



THE **TITUS** TRUST

SUMMER REVIEW

2024



GLOD SENIOR

St David's College, North Wales

- A 13-20 July
- B 23-30 July
- C 2-9 August

GLOD INTER

Packwood Haugh School, Shropshire

- A 13-20 July
- B 23-30 July
- C 2-9 August

LYMINGTON RUSHMORE SENIOR

**Hazlegrove School, Somerset (1&2)
& Cothill School, Oxfordshire (3&4)**

- 1 12-18 July
- 2 19-25 July
- 3 28 July - 3 Aug
- 4 4-10 August

LYMINGTON RUSHMORE JUNIOR

Sandroyd School, Wiltshire

- 1 14-20 July
- 2 21-27 July
- 3 28 July - 3 Aug
- 4 4-10 August

LDN JUNIOR

Aldro School, Surrey

- A 19-26 July
- B 27 July - 3 August

LDN SENIOR

**Aldro School (Zero) &
More House School, Surrey**

- Zero 10-17 July (6th form)
- A 18-26 July
- B 27 July - 4 August





WELCOME!

“For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written, ‘The righteous will live by faith.’” ROMANS 1:17

It is an enormous privilege to be a recipient of the gospel as it grants us righteousness from God by faith. But with that comes an obligation to pass this message onto the next generation which is the aim of the Titus Trust. This summer I have had the enormous privilege of driving some 1,500 miles so as to see first hand the message of the gospel going out to over 970 young people at 7 different sites around the country from Llandudno in Wales to Hazlegrove in Somerset.

It is always interesting to read of the different challenges and achievements of these camps and I hope this report will encourage you to support this important ministry, which not only provides a great opportunity for the gospel but also equips and trains future servants of the local church. I was particularly challenged to pray for the important work

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amongst the ALs and it warmed my heart to read of the parents who meet over zoom during the weeks of camp.

Paul wrote to the Romans to strengthen and mutually encourage them in their faith (Romans 1:11-12). So it would be good to meet up and hear news of each other, and also of camp and the important year-round schools ministry that is a vital part of all we do. So please save the date and accept the trustees' invitation to a Supporters' Event on Monday 3 February 2025 in London if you can - details are below.

Yours in Christ

Rupert Mackay
CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

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I N T E R

“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age”

TITUS 2:11-12

Why did we have a leader abseil down from the ceiling in one of the inter meetings this year? It all started in 1989 when I powerfully experienced the grace of God. I was running away from the Lord and found myself at a temple in Thailand where the Buddhist monks sought by being religious to climb up the 7 levels of the temple to symbolically reach heaven at the top. The Lord showed me that day that we should not seek to climb our way up to God (for we can't), but rather that He comes down from heaven to us in the person of Jesus Christ to graciously give us eternal life. That encounter many years ago inspired the big visual aid that was seen at our inter camps this year.

GETTING THE GIFT

The leader, hidden in a black hammock high up in the ceiling, was revealed to gasps holding a sign saying ‘Eternal Life’. Attempts were then made to get the sign ranging from jumping up to climbing a step ladder but all to no avail. Then the leader abseiled down to give ‘eternal life’ to someone who asked for it.

It was a striking illustration of the grace of the Lord as He saves us. As one camper said, “I have enjoyed the visual aids and why we should trust God” and another “I learnt how much Jesus loves us and forgives us”

Our Inter camps also continued our colourful and lively dramas this year on the book of Daniel. Tracer Bullet and Minnie Pellet investigated daily ‘Who is God?’ as they encountered King Nebudchadnezzar and his teddy bear along with many others. “The book of Daniel dramas were my highlight because they helped me understand that Jesus died for my sins”.

THE GGG

Along with all the Bible teaching we had our usual extensive fun. The theme this summer was the 'Great Gloddaeth Games' which, as you know, were the original version of the Olympic games. 'Spring' and 'Slack' sought to find out who was thwarting the games and the culprit was duly punished with, yes, gunge on the final afternoon. 'Hunt the Spy' was revamped this year with a brilliant Escape Room twist, and we had our usual blend of knocking each other over on the Aquapark, shooting each other with tag archery and paintballs, screaming down the slides of Waterworld, stealthily crawling in the dark of night for Prison Break and having the time of our lives.

