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# WREXHAM CENTRE OF MISSION

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2022

*Wrexham Centre of Mission is a partnership between the Diocese of St. Asaph, the Wrexham Parochial Education Foundation and Church Army. Wrexham Centre of Mission is based on the Caia Park Estate, an area with issues around child poverty, low social mobility and drugs.*

*The work of the Wrexham Centre of Mission includes working with young people through the Tin Can Youth Centre and leading Tin Can Youth Church, working in the local schools, a number of football projects to reach out to men and organising hot meals during school holidays for families and individuals struggling.*

*The last few months have been a really encouraging time for the Centre of Mission. We've started a couple of new initiatives, restarted our Youth Church Service and seen steady growth and attendance in everything we've been doing.*



## Running Club

*In November Jack set up the Tin Can Running Club in partnership with the BCU Health Improvement Team, who are a great and knowledgeable asset. This was in response to a lot of young people saying they wished they had a group where they could stay physically fit. The group mainly focuses on running, but is also hoping to help with mental health and healthy living. It has been fairly well attended so far but we're hoping it will get busier in the spring months. Jack is hoping this will turn into another platform where he can share the gospel message and also engage meaningfully with the local community.*



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## St Mark's Church Events

Jack & Josh have been working with St Mark's Church on Caia Park to help run some community events. On Bonfire night there was a bonfire BBQ which was very well attended with us guessing at around 150 people coming up to the church to watch the fireworks & have a burger, hotdog and some hot chocolate. There were people from all ages along and it was great to link in with so many people from the community.

In December we collaborated on a Christmas fair at St Mark's. This was the first one of these, at least for a number of years. There was a mixture of crafts, fair games, face painting, live Christmas music, prayer spaces & refreshments. This wasn't quite as well attended but great to welcome people from the community in to the church building and a particular highlight was that a number of young people from the Tin Can came along to help run some of the activities.



Join us for a day of Christmas fun for all ages



## Schools Work

The gardening mentoring sessions Josh & Jack have been doing in Hafod Y Wern school have been going really well. There is a group of seven children who each week come and spend time with Josh & Jack in the garden. The activities have included weeding out much of the garden, planting vegetables & bulbs, dismantling and rebuilding a bug hotel & cooking garlic bread in an underground makeshift oven. The children are really enjoying this time and it's great to see them all coming out of their shells each week.

At the start of December Josh & Jack delivered a week of assemblies in Rhosnesni High school (Well Josh actually only did the Monday as Joanie was born that evening!) These went really well and it is an amazing answer to prayer for us as the Tin Can works so much better when we are active within this school as it is right next door. Please pray for more opportunities like this for Josh & Jack to work with and support Rhosnesni High School.



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## Bridge the Gap

*Bridge the Gap continues to grow steadily and be a thriving community. Recently there has been two new additions to the team that run it along with Josh. The Wednesday evening football nights have started to become more and more relational as all the lads are getting to know each other and everything continues to be done in good spirit.*

*In November we ran our first social which was a FIFA tournament on PlayStation at Hope Street Church, our partners in this project. This was a great time of being able to chat to some of the lads a lot more than you get to on a Wednesday at football. We're hoping to do more of these socials in the new year and praying for the relationships we're building to get to a stage where the lads want to chat about God and faith. Please join us in praying that some of these lads will be interested in faith and want to go on an alpha course this year.*



## Tin Can

*In September we have reopened the after school drop in at Tin Can. This has been great to welcome in some new young people we have not met before. These have been steadily growing but after we did the assemblies in Rhosnesni we had loads of new faces. We are hopeful that these sessions will continue to grow and this new generation of young people will make Tin Can their home.*

*We restarted Youth Church in September and had more young people come to that meeting than had gone to any of the previous Youth Church sessions we did back in 2019. This was a huge encouragement to us to see the young people wanting to engage in a session like this. Since then we've met monthly as a Youth Church with a steady core of young people who are there each week. We've had some amazing speakers down who have been really challenging to the young people and we're really encouraged at how it's going. Please pray for the young people as they engage with faith monthly, that God will be revealing Himself more and more to them and that they'll be able to grow deeper and deeper into relationship with Him.*



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## Scouts

Since coming into post Jack has regularly been volunteering with the local scout group, in order to try and create a link with the organisation which already does great work, and also as another tool to engage with the young people in the area. Jack is helping to run the practical sides of scouting and has had good open discussions with the Scout Leaders about operating in more of a Chaplaincy role, and helping with the emotional and spiritual development of the young people, which he has already started to do. Going forwards, we pray that as a Centre of Mission we will be able to build a good friendship and bond with the Scout Group as well as having a positive effect on the young people that go.

## College Café

Running in conjunction with Hope Street Church and Coleg Cambria, Jack has been helping Ash and Ryan to run a College Café. The vision is a safe and warm space for students to come and eat their lunch, play some games and socialise. This has come from a growing concern that within the college are aren't many social spaces or areas available to students during their breaks. We hope this will continue to grow into a great way to engage with and get to know the young people in the College

## Wrexham FC Chaplaincy

Since our last newsletter Josh has been able to go back in to Wrexham FC one day a week. This has been great as this year the club really wants Josh to be active in all areas of the football club. On his first one back he was shown round and introduced to all the members of staff as well as the players and coaches. This is probably the most welcoming the club has been during Josh's time as chaplain and Josh is really enjoying the new dynamic.

See if you can spot Josh in the background behind one of Wrexham's new high profile owners!



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