

News from the Fellowships

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

July / August 2023

BELMONT ROAD

- We have our Sunday Club Anniversary on the 11th July and an Open Service on the 16th July.
- On 20th July at 7.30pm we have a prayer meeting.
- Belmont and Carey Youth Camp from 12th to the 19th August in Sheringham, Norfolk.
- Everyone is invited to a special event: 'Making & Growing Disciples' workshop, Sat 22nd July, 5.15pm Tea & workshop 6-9pm. Guest speakers from BMS World Mission are: Ben Francis, who is on the leadership of the Disciple Making Movement in Asia. Rev Kwame Adzam, the Overseas Team Leader for Evangelism & Discipleship. To book your free places contact Hilary Taylor: hilary.taylor@tiscali.co.uk / 07986 759034.

We pray for our Sunday Club Anniversary and for the children and families that come.

We pray for the young people and staff as they attend the Youth Camp that they have a great time and for opportunities to witness to them.

CAREY

- At our May Church Meeting, we unanimously agreed to extend Tamzin's contract as Children Youth & Families worker for another year from September 1st 2023.
- Three young men from one family (Jemion, Joey and Jaden) will be joining the Belmont/Carey Camp in August. Also coming this year are Tamzin, who will help with the programme and Colin, who along with Alex, Hazel and Simon, is part of the Chaplaincy Team, providing the spiritual input for the week. Please pray for everyone at Camp.
- On Sunday 25th June We welcomed Peter & Louise Lynch, our BMS Mission Partners in Bangladesh. Please remember them in your prayers. They have a very busy time of home assignment before celebrating their son, Jonah's wedding. They also face an even busier time when they travel back to Bangladesh and have asked for prayers for wisdom and strength for when they return to Dhaka in August. Part of their work is to train two Bangladeshi men, Joy and Nice, to work alongside them to deliver training programmes for churches, as well as establishing a national Baptist Mission Training Centre.

GROVEHILL

- There will be a Beetle Drive on Saturday 22nd July at 7pm at the Church of the Resurrection. Tickets £3 for games card and tea/coffee & cake
- Messy Church on Monday 21st August at 1:30pm

BMS World Mission



ESCAPE ROUTE OUT OF WAR

March 2023 marked the 12-year point in the Syrian civil war, a war that has led to more than half a million deaths and forced more than 5 million people to flee the country. Amidst such suffering, it's hard to identify reasons for hope, yet your support has offered a beacon of light with your provision of a BMS World Mission-supported learning centre.

14-year-old Jana*, who grew up in the shadow of war, is one of those benefitting from the education offered by the centre. She was just two when the fighting started and five when her family fled their home to seek safety in neighbouring Lebanon. The ability to study has become incredibly precious to Jana and her siblings. "Three of our children go to the [BMS-supported] Clementia Learning Centre," says Jana's mother, Nahla*. "Our goal is to see our children learn. That is the most important thing for us."

Jana agrees. "I only studied a part of Grade 1 in Syria, but then my dad said it is time to go because of the war. I enjoy the centre here because I was able to learn how to read and write."

Jana's story highlights the importance of your support for the learning centre. Nine years into their new lives in Lebanon, it's a huge relief for Jana's family to have one constant they can rely on.

"When I grow up, I would like to become a paediatrician," says Jana. "I would like to go back to Syria if the war ends, but now, there is no future for education there and I do not want to stop learning."

Because of your support, Jana won't have to.

Thank you for all you are doing for Syrian refugees in Lebanon – for allowing a new generation to dream of a future where war cannot hold them back.

*Names changed for security reasons.

To read more about Jana, her family, and life as a refugee of the Syrian war, visit www.bmsworldmission.org/12-years-of-war

CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

CAP FREE MANAGEMENT COURSE IN JULY

Run over three weeks, starting on Monday 3rd July, this course will teach budgeting skills and a simple, weekly money management system that really works. When: Monday mornings, 10am-midday, followed by a light lunch. 3rd, 10th, 17th July at St Benedict's Church Hall, Bennetts End, Hemel HP3 8EP (on bus route 2). For more information or to book: EITHER go online to www.capmoneycourse.org, enter your postcode to find available courses and follow the onscreen instructions OR contact Janet Wright on capmoney@libertytearooms.co.uk or 07944 203918. If these times and days do not suit you, Janet can put you on a list to be contacted about future courses.

