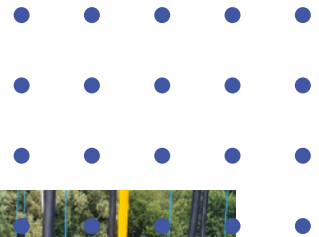




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CHAIR OF TRUSTEES REPORT

“Therefore, since through God’s mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God.”
2 Corinthians 4:1-2

As I write this there are 280 young people attending Easter Revision camps and it’s exciting to know that the truth of the gospel will be set forth plainly before them as they study hard and enjoy a good holiday. We are grateful to the committed teams of leaders who are caring for the young people and pointing them towards

the Lord Jesus. This is a long-term ministry and it is encouraging to read articles from those who’ve come up through the world and work of the Titus Trust and are now serving the Lord in wonderfully diverse ways. May that encourage you to keep going in your partnership with us as together we pray that the good news of Jesus would go out through both the termtime and holiday ministries of the Trust.

As I’m sure you are aware, this last year has seen the publication of the Makin review, highlighting the extent and horrific nature of John Smyth’s abuse. Victims and survivors have suffered horrendously over many years – pain compounded by the failures of so many individually and collectively. It has been

distressing to read how the Bible was distorted to justify inflicting this kind of suffering on others. 2 Corinthians 4 exhorts Jesus’ followers to renounce secret and shameful ways, which these were, and not to deceive or distort the word of God, which is exactly what happened. Instead we are to set forth the truth plainly. Please pray that the Trust would be committed to doing this and that future generations would never face the horrors endured by some of those in the past.

You’ll find an article in the following pages reflecting more fully on the Makin review and the changes we have been implementing in the light of the uncovering of John Smyth’s abuse. Recent days have added further historical disclosures – this time concerning David Fletcher who led Iwerne Holidays and was a Titus Trust trustee for many years. Many will have been profoundly saddened by these reports and we grieve for those whose lives have been impacted by such things. The apostle Paul goes on to say in 2 Corinthians 4 ‘for we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. It should always grieve us when power and position are abused – how much more so within the family of God. For ministers of the gospel are called to be servants, signposts to Jesus both in word and deed.

These are the sorts of men and women we are praying that the Titus Trust will help to envision and equip for the next generation. And these are the kind of men and women we are therefore seeking to appoint to join our different teams – those who will, albeit imperfectly, teach the truth, live it, and encourage others to do likewise. There are gaps we would love such people to fill, particularly at Gloddaeth and Lymington Rushmore, and we reflect further on this later in the Report.

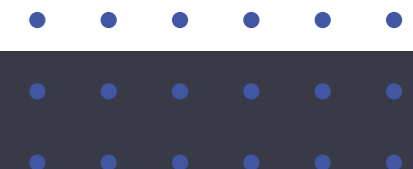
We are grateful to the many who support us financially, conscious of the global economic climate but trusting that the Lord will provide



the resources we need to do the work he has prepared for us. Thank you for your partnership and I hope that you will want to review your giving as you read about the financial needs of the Trust.

Finally, thank you for reading this review. I pray that it will encourage you to faithfully pray, give and support the ministry of taking the good news of Jesus to the camps and schools. I’ve been encouraged by the quiet godliness and faithfulness of our staff teams and the many volunteers I’ve met as I’ve travelled round the teams and their camps. I’m hugely grateful to a servant hearted team of trustees, two of whom, Michael Paterson and Lisa Greatwood, have come to the end of their term of service. Join me in giving thanks for them and praying for their successors – men and women who will help us neither to lose heart, nor to adopt secret and shameful ways, but to keep on setting forth the trust plainly as disciples of the Lord Jesus.

Rupert Mackay – Chair of Trustees



SERVING FURTHER AFIELD IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



I started following Jesus after hearing the gospel clearly and simply explained at a Iwerne camp aged 17. I didn't come from a Christian home, but had been invited to our school's Christian Union, and later to camp, by a friend. One of the Iwerne associates - the wonderful Jess Reid - came to run our CU each week, bringing us her delicious bakes, playing endless (and somewhat dangerous) games of Jungle Speed, and reading the Bible with us. What I distinctly remember is being struck by the genuineness of her love and care, and that she sacrificed her Wednesday evenings in order to spend time with a small handful of teenage girls.