Overall 94% of the campers gave the week 8/10 or higher, which is a very encouraging testimony to the enjoyment that was had as well as the brilliant care given them by their leaders.

"I loved every single bit! It was epic!"

"You have not experienced summer without Glod"

"I wish Glod could be every month instead of once every year!"

"These camps have become his highlight of the year"



THE RISE OF THE HYBRID AL

This year was marked by small Assistant Leader teams, and in fact none at all on Inter B where their duties were done by a collection of support leaders and families (with even some young children having a fun part!) It was wonderful to see that the Lord's grace not only gives us eternal life, but also transforms people to serve the needs of others. That was true of the leaders too – with teams bigger than in 2023 but still smaller than ideal – who were so loving and kind. It all contributed to the family feel of the camps, with everyone being valued and playing their part whether they came as a dorm leader, support leader, AL, cook or AL leader. As someone new to camp said, "You come in as a stranger and leave feeling like family."

There were 117 inter campers this year, 76% from an unchurched background. Perhaps the most encouraging comment of all came from one of the cooks when she said "God has been at work". That is the utter privilege of doing camp as we watched the Lord working amongst us, through us and in us.

Pete Gaskell



LDN HOLIDAYS

JUNIOR

Overall as we look back on this summer we thank God for wonderful times of Gospel proclamation and witness across the LDN Junior camps.

Junior A was large in number, and noise levels! We had 31 new campers, alongside a number of returnees who arrived confident to take on any challenge and excited for the aqua park, inflatable rides, high ropes, laser tag and hunt the leader. New campers settled in very quickly thanks to a wonderfully experienced leaders' team. In the morning and evening meetings, the talks were, clear, faithful, and engaging with a consistent thread of the language of salvation woven through. We continue to trust in the Lord's saving grace as at times across the summer it looked, on the surface, that there was little interest in or engagement with the spiritual programme. We pray that the seed which has been sown will bear a harvest of righteousness in the Lord's timings.

Junior A also benefited from a brilliant team of new Assistant Leaders who stayed on after Week Zero and who threw themselves into serving endless cups of squash, food and dressing up. Their desire to sacrificially serve with such obvious joy and enthusiasm was a great blessing to camp. Our 'Focus' Bible readings in Hebrews and Ephesians were uplifting and at times challenging and we pray that it will enable Assistant Leaders and new leaders to hold fast to the hope set before them through the course of this year.

Evening entertainment on Junior is always full of slapstick and madness and in an Olympic year a competitive element added to the general mayhem. It was a fitting send off for Nick's last camp as Overall camp leader. We remain very thankful to God for Nick and Ellie Margesson's work with LDN over the last nearly 6 years. For Nick leading houseparties and Junior camps, the leaders' room and for managing the LDN staff team and for Ellie's support in the leaders'



room and tutoring on our Easter Revision Week. We pray that the Lord will continue to use them both to further his kingdom in the staff rooms at Aldro and More House Schools.

Junior B 2024 had a very different, chilled out vibe which may have been due to the fact that 70% of campers were brand new to LDN. The summer heatwave also contributed to a slightly gentler pace but the hydration station and copious amounts of sunscreen enabled us to keep the pace high. We were very grateful for Ryan Purcell stepping up to lead the holiday. Ryan led a wonderfully committed leaders' room and we were thankful for lots of engagement with God's word during dorm times with campers asking searching questions. A number of campers came from Catholic backgrounds and it was exciting to see them learn more about the Lord Jesus.

We were anticipating having no Assistant Leaders for B camp however, the Lord miraculously and graciously provided a wonderful group of Assistant Leaders, who stayed on for their third week at Aldro to serve on Junior B! We couldn't have done it without them. The Taskforce team remains a wonderful addition to LDN Junior camps. We are so thankful for these volunteers who give up their time to help camp run smoothly, picking up whatever jobs need to be done, often without much notice and usually involving driving a minibus.

