

Family Camp 2018

Last year's Family Camp was a great success - largely down to the hard work of all those who volunteered and played their part with a servant heart - thank you, again!

There are only twelve weeks to Family Camp (from the start of May)! So, we need to start planning the Family Camp Rota and this can not be done without your willing support again. **Hollybush needs you Volunteers, take one step forward!**

The Rota schedules will soon be displayed in the main church and we need volunteers to sign-up for the following areas:

Cafe: food prep; serving; washing up; cleaning; and till (Cashier)

Children & Youth: Play Tent (3-5yrs); Children's Mtg. (5-11yrs); Youth Mtg. (11-18yrs); and Bouncy Castle (for use by very young children only!)

Facilities: Toilets & Showers (Church and Caravan Park; AM & PM); Car Parking (AM & PM Mtgs.); Day Visitor's Registration (AM & PM Mtgs.); and Litter Picking.

Outlets: Pie Stall (lunch time only); Tuck Shop (three times per day?); and Mission Barn (as per opening times)

Please note: Preference will be given for an area of service to those who volunteered for the same area of service for the 2017 Family camp.

As last year, if you can only make a small contribution to the above areas of service then that will be greatly appreciated. In fact, the more (volunteers), the merrier!



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Jim's Jottings

Dear family and friends

How wonderful for our Heavenly Father to provide a host of colour for our eyes to behold as we leave a long, cold, wet, dark winter (belated) and journey into another season. Thank you Lord for golden daffodils, pink blossoms, snowdrops, aconites, buttercups, greencorn and grass!! "He makes all things beautiful in His time". Praise Him! I am reminded of the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ, "if these should hold their peace, the very stones would cry out" (St. Luke 19 v 40). This rebuke to the Pharisees was given by Jesus as a result of the whole crowd of disciples singing praises unto God as they all entered into Jerusalem. It is also a rebuke and challenge to all who, in this generation, proclaim to be a disciple of Jesus. "Slow down, lets be quiet and wait on the Lord", etc. are heard more often than "come on, lets praise and worship the Lord". I am thankful that I was taken to a lively church when young and have been thrilled to have continued in the same way, I am thankful for an upbringing and continuation of praise and joy down these years, I exhort myself and you, my friend, to begin and cultivate a thankful heart of praise and worship with joyful songs and there is a promise "The joy of the Lord is your strength. Don't allow the stones to cry out. The daffodils display.



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May—June Programme

- Friday 4th May - Andrew Murray—Revive Church (Hull)
Friday 11th May - To be confirmed
Friday 18th May - Paul Mirfin Band (Harrogate)
Wed 23rd May - Health in Our Hands—introductory session (7.15pm)
Friday 25th May - Ron Farrington (Preston)

Friday 25th May - Monday 28th May - HB YOUTH CAMP.

- Friday 1st June - Tony Stone (Stourbridge)
Friday 8th June - Rachel Mawston and Team—Xcel Choir (Newton Aycliffe)
Saturday 9th June - Health in Your Hands day course (9.45am—4.15pm)
Friday 15th June - Jonathan Dunning (Sheffield)

Sunday 17th - Thursday 21st June - Light and Life Romany convention

- Friday 22nd June - To be confirmed
Friday 29th June - David Katende (Uganda)



Prayer Meetings & Bible Study

Prayer meetings are on, every Tuesday night at 7.30pm in the small church. Everyone welcome!

Bible study every Sunday at 10.30am and 6.15pm - back in the main church

Please note that if you are paying income tax and have signed up to gift aid the church can reclaim at least 20% on your tithe or gift. If you would like a gift aid form please contact Peter Gregory or the Hollybush office.

For anyone desiring to become a member of the Fellowship please intimate by having a chat with Jim or Joanna at the Office (please note that not everyone in the address book is a member).

Joanna's jottings—where am I?

It is Thursday 14th April 2018 and I am sat at an elegant mahogany desk overlooking the sea—I can see the huge waves crashing into this tiny cove. On the sea there are windsurfers, Kite surfers and bobbing tiny boats shimmering in the sun. In the distant island, there are mountains, dull in colour and a sandy brown, no green in sight.



As I watch carefully a windsurfer has got into trouble and he is struggling to get into shore—This stranger did it! I willed him to get the strength and power to get him safely onto solid ground again—The beauty of this majestic scene also reminded me of what is our rock—WHO is our rock.

Focusing again on the distant active volcano I wonder to myself how I would react if this dormant volcano happened to erupt causing change and probable chaos to the surrounding area—things would never be the same again—watching, pondering—truly, honestly. Where am I? - Naturally on an island. Where am I—spiritually? Lord help me to be ready, Lord help us to be ready, Lord help the Church to be ready. I recall a song I used to sing in my very early days of singing “watching and waiting anticipating ...” Keep watchful— My prayer for my future, my family, my Church. Keep on—pressing on.

Yours in His service. Joanna

* Friday 20th April—Peter Cavannah brought a word titled “where am I going?” thought provoking???