



Prayer Matters

January / February 2012

Christian Youth Outreach

Inspiring young people to live for God, for each other, for the world.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Jesus speaking to his followers

Money Management course at Colchester County High School for Girls

"I've had excellent feedback from the tutor whose group you were with. She thought the session was really good, up to date and ideal for our students."

Denise and Tim have just finished a two lesson series on Money Management with a tutor group at Colchester County High School for Girls. Through a mixture of information, interaction and sometimes hilarious discussion they've been helping the students think about budgeting, avoiding debt and living generously. At the end of the lesson we asked them what thoughts, ideas or activities they particularly remember. "It made me realise how quickly small amounts can add up", "It will make me think about how much I spend", "I'll remember that if you can't afford to save you can't afford to borrow."

We're looking forward to returning next week to repeat the two lesson series with another tutor group.

- We thank God for this new opportunity in a school where we haven't worked for a while.
- Please pray for the continuing impact of this lesson, that the young people will be inspired to be good stewards of what they have.

GSUS Live

In May we've got GSUS Live returning to Colchester. GSUS Live is a multi-media mobile classroom that helps students explore Jesus' teaching on fear, forgiveness and rejection and made a big impact on young people when it visited in May 2006 and November 2007. We're still talking to schools to find out where it would be most valuable.

- Please pray for our discussions with teachers, that GSUS Live will be booked in the schools where it will have most impact.

The CYO Open Evening - Monday 20th February from 8pm at Kingsland Church.

If you love this work, you'll love this evening. Your chance to hear first hand how CYO's ministry to young people is making a difference. Plus opportunities to try out some of the resources we've been creating through the year. Chaplaincy, Sanctum, Beloved, and, in a first for this year, some thoughts about Primary schools. Please join us and be part of the conversation about the shape of CYO over the next year. We couldn't do this without you.

The Beloved Women's Conference - Saturday 17th March at St John's Church from 10am – 4pm.

The overall message of Beloved is the intrinsic value and beauty of every woman and this will be the focus of the day. With worship, prayer, teaching and activities the day will celebrate how incredibly loved and valued we are by our Creator. The day will also raise money for the work of Beloved in schools around Colchester.

- Please pray for Amy and the planning team as they put the day together.
- Please pray that the day will be successful and significant for those who come.
- Please continue to pray for the Beloved course at St Benedict's College this term and for Amy and Nat (from Kingsland Church) as they lead it.

Quick prayers...

- For Amy and Nat as they lead the Beloved course at St. Benedict's College and for the ten girls who they are working with - that they will know they are amazingly and wonderfully made and that they will understand how much God loves them.
- For the team as they plan for Sanctum at the Sixth Form College. This year we want to completely revise our material and activities to create a new prayer space for the college students.
- We are considering an office move and need lots of both earthly and spiritual wisdom about this decision.

How you can help...

- If you're involved in work in primary schools, whether as a teacher or a visitor I'd love to hear from you. tim@cyocolchester.org.uk
- Could you give £10 a month to help CYO develop its ministry to schools? Please get in touch mail@cyocolchester.org.uk

Diary Dates

regular activities:

Mondays	Chaplaincy at Sixth Form College - Kathryn
Wednesdays	Chaplaincy and student mentoring at Alderman Blaxill School. - Amy
Thursdays	Team prayer. Chaplaincy at Sixth Form College – Kathryn
Fridays	Xtra Time football, 7pm – 8pm, Highwoods Sports centre

January

Monday 16	Money Management lesson at the Girls High School. (Denise & Tim)
Wednesday 18	Meeting with staff at The Stanway School Some of the CYO team are visiting a house group to share the word and news of our work. Could we visit your house group? Get in touch.
Thursday 19	Beloved at St. Benedict's College (Amy)
Monday 23	Money Management lesson at the Girls High School. (Denise & Tim)
Tuesday 24	Sanctum planning
Thursday 26	Beloved at St. Benedict's College (Amy)
Friday 27	Tim at a Prayer Spaces in Schools meeting, London
Saturday 28	CYO Trustees review and vision morning with the team
Monday 30	Beloved Women's Conference planning meeting
Tuesday 31	Sanctum planning

February

Thursday 2	Beloved at St. Benedict's College (Amy) JOY youth event planning meeting
Saturday 4	Tim in London speaking about Prayer Spaces at a teachers training event
Sunday 5	Speaking at the Plume Avenue URC morning service (Tim & Kathryn)
Monday 6	Money Management lesson at the Girls High School. (Denise & Tim)
Thursday 9	Beloved at St. Benedict's College (Amy)
Saturday 11	Tim speaking about Prayer Spaces at the Diocesan Prayer Training event at St. John's
Monday 20	Money Management lesson at the Girls High School. (Denise & Tim) CYO Open Evening
Thursday 23	Beloved at St. Benedict's College (Amy)

Coming up...

Monday 20 February	CYO Open Evening. 8pm - 10pm at Kingsland Church, Lexden We'd love to have your input on a few things so please join us.
Saturday 17 March	Beloved Women's Conference. 10:00am – 4:00pm at St. John's Church

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