Please join us in praying that many campers who came for the first time this year will return, with friends, to keep listening to the life-giving word of King Jesus.

Philly Simpkin





LYMINGTON RUSHMORE HOLIDAYS

JUNIOR

“...my cup overflows”

PSALM 23:5

I was in a ‘Time of Quiet’ Bible Study with the room group towards the end of Junior 4. We’d just been asked ‘what is God like according to Psalm 23?’ (Great question!). One of the campers, without hesitation said ‘He over-provides.’ (Great answer!)

‘He over-provides’ struck me as a perfect summary of LR Junior this summer. God is the God Who over-provides – sometimes with spectacular abundance, and sometimes He **over**-provides by just enough to remind us that He’s the Provider, and leaves us waiting for that provision just long enough to reinforce the message!

We saw God’s abundant over-provision in delicious food, extravagant fun, laughter, friendship; in the consistently warm and clear talks; in keeping campers safe; in an online prayer meeting of supporters around

the country each morning; and in great activities. We saw God’s reminders of our neediness in the face of His generosity as He provided Cothill for Senior 3 and 4 when we were very close to cancelling camps, which allowed us to run 4 Junior camps at Sandroyd. He heard and answered our prayers for the 120 volunteers we needed to find in the 30 days before camp started. The Lord Who provides, gave us 97 car seats on the morning we realised we had no available minibuses and 96 people to get to the Aqua Park. He provided just enough leaders for us to run camps with our target ratio of leaders to campers in each dorm (although on Junior 2 and 4 we didn’t have that until the evening before campers arrived). He raised up leaders who were able to run an elite Task Force Team through Junior 3 and 4 when we didn’t have ALs (although, again, it wasn’t clear that was going to work until the evenings before campers arrived). On the last morning of Junior 4, when I’d been told we had 12 leaders to clear up the entire site, I looked up to see a Fantasy-Football-Clear-Up team



of AL leaders from previous camps striding across the walled garden - it was like looking to the East at dawn on the third day and seeing Gandalf and the riders of Rohan, but armed with loo brushes and mop buckets. He's the God Who over-provides.

Speaking personally, it was a wonderful first summer back at camp for me and my family. I had forgotten just how good the food is, and how wonderfully servant-hearted the cooks are at Titus Trust camps! The leaders were a delight to serve alongside. My perspective from the leaders room was that the Lord provided a very experienced and patient team for Junior 1, who covered my incompetence wonderfully while I fumbled around trying to figure out how the job works! We had a challenging time on Junior 2 when a hospital trip and difficulties with a particular group put a smaller leaders team under particular strain. The big challenges on Junior 3 came from heat and homesickness, with leaders working really hard to care for campers who seemed to find being away from home harder than normal (and led to us making some changes that seemed helpful in when campers had their phones to call home). Junior 4 was a smaller camp, which meant that, again, a smaller leaders team were all covering several large responsibilities as well as looking after their room groups. Having said that, it was glorious to see the prayerful, servant-hearted cheerfulness, that radiated from leaders, cooks, and ALs on all 4 camps - "hard pressed, but not crushed"!

Thank you, on behalf of the teams from all 4 camps, for standing with us in the great privilege and joy of serving the God Who **over**-provides.

Simon Tomkins





ASSISTANT LEADERS

For Glod, LDN and Lymington Rushmore, camp wouldn't be able to happen without the help of the Assistant Leaders (ALs).

Lots of them will have grown up doing camp, many start out as ALs. They serve camp by doing lots of the cleaning and clearing behind the scenes and have the chance to dig deeper into God's word together through talks and studies. Here are some thoughts from a few of the ALs from this summer about how they found it!

"ALing this summer was great fun as it was almost a perfect combination of serving, spending time with friends, looking at the bible and relaxing. Mealtimes can often be fairly hectic, having to serve everyone food and wash it all up afterwards; but it is a wonderful way to help out on camp, without having the responsibilities and pressures that come with leading. It is a fantastic way to both make new friends, and to deepen existing friendships. My highlight of ALing would be the times we went off-site as a group, I found it incredibly helpful to have some great leaders looking after us throughout the week."