I've now had the joy of being discipled over many years by countless godly people like Jess through Iwerne and LDN. They have faithfully modelled to me what it looks like to be a disciple-making disciple of Jesus Christ so that I might know how to disciple others in turn, whether at camp or at church. I've been enormously blessed by the year round work of Titus Trust, giving me numerous opportunities to build these relationships - to encourage and be encouraged to keep living for Jesus.

After several years of teaching, I'm now in full-time ministry working as the Children's Ministry

Coordinator at Christ Church Balham, and I can clearly see how the Lord has equipped me for his service in this role after years of leading on Iwerne and LDN. Through connections at Iwerne, my first job after uni was as the Chaplain's Assistant at Canford, which honed nascent ministry skills that I'd picked up at camp. In both settings concurrently, I learnt how to prepare and lead Bible studies; write and give talks; explain, illustrate and apply big Bible truths and passages; and pastorally care for young people and commit to praying for them. These things are the bread and butter of my working week at CCB now, and I'm deeply thankful to have gone into this role with such a strong foundation!

It's not just the 'overtly' spiritual training on camp that's been so beneficial to me.

Conversing with teenagers is an art form. A dinner table of fourteen year-olds probably wouldn't be everyone's chosen habitat, but whether I'm presented with non-speakers or excessively exuberant types, I'm confident I can get through any meal time after years of experience on camp. At the moment, we're trying to bolster our youth provision at church and lay the groundwork for a group in the future. I'm glad I feel able to engage with teens and train others in this so that they will feel welcomed and known, but also so that they have a really enjoyable time and want to keep coming back to hear the gospel.

I'm endlessly grateful for fourteen years' worth of kids and youth games ideas, which is invaluable for holiday bible clubs, Sunday School groups and church weekends away. Last year I went to help lead our mission partners' holiday club in France, and was told in the morning that the afternoon activity couldn't happen as the local park was closed. Within seconds I was going through circle line activities I'd done on camp and adapting them according to our space and equipment. The kids absolutely loved it and thought it was so unique!

As a colleague pointed out to me the other day, I'm also not afraid to make a fool of myself. I can be silly in a kids slot or during a holiday club drama because I've had ample experience of being roped into the most ludicrous evening events sketches or activity adverts. This was definitely not my comfort zone 10+ years ago but I've seen the impact these things have on the campers, and how they serve the kids at church now by engaging them with gospel truths and helping them to see that we don't fear what other people think of us; we fear God alone.

I currently oversee an army of amazing volunteer kids' leaders at church and have the privilege of working alongside them to teach the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, just as the Titus Trust seeks to do. In all our training, I try to highlight that any gospel work is a team effort that is fully reliant on prayer, which has been established for me at Iwerne and LDN. And as a team we aspire to be servant-hearted and joyful in our service, getting stuck into any task; at camp you might be cleaning loos, but at church you might be picking squished raisins off the floor!

I've been faithfully taught at camp to do everything for the glory of God and for the sake of the gospel, which of course now also underpins everything I do here at CCB.

Bea Bennett



PRAYER POINTS

PRAISE GOD...

for his provision of Christlike models who have kept pointing me to Jesus, encouraged me in my faith, and kept me accountable

for faithful Bible teaching on Titus Trust camps that has brought me and many others to repentant saving faith

for the opportunity to pass on skills and experience in different contexts for the glory of God

for the rapidly growing children's work at CCB, and for lots of opportunities to reach the local community for Christ!

PRAY...

for the growth of our youth work at church, for teenagers to come and hear the gospel that gives life and security in a confusing world

for the Lord to sustain me in ministry and to keep reminding me that it's his work, not mine



HOW ABOUT JOINING US AS A CO-WORKER FOR GOD?

I was asked to write an article about 'recruiting staff'. If I'm honest it didn't excite me very much perhaps because the word 'staff' is uninspiring, defined as 'the group of people who work for an organisation'.

A HUGE PRIVILEGE

But then I considered what the apostle Paul called those doing full-time gospel ministry: 'God's co-worker in the gospel of Christ' (1 Thess 3:2) and 'co-workers in God's service' (1 Cor 3:9). This was far more appealing, writing about working with God and for God as 'stewards' of the gospel itself (1 Cor 4:2). Suddenly the prospect of suggesting to others that they might consider working full-time for a gospel ministry like the Titus Trust was very desirable. "What are you thinking of doing next year?", "I'm not sure yet", "How about joining us as a co-worker for God?"

