

# **News from the Fellowships**

## **(Carey, Belmont Road and Church of the Resurrection, Grovehill)**

### **September 2023**

#### **BELMONT ROAD**

- We give thanks for the success of the Toy Library's new venture during August and for the connections we made with parents.
- Sunday 10th September is an All Age Service and the 17th is an open service.
- On Tuesday 26th September, starting at 7:45pm, we will be holding a Church meeting including Part 2 of our AGM (audited accounts, reports from organisations, appointments list update).
- On Thursday 5th October, to celebrate National Poetry day, we have an evening with the World Poetry Slam Champion Harry Baker. Book the date in your diary!

#### **CAREY**

- We give thanks for Tamzin Phillip's fruitful first year as Children Youth & Families Worker and look forward to what God will do in this coming year.
- Membership evenings in September (dates and times to be confirmed). Any others interested, please speak to Colin.
- We look forward to the dedications of five children at Sunday worship on 10th and 24th September.
- Tuesday 19th September, 2.30pm Hymn Cafe in the hall, combining singing with tea & cake!
- Sunday 24th September Harvest Service, supporting the Operation Agri Harvest Project, Transforming Farms in Tanzania.
- Sunday 15th October Carey's Anniversary & Covenant Communion Service, with CBA Team Leader, Rev Lisa Kerry preaching.
- Heather Club is looking for a new Treasurer with some experience of book-keeping & accounting. If you would like to know more, please contact Heather Club manager, Anthony Donovan on: [theheatherclub@outlook.com](mailto:theheatherclub@outlook.com)

#### **GROVEHILL**

- Commencing on Wed 13th September, an eight week Prayer Course journeying through the Lord's Prayer. Contact Rev'd Austin at [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for more information. Other dates: 20th & 27th September, 11th, 18th & 25th October.
- Sunday 15th October Collection for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal at the Sunday Service
- Together we pray for our young people as they start a new path following exam results or just starting a new year at school.

We remember those in our fellowships that have recently lost loved ones, may they know the Lord's peace and comfort as they mourn.

## YAH – YOUTH ACROSS HEMEL: Autumn events & Outreach

Events kicks off this autumn with **Mission Impossible 2** on Sunday 1st October at Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church. Nerf guns, a laser web obstacle, and under pressure challenges will provide some high octane fun followed by worship and a look at Faith by youth worker Sarah Toms. Later on Saturday 11th November, the annual **Bonfire Party** returns at Spring Meadow Farm for games, sparklers, toasted marshmallows and more.

**RE lessons**, given by YAH volunteers, will resume at Hemel Hempstead School. We are hugely excited that since we began delivering lessons last September, we have had “wonderful” feedback and there are now possible new openings at three other local secondary schools with final details still being sorted.



YAH welcomes everyone to our **prayer meetings** on the 4th Tuesday of every month. You can also join our WhatsApp group for prayer info - contact Lisa Dussek on 07952 113735. We'd appreciate your prayers for

**School clubs** – setting up a new club at Adeyfield School, building relationships with the young people at The Summit at Kings Langley School for South Hill Church workers running the lunchtime club at Hemel Hempstead School.

For **volunteers** to lead and support RE lessons, and admin staff to support the growing demand for RE lessons at local schools.

**Daniella's** pregnancy and for additional team members to support in her absence as the school's work administration continues to grow.

For more information on YAH activities see [www.yahmel.co.uk](http://www.yahmel.co.uk) or to get involved, please contact [info@yahmel.co.uk](mailto:info@yahmel.co.uk).

## DISCOVERY: Bibles & Christian Resources for Primary Schools

**Some facts:** Since 2005, Discovery has presented over 38,000 Bibles to school children in Hemel Hempstead and beyond. Over 1,600 were presented last year. 90% of schools have already booked a visit from Discovery's Andrew Masters in the coming year. Half of these are Bible presentations.

**Prayers for 2023/4:** Andrew gives thanks for the prayers, interest & financial support of the churches. He asks prayer for:

**Claudette Harding** from New Life Pentecostal who supports Hobletts Manor Infants and Nash Mills School. **Andy Barton** of Belmont Road who has just started supporting Belswains School. **More volunteers** from churches in schools. Pupils, teachers, headteachers and all staff of the **local schools**. **Funding** for the Bibles (July figures: £4,500 received, over £8,000 still needed)



*There will be an online prayer meeting for the work of Discovery in September - date tbc. Please contact Andrew Masters if you would like to join these monthly prayer meetings: [discoveryhemel@gmail.com](mailto:discoveryhemel@gmail.com) / 07886 886951*

**A story & some feedback:** Andrew writes: One day last year, I was visiting a school and feeling quite low, so I asked God for some encouragement. After the Assembly a Year 6 Girl walked through the hall and said, "Thank you for the Assembly!". When I thanked her, she responded, "The children LOVE your Assemblies!". Then I remembered my prayer.

One Headteacher said, 'You must be doing something right, because parents are coming in and telling me: "Our children are reading the Bible!"