Church has given me new faith in myself. The community meal each month is so valuable when living alone, being able to socialise is important and it is wonderful having a church on the estate.'

Sue



Holiday Club



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Prayers and Planned events

We are looking forward with excitement to the following events we have planned

10th November :- Remembrance Service @thegrange

9th December :- Walking Nativity

12th December :- J. John Carol service at the Winter Gardens

13th December :- Carol Service @thegrange

14th December :- Open house @the vicarage

15th December :- Christmas family service with Bishop Julian

- Please pray that we can fill the vacancy of the Pioneer Role
- Please pray for our ongoing relations with Boundary Primary School and Christ the King Primary School
- Please pray that our relationships with our outside agency partners continues to flourish
- Please pray as we build a team of volunteers to help us in our outreach Activities
- Please hold the ministry team and volunteers in your prayers. Especially for unity and a shared vision for the estate
- Please pray that this will be above all, focussed on bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of Blackpool and many will come to know Him as Lord and Saviour
- Above all please pray for God's will to be done and for His Kingdom to be grown

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We 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 matt.rowley@churcharmy.org

Thank you!

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