I think back to my twenties as a medical student when, at a Christian Medical Fellowship weekend away, the speaker turned to me over Sunday lunch and asked 'Have you ever thought

about leaving medicine to do gospel ministry full-time?' I hadn't and was slightly startled by the audacity of the question. As I reflected on it I realised I didn't like the thought of leaving all the security that being a doctor brings. I related then very much to those I speak to today who see little attraction in the thought of going into Christian ministry with all the pressures and strains that Christian leadership brings.

Several years later though I did leave medicine and have worked for the Titus Trust now for 22 years. Why? In answering that it might possibly provoke you to consider something similar.

A HEALTHY PERSPECTIVE

It's worth saying that gospel ministry is not supposed to be easy. Paul uses the terms 'fellow soldiers' (Phil 2:25) and 'fellow prisoners' (Col 4:10) showing there is personal pain and cost involved in gospel ministry. Jesus says that it like being a 'labourer for a harvest' (Matthew 9v37-38) with all the hard work and hours and sweat that this description conjures up.



But as Don Carson, in his reflections on Matthew 9v37-38, says "While working in a Canadian government chemistry laboratory trying to tackle a certain problem in air pollution, I gradually became more concerned with moral pollution than with air pollution, more interested in Biblical truth and its application to men and women than in the application of scientific discoveries in our daily lives. I am not for one moment suggesting that Christians cannot serve the Lord in the context of the natural sciences. On the contrary this is my Father's world and Christians need to be involved in every part of it. But for me, the focus of interest and compulsion began to change". It was the same for me as I went from seeking to look after people's physical ailments to their spiritual ones, as I grew in having an eternal perspective and so wanted to prepare people to be healthy and ready for the world to come. Seeing our service of the Lord in this world, whether that be in full-time gospel ministry or not, in light of eternity will help us all make decisions that are focussed on the Lord and his agenda.

For this reason I have loved being involved full-time with the ministry of the Titus Trust because of its huge gospel focus within a context of huge gospel need. It never fails to stagger me what opportunities the Trust faces on a daily basis for sharing Jesus with so many in both schools and camps. I sometimes have to pinch myself to check it's real.

A HEART-FELT PRAYER

It is the Lord who gives to different Christian ministries the workers they need as he sees fit not how we see fit. It is not our role to tap people on the shoulder because we have decided they should work for the Trust. Rather it is our role to pray that the Lord gives us who he has decided should work for the Trust.

That distinction is huge, and we have repented of any self-sufficiency in finding staff, and only doing so internally, or about looking for a certain stereotype. We now advertise externally and are genuinely open to all applying for different roles, as we then prayerfully and carefully discern who the Lord would appoint. No doubt it will not always be the 'obvious' person.

That is why we pray. As Don Carson goes on to say, "This does not mean that we should do nothing but pray, it does mean we should do nothing without praying". Yes we advertise, yes we ask you to mention possible jobs to your friends, yes we ask you to consider the jobs yourself, yes we ask you to share any ideas you have for how we can find possible gospel workers but, yes yes yes, we ultimately ask you to pray.

Pete Gaskell

PRAYER POINTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

God to raise up workers for his harvest field and in particular to fill the vacancies we currently have at the Titus Trust

Go to www.titustrust.org/jobs to see more details of current opportunities

FINANCE

2023-24

LOOKING BACK

During 2023/24 we were constantly reminded of how the Lord continues to look after and further the work of the trust. We continue to be very grateful for the ongoing generosity of our supporters which saw an increase in donations of £33k, especially at a time of economic uncertainty and hardship for many.

