

Summer 2025 - Newsletter

As many of you will have heard, Church Army is going through a season of change, including a refocusing on it's core purposes and, unfortunately, some cuts to activities due to financial constraints. After a period of uncertainty, we are thrilled to be able to share that the Medway Centre of Mission is one of those remaining under the umbrella of Church Army. We believe that God is and will continue to be at work in Medway and are delighted that the Centre of Mission will still be a part of this. The last few months have really highlighted the importance of those of you who support us, both in prayer and financially, and we really are grateful to you all.

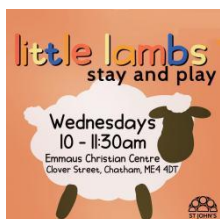
Expanding the Team



Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed Trevor Dyer who joined the Centre of Mission in November. He is fully funded through SDF (central church) funds and is based at 2 churches in Gillingham the town next to Chatham. He is doing great work at getting alongside people and inviting them in, with the intention of running an introduction to Christianity course in the summer.



Children & Families Update



Little Lambs, our stay and play for under 5s, continues to grow, so much so that we are wondering whether there is a need to expand our already expanded meeting area. As well as numerical growth, we are seeing many friendships growing between the adults and are having more chances to talk about faith as our friendship with them develops.

Weekly Collective Worship at our local CofE Infant school gives us a chance to meet not only the children who attend, but also to provide an unofficial chaplaincy to the staff. As a result of this, we have been able to run a Kids Matter course in the school and are hoping to run another in September, with the parents of the new intake.

Following on from the Kids Matter course, the group expressed a desire to continue meeting and we are running this in the school. Our aim is that we can encourage some of those coming to join in with some of our activities at church too.



Adult Outreach

Esther and Helen have been running many of the usual groups but have had the real pleasure of seeing one of our groups move from a supportive group to a weekly Bible Study where there is a real interest in discussing faith matters.

Medway Oaks regularly sees over 35 people (47 one week!) and we are still seeing new people arrive. More guests are having the confidence to bring prayers and Bible readings to the "God-Slot", even though not yet confident enough to read them out themselves. A number of guests have attended an Alpha course, run in conjunction with St John's Chatham and this has sparked some interesting conversations.



Out and About



Helen has had the privilege of talking about the work of the Centre of Mission at other churches and groups and we thank all those who are in partnership with us in our spreading the gospel to the most marginalised. We really couldn't do what we do without your prayers and financial support.

This is a partnership, where we learn from each other, and it's wonderful to be able to encourage and share experiences with other Churches. If you'd like one of us to come and talk to your Church or group, please get in touch.



A couple of us also had the joy of joining the CA team for the Spring Harvest week at Minehead. Long hours on the stall, but great to share experiences with people from so many other churches, not to mention inspiring a couple of potential trainee evangelists to explore their calling.

Supporting Our Work

There are a number of ways to support what we are doing in Medway:

Pray – Please pray for all of our activities, for our staff and volunteers, and for those that we come into contact with, that lives will be changed and people will be brought into closer relationship with God.

Be inspired – We would love to expand our activities and groups into other churches around Medway and offer advice and help with setting up groups and other missional activities. For more information, or to discuss opportunities to volunteer at the Centre of Mission please contact Helen (details below).

Spread the Word – Tell your friends what we are doing or send them this newsletter. Helen is also happy to talk to churches or other missional groups about the work of Church Army and to share some of the real stories of the lives we've seen changed.

Financial Support – It's a real-world fact that everything we do costs money and there is never enough. If you or your church would like to financially bless the work we are doing we can assure you we will put the funds to good use. Regular giving is the best way to support our work as it helps us to budget, meaning we can focus more on the frontline work. However, every gift makes a difference.

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