TIM EVANS LDN



"I loved the conversations I was able to have with everyone on the team through the simplest things like washing up. Being in a small group means you can get to know everyone really well and make friendships that will last years. Some of my highlights would probably be the Bible studies led by amazing leaders which really strengthened my faith. Also playing kingball on the beach and seeing everyone's competitive side come out!"

LOIS BUCKLER
LYMINGTON RUSHMORE



"ALing this summer was busy - we had a lot of work to do - but I found it really rewarding in many ways, some you don't even expect. (One camper approached me to tell me he remembered me from last year as the cool AL!) It's nice knowing that campers recognise you. I love getting to meet new people and getting to know them more as we serve God together. Whether we were washing dishes, cleaning toilets or making the best Last Night Entz performance, we always did it as a team and it was nice to realise how close we were at the end of the camp."

CALUM MCCAIG GLOD



“So, unlike most people I joined LDN as an AL rather than a camper. I thought it would be a great way to spend my summer, meet more Christians my age before heading to university, and try something new, as I had never done anything like camp before. ALing is easily one of the best “say yes to more things” moments I’ve had. I still remember how nervous I was walking in for the first time, but that anxiety quickly faded once I met everyone and settled into the routine. What I love about being an AL is lots of fun and play, but also meaningful time studying the Bible together. And, oddly enough, even chores and washing up turn into a laugh with your mates once you get into the flow! ALing on LDN has introduced me to Christians who have been a huge encouragement to my faith, viewing it not just as part of my identity or something I engage with sometimes, but as a whole lifestyle.”

FU WASUNNA LDN



“I absolutely loved ALing this summer. It is such a joy to be part of a team of people, serving practically alongside each other, to support the gospel going out, to get to know God better and ultimately to glorify Him. This year I particularly loved our AL bible studies. Taking time out of a busy day of camp to grapple with God’s word with the same group of people, every day in an intentional and thoughtful way is so exciting! I grew in my understanding of God himself, and of how to read his Word.”

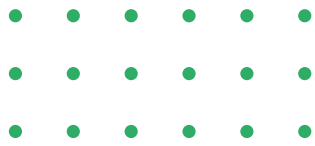
LUCY HOUGHTON GLOD



“Assistant Leading over the summer was such a unique and rich experience. There are very few situations in life where a group of students from all different paths of life take so much joy in living out the law of the Lord. Being within a community where everyone is there to serve and to have fun is so rewarding. Of course the workload shouldn’t be sugar coated, there is always a lot to be done and over the space of a week or so it is easy to be overwhelmed, but ultimately it builds friendships which genuinely last years, it allows you to dig deeper in your own understanding of your relationship with God.”

TOM BROMILEY

LYMINGTON RUSHMORE



PARTNERSHIP WITH **PARENTS**

We highly value our partnership with parents and here we focus on three ways that parents have supported our ministry this summer.

INVITING TO CAMP

I loved camp as a teenager, it was always the highlight of my year. A similar camp to LDN was instrumental in me becoming a Christian and keeping going. I even met my husband there! We now have three children who eagerly go along to LDN and invite friends to join each year.

Inviting friends to a week-long camp is quite different from typical 'playdates', and the added Christian element can make the task daunting, but remembering how much I valued camp and how it was genuinely the pinnacle of my summer helps overcome any hesitations about inviting.

I find emailing or sending a WhatsApp the easiest way to invite friends, enabling me time to ensure I convey the key details, emphasise the fun activities, reassure parents whilst also being transparent about



the Christian focus. I prefer messaging to avoid putting them, (or me), on the spot and acknowledging summer plans are often complicated can help make the declining of the invitation more comfortable for everyone.

The new school year is inevitably chaotic and camp bookings opening always takes me by surprise. I often find myself scrambling to get invitations out, but the ensuing panic and nervousness prompt me to pray. Asking friends to pray has really helped too.