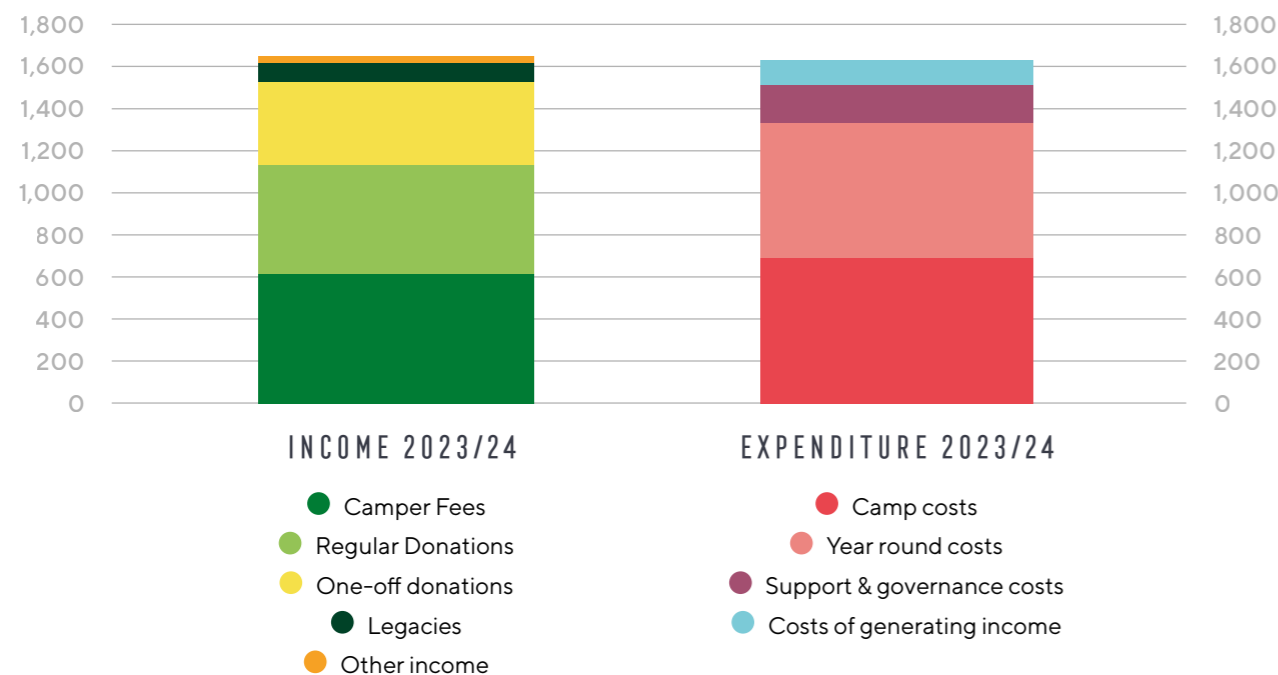
As a result of increased donations and delayed staff recruitment and despite lower camper numbers, the net result before the unrealised investment gain was a small deficit of £2k. We remain thankful and humbled by the way in which the Lord keeps giving us what we need each year so that the work of sharing the gospel with young people can continue.

As can be seen from the table below our income sources remain in similar proportions with just over half our income from regular and one-off donations, a small proportion from legacies and other income and the remaining amount from camper fees.

We have been really encouraged by the increase in financial support from our supporters – current leaders, parents and former leaders or campers. Some of this came from additional gift aid we were able to claim thanks to our new improved donor database, however much of this came from your support for which we are truly thankful.

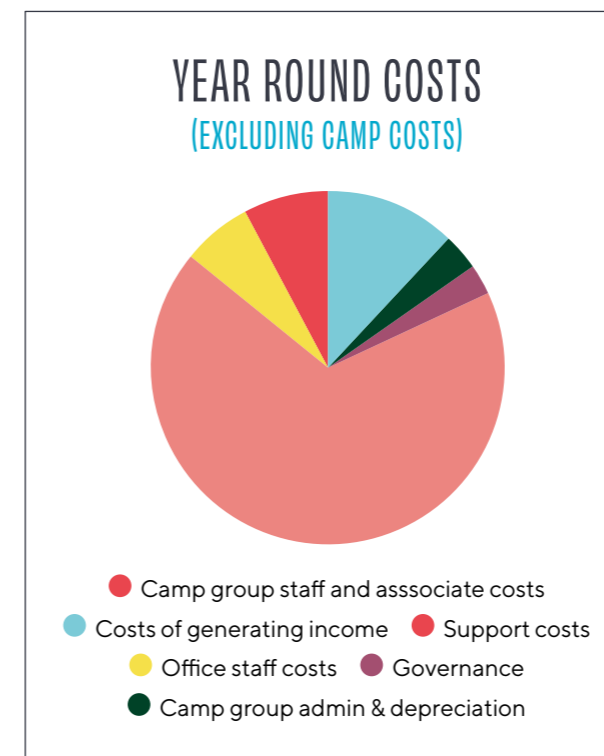
Our costs have remained stable and we seek to ensure that camp costs are carefully controlled whilst still offering campers the fun and exciting activities they have come to expect.

"I am thankful to God for all the Titus Trust has done for my children over many years and am keen to support the work so that it continues into the future"



YEAR ROUND COSTS

The pie chart below reflects the emphasis we place on year round work not just summer and Easter camps. We want to be supporting, encouraging and training leaders and teachers as part of our ministry. Therefore nearly 75% of our year round costs are staff costs. Despite this our teams are stretched beyond their capacity and we would love to grow our staff numbers to reach more young people for Christ. You may have seen a number of jobs being advertised including roles in the Midlands and South West.



"I'm so grateful for deep friendships, fab teaching and training and I'm passionate about the opportunities camp presents for many to hear the Gospel and the year round encouragement which staff members are able to give teachers, AIs and campers and long for that to continue"

"We are delighted to partner with the Titus Trust as they introduce a new generation to the person and work of the Lord Jesus, who loves them so much that he came to die for them. We love the fact that this is a year-round ministry, that there is such a focus on prayerful care for the individual, as well as on training and equipping young people to be effective as they share Jesus with their friends."

TARGET

Increase giving by £270k

WHY?

- To grow the staff team – to enable more year-round, in-depth work
- To enable more children to come to camp through bursaries

CAMP COSTS

One of our main financial challenges last year came from lower camper numbers across many camps which obviously led to a fall in camper fee income. Whilst many camp costs are variable and so can be adapted accordingly, fixed site fees are a particular challenge for some camps. We continue to work with schools to keep site fees reasonable for both parties and to make sure we are careful tenants of their facilities.

LOOKING FORWARD

As you can see below, our operating deficit in 2023-24 remained on a par with 2022-23, however we are keen to reverse this situation so that we can build the work. This has led to a stretch budget for Gift Income of £1.1m (representing a 10% increase in gifts excluding legacies) for 2024/25.

In order to achieve this we are currently working hard to improve our fundraising strategy and in particular how to improve our communication of the amazing work which is being done year round and during camps to share the Gospel

with young people and train up future leaders. With your money there is much we would love to do but in particular we pray for:

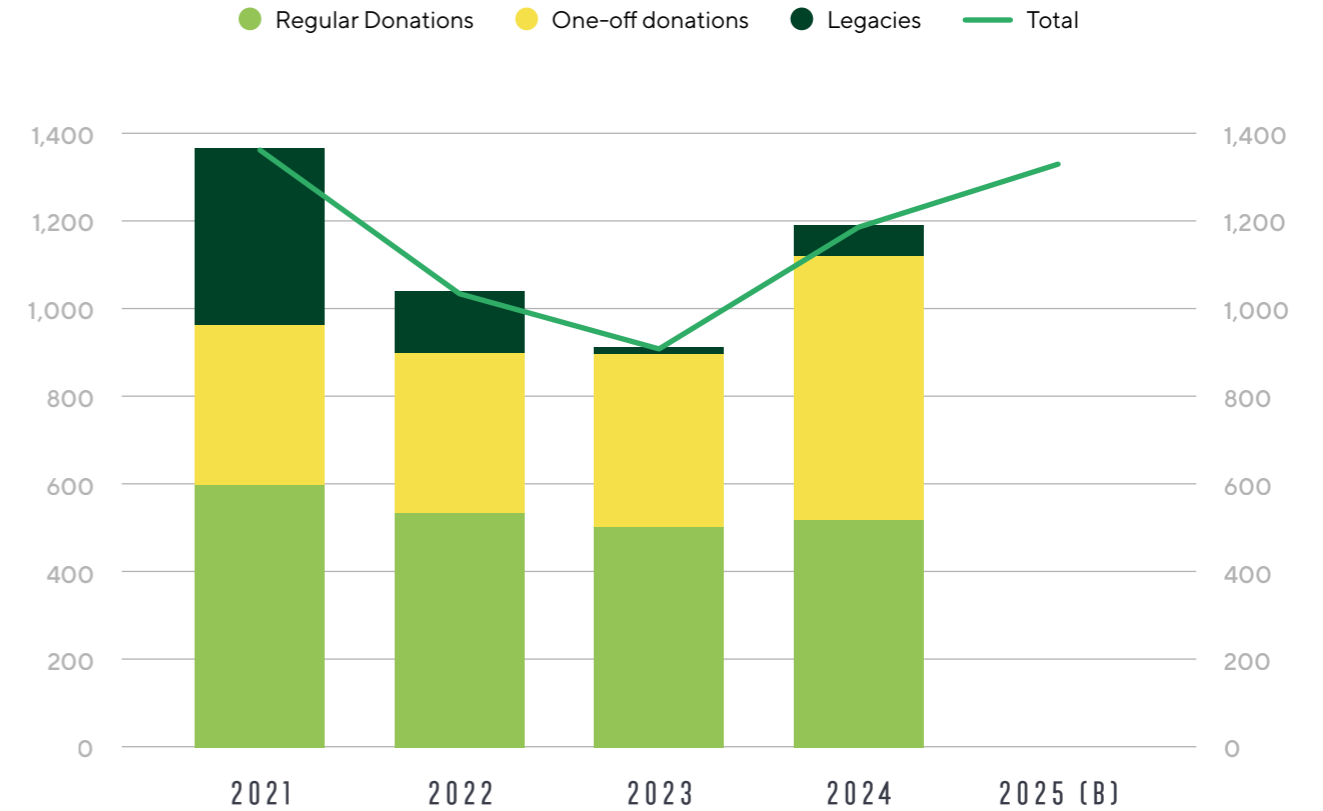
- More staff members in different parts of the country to grow our work in schools and support more Assistant Leaders throughout the year as they look to navigate student / work life
- Offer more bursaries so that many more young people might get the opportunity to hear the Gospel