Coordinating groups has certainly been challenging at times. Creating a WhatsApp group for those who sign up has been useful for logistics and brilliantly serves as a great way of gently nudging the following year to see if they're up for going again!

Katie Jones

PRAVING DURING CAMP

Three years ago a few parents decided to meet to pray daily during camp for their children and others. Over the last couple of years this has grown into a regular morning (zoom) meeting which meets through the summer during camp Monday to Friday with many parents (and grandparents!) involved.

Some parents drop their children off at camp and hear nothing until pick up! For others there are perhaps more challenges - a homesick child, a reluctant teenager, a youngster taking school friends for the first time. Whatever the situation all sense the need to be on their knees over that week. What a joy to pray with others who feel the same!

Many join for the week where their family is involved (or one or two days) and others pop in and out across all four camps. With regular updates from Junior and Senior camp it's become an exciting way to be connected with the gospel work through the Summer, to hear what God is doing and to partner in prayer with those serving on camp. Many have found it a real encouragement for prayer over the Summer months where routines can be a bit more inconsistent. It's a joy to start the day with others in this way - whether from the car, on dog walks or in pyjamas but all united by the desire to see the Lord doing His wonderful work of calling and equipping this next generation to live for Him.

Rebecca Pillar

LEADING ON CAMP

I came back to lead on camp after a break of seven years. Before that I had been regularly as an AL, leader and camper.

I decided to come back this summer with my daughter who was 11, together with a friend from her school. I was keen to return to Glod for a number of reasons. It was a great opportunity to bond with my eldest. Camp was where I became a Christian (at about her age), which made a special link between us. She was also persuaded by the amazing activities and the opportunity to meet nice kids in a Christian context from another country (we live in Scotland). I also wanted to be better equipped for talking to my kids about Jesus at home and to resource the kids ministry that I help lead at church.

As ever camp didn't disappoint. I found it enormously energising and deepened my motivation to share the gospel. It gave me loads of ideas about applying and illustrating talks for all ages, how to entertain and engage tweens, and how to better explain the gospel to kids slightly older than my own. Spending a week serving alongside other godly younger leaders was incredibly refreshing. The culture and atmosphere at Glod was wonderful as people deal with each other lovingly instead of being constantly task focused. My daughter came away really excited by Jesus strengthened in her walk and thrilled to have shared the gospel with a friend. It was an incredibly valuable week.

Rob Gifford



SENIOR

“My God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus”

PHILIPPIANS 4:19



Gloddaeth Hall has been home to the Glod camps since they started in 1966. Within the Tudor house is the ‘Minstrel Hall’, and above its ancient fireplace is the welsh Mostyn family motto ‘Heb dduw heb ddim, Duw a digon’ which translates ‘Without God nothing, with God plenty’. That motto has typified Glod over the years, and sums up the Senior camps this summer.

WITH GOD, PLENTIFUL PROVISION

Last year we felt pretty weak – a smaller staff team, less money for parents to be able to afford camp, and not enough leaders, ALs and cooks as we headed towards camp. But as we prayed so God provided for us plentifully. We got all the Bible talks written, the briefs reviewed, the activities booked, and the leaders found (17 new ones at

senior). Philippians 4:19 proved true time and time again.

WITH GOD, SPIRITUAL OPENNESS

The Lord answered our prayers too for spiritual awakening in some, and steps forward in so many. Such openness was seen in lots of ways: for example one militant atheist said “My favourite part of the day is the dorm time discussions”; more Bibles were bought than have been for years; the voluntary additional Bible sessions were very well attended on Senior A. One boy said ‘Before this week I had only really heard about God, but you have taught me all about Jesus and I have loved all I’ve learnt about him’. He started to trust Jesus for himself this summer.

Others were struck ‘how science and religion can coexist’, others that they should ‘stop trying and start trusting’ to get to their sins forgiven, another that “Our identity is in Christ so what others think of us is irrelevant”. It was all so encouraging.

WITH GOD, ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCES

No doubt one of the reasons the campers can engage with the gospel is how comfortable and enjoyable each day is. This year was the return of zorbing to add to the mix of standup paddleboarding, and ringo surfing, and laser tag, and gorge walking, and Braveheart, and the Gauntlet, and the hysterical news, and the beach day on Anglesey and all the rest.

96% of our senior campers gave 8/10 for how cared for they felt, which is hugely honouring to all the leaders involved. As one camper said, 'I love the meetings. I love the activities. I love that everyone is kind.' Such comments show that our prayers since our culture review a few years ago are being answered as we seek to be excellent in loving rather than excellent in performance.

"If you haven't been to Glod, your summer hasn't started!"

"Highlight of my summer"

"I love the meetings. I love the activities. I love that everyone is kind."

"I wish I'd discovered Glod sooner"

"They had the best time ever"

"It's my first camp and I already want to come back next year"



WITH GOD, FUTURE PARTNERSHIPS

There were 128 campers at senior this year and we would love to increase that to pre-pandemic numbers of 172. To that end we are intending to forge more partnerships this coming year to enable this. This might be with more Christian families in the North and Midlands, irrespective of where their children go to school, or local churches which might mean developing links with some state schools alongside our focus on independent schools, or introducing ourselves to independent schools that currently we don't visit. Likewise we would love to partner with more student ministries to grow a symbiotic relationship for our AL work.

All in all our hope is that all involved in our senior camps, as much as our inter camps, would echo what one 14 year camper said this summer, "I don't want my faith to be just about one hour on a Sunday but rather constant and lifelong"

Pete Gaskell



LDN HOLIDAYS

SENIOR

**“No servant is greater than his master,
nor is a messenger greater than the
one who sent him”**

JOHN 13:16

FIRST LOVES

Summer 2024 was my family’s first experience of an LDN summer. We loved it! I hope that every new volunteer on LDN feels as welcomed and cared for as we did.

At the start of each senior camp, we reflected on Jesus’ humility as he washes his disciples feet. ‘No task is beneath any of us’ was the stated mantra as we sought to serve in the pattern of our saviour. But ahead of any labour on our part, we dwelt on Jesus’ intense love for us, which precedes our efforts. His love comes first.

FIRST WEEK ZERO

The biggest change this summer was our sixth-form only holiday, Week Zero. Based at Aldro, our Junior site, at the start of summer, this made camp fresh for a large group of returning year 12 and 13s. With our main meetings focused on the ‘I am’ sayings, we were able to focus intently on the person of Jesus throughout the week.

Sunny afternoons ending in ‘pre-dinner boating’ - it was a dreamy time, with a friendly atmosphere. My only regret was not to have more new invitees to Week Zero: we would love to support Christian teenagers to step into the shoes of the evangelist and book Week Zero to bursting in 2025. So now you and I know what to pray for next year!

The unknown question is how drawing most (not all) of the Year 12 and 13s into their own camp will impact the engagement of younger campers in LDN as they

move up the years. We would love to have campers back again and again. Another prayer!

SPIRITUAL FIRST

Senior A and Senior B both took place at More House for the second year running. Hot afternoons at the bottom of the hill - a shout-out to everyone who learned to love 'embracing the hill' - were glorious. Both camps were young, with the majority of campers coming from year 9. We pray that they'd come back!

Spiritual hunger was high across both camps, as shown in good attendance at optional 'Forum' seminars. Often over half of camp would pile in to the room hear what God has to say on topics including mental health, sex and relationships, and friendship. Managing a dorm asking for an extra Bible study at the beach was a good problem to have!

With both senior camps being majority year 9, there was an opportunity to focus the content and style of teaching to the particular age group. Speakers adapted quickly, with flowers, rugby balls, first aid kits, bricks, ropes, rucksacks, rocks, padder bats, rubber gloves and even a box of dirt all appearing as physical props. There is more we can keep reflecting on around how to make our main meetings the highlights of the day, but we certainly tried our best to keep their attention on God's message to them!

Although professions of faith were few and far between, the sense of positive spiritual momentum was palpable. We pray on for lasting fruit.