We can only do this with your help and we so appreciate your ongoing partnership both through prayer and financially. As you can see

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

| £'000 | 2025 | 2024 | 2023 | 2022 |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Actual | Actual |
| Donations | 1,133 | 924 | 897 | 896 |
| Charitable activities | 736 | 630 | 658 | 600 |
| Other / CJRS | 12 | 21 | 21 | 12 |
| Income exc. legacies | 1,881 | 1,575 | 1,576 | 1,508 |
| Staff | -974 | -781 | -796 | -818 |
| Camps | -749 | -689 | -701 | -738 |
| Other | -158 | -166 | -148 | -68 |
| Expenditure | -1,881 | -1,636 | -1,645 | -1,624 |
| "Operating result" | 0 | -61 | -69 | -116 |
| Legacies | - | 59 | 17 | 162 |
| Investment gain/(loss) | - | 38 | 9 | -53 |
| Extraordinary item | - | - | - | - |
| Net funds movement | 0 | 36 | -43 | -7 |

GIFT INCOME



from the quotes from various supporters on the previous page, there is much to be joyful and thankful for. Please do prayerfully consider whether you can increase your giving or start giving for the first time so that we can meet this target.

LEGACIES

We would love it if you would also consider leaving the Trust some money in your will to ensure this vital work can continue for many generations such that yours or your friends' grandchildren, great grandchildren and beyond might benefit in the way that so many of us have. We will be sending more information in this regard in the coming months.

Virginia Gill (Finance Manager)
and **Tim Malton (Treasurer)**

PRAYER POINTS

PLEASE PRAY...

that current supporters might be willing and able to increase their giving

that new supporters might start giving

that more campers would sign up for camp

that site fees wouldn't increase too much given the increased pressure that schools are facing

that God will continue to provide all the Trust needs to do the work He has prepared for us

LOOKING BACK TO SUMMER 2024



19
CAMPS

"Camp is the best week of my year!"



175
ASSISTANT LEADERS

"A welcoming and exciting environment to learn about myself and Jesus"

125
COOKS/
TASKFORCE

"My sons had the best time ever and that's all down to the amazing team of leaders. We appreciate everything you do for our children. The boys had me book them on straight away for next year!"



420
JUNIOR CAMPERS

"Camp is an awesome experience no matter what you believe!"

"You come in as a stranger and leave feeling like family"

560
SENIOR CAMPERS

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



"Life changing and inspirational"

157
BURSARIES
TOTALLING
£41,045*

"This is consistently the best week of my summer; I laughed so much and enjoy it enormously. Five stars!"

* We are very grateful to the Slavanka Trust for providing support for additional bursaries this year.