FIRST TIME SERVING

LDN was blessed with new leaders on senior camps across the summer - with volunteers stepping up from Assistant Leading, but also a coterie of entirely new faces. New faces meant new voices praying and new ideas popping, giving a refreshingly open feel. God quickly answered our prayers to bind new teams together around the gospel.

We are very grateful for the excellent Assistant Leader teams who came together to serve LDN's ministry this summer. At the start of July, we were unsure of whether we could field a functional assistant leader team for Senior B, but our Father answered our prayers. A crack squad was formed as ones and twos put their hands up to serve.

The entire summer was a reminder (if we had forgotten) that God loves to answer our prayers. If temporary frustration leads to ongoing dependence, then we can gladly take it.

So we pray on and into this next year!

Alex Greaves



LYMINGTON RUSHMORE HOLIDAYS

SENIOR

As you come to him, the living Stone - rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him - you also, like living stones are being built into a spiritual house...

Camp is always about people because people are central to God's purposes as he builds a spiritual house, person by person, living stone by living stone, in which he's chosen to dwell. But in the run up to camp it was buildings of a different kind which preoccupied our thoughts. Where would senior holidays take place this year? We knew Hazlegrove would be our base for the first two weeks, but even at Easter, weeks 3 and 4 were without a venue. With only a couple of weeks to go before some drastic reshaping of the summer, the Lord provided a wonderful venue in Cothill House. What a wonderful and timely gift enabling all camps to go ahead and paving the way to a new base for senior holidays in 2025 and 2026.

Even then we faced a huge logistical challenge of running camps in not one but two new venues with three months' notice and a very much reduced staff team. But because the Lord is so committed to his spiritual building project we should not have been surprised that he went before us in all the 'bricks and mortar' practicalities. Both sites were wonderful rural places for camp with excellent facilities, good local activities and really kind and good onsite teams overseeing our stays. Former staff worker, now Chaplain at Cothill, Chris Ashton, worked tirelessly before and during our time onsite to ensure that both from the school side and ours, the stay was the first of many!

Holidays need venues. But they need workers to run them and teenagers to populate them! We were so blessed by great teams of cooks and ALs and by an influx of 40 new leaders across the summer. It was wonderful to welcome new teachers from schools we have existing links with as well as 'sisters and cousins

and brothers and aunts! Together, ours was the privilege of being labourers on the true 'Grand Design' project of the living God. The living and enduring word of God rang out amongst us day by day in all kinds of settings - one particular highlight of the summer being the 'Explore' series. In these voluntary pre-lunch seminars we looked at Christians from the past and lessons for our present. Though it's not always the case, attendance at these has been some kind of barometer of spiritual hunger. Encouraged by keen lower 6th forms these sessions really flew at 3 of the 4 holidays where there was indeed greater spiritual hunger than I can remember for some years.

Our prayer is that such hunger translates into lives yielded to the Lord, living stones added to his building, those who in time will join, whether on camp or elsewhere, in both holding onto and holding out the living and enduring word of God to others. It felt too that we have begun to rebuild the numbers of Assistant Leaders with a lovely crowd of U6th serving in that capacity this summer. The challenges there remain significant as they face both the financial cost but also the call of potential future employers to spend their summers, not in rural Wiltshire or Oxfordshire, but at internships among the mirrored glass skyscrapers of the city. This crowd of former campers, now ALs, has historically been the richest vein of young leaders for us - it may be so again. But in the meantime we're working hard and praying hard to encourage the 'Plus 1' initiative - asking the Lord to give us another 40 new leaders in the coming year. If you're reading this you might be one of them or at least responsible for inviting someone else who could be!



As Autumn comes round, friends and family swap stories of their summers - occasionally there's a pang of envy, but now in October as I reflect back on those weeks of camp, with all the ups and downs, there's nowhere else I'd rather have been. And if I feel that from the vantage point of October, how much more will that be so from the vantage point of eternity!

Anthony Bewes





HOW TO GIVE TO SUPPORT THE TRUST'S WORK

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