LEARNING FROM THE MAKIN REVIEW

In November 2024 the Makin Review was finally published. It had grown considerably in magnitude and in significance since it was first commissioned in 2019 and Keith Makin, a former director of social services, ended up with a much larger job than initially anticipated. This resulted in the delays to the final report being published, originally planned for late 2020, as many more came forward to contribute to the Review.

The Makin Review was very hard reading, even for those who knew something of the shockingly brutal behaviour of John Smyth towards young people who trusted him and of the negligence of so many in authority over the years. The trustees reflected in their statement on how profoundly grieved they were to read it and how deeply sorry they were for the times when the Trust did not put the welfare of victims and survivors first and for the additional pain this caused for a number of these people and their families.

We are grateful for victims and survivors who have spoken out at considerable personal cost; some to us directly and others more publicly and we have tried to listen well. Their testimony has shaped our thinking, our training and our ways of work and leaves a significant legacy to young people and adults today. We engaged proactively with the review, sharing information to which we had access, recognising the significant suffering of victims and survivors, and wanting them to have access to a reliable account of the original events and their subsequent handling.

The recommendations focussed on both policy and practice in a number of areas – though they

were written for the Church of England, there is much to learn more widely as a few examples of changes we have made as a result of them demonstrate:

- **Policy** – the Trust Safeguarding Policy is reviewed annually in March and this year considered areas highlighted in the Makin Review including the need to be clear about the roles of those involved in pastoral care and to be alert to the risks and indicators of grooming.
- **Staff Training** – we want our staff to be confident in dealing with safeguarding issues and to set the tone on camp by responding well. At the February staff meeting, training covered imbalances of power as we reflected together on how awareness of this dynamic should affect the way we encourage young people to consider the gospel for themselves. The second topic was the importance of recording low level concerns, both about young people and also leaders, to ensure that an accurate picture is built up without leaving important gaps. The move to online reporting at camp via MyConcern in 2024 has made it much easier for young people and leaders to report any concerns they have.
- **Leader Training** – we want to equip leaders to have the confidence to respond well to safeguarding issues and in particular to encourage younger leaders to know that their voices are valued and their contribution is important. This includes ensuring they understand their responsibilities and also have the knowledge and skills to carry them out so training this year will include case studies and role play alongside information sharing.

- **On camp** – the Leaders’ room should be characterised by humility and service and so we will seek to actively teach and model weakness and the importance of avoiding creating pedestals to put people on. Care needs to be taken to show that all leaders can be challenged, even those who have been around a long time, while doing this with gentleness. We also want to recognise that dealing with safeguarding issues on camp is hard and to support leaders well at camp and afterwards if they have been involved in this way.

The review was not the start of the process for the Trust. The emergence of details about the abuse by John Smyth, both in the UK and Africa, had already caused us to reflect deeply on our culture and historic influences. Although the culture of the camps that The Titus Trust runs today has changed significantly from the Iwerne camps of the late 70s and early 80s we still wanted to look hard at our traditions and practices, make any changes necessary to ensure a healthy culture and follow best practice in all areas.

As part of this process, the Trust commissioned an independent Culture Review in 2020 which helped us identify areas where such change was needed. Its impact was far-reaching, changing significantly the experience of leaders at camp, shaping the training priorities for staff and volunteers and causing deep reflection on our vision, values and governance.

Whilst beginning to implement these changes, the Review was delayed so significantly that, in the interests of transparency and accountability, the Trust decided to publish a timeline of the period in question. This showed when the Trust became aware of John Smyth’s actions, how much we knew and how we responded. It was published in August 2021 along with answers to questions and allegations that had been raised.



The Makin Review’s important recommendations therefore help us to further shape a deep and thorough ongoing and long-term response to John Smyth’s terrible abuse.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the victims and survivors who have suffered so much and continue to live with the impact of John Smyth’s abuse today. The damage done by the original abuse by John Smyth and the failure of so many to act decisively to prevent its continuance cannot be undone. It is our hope, however, that one significant result of the Makin Review is the protection of the next generation from such horrors. We are committed to continuing to play our part in working towards that end.

Rosie Dunn

PRAYER POINTS

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Victims and survivors of John Smyth’s abuse

All impacted by the publication of the Makin Review

The trustees and staff as they continue to implement the Makin Review recommendations



SERVING FURTHER AFIELD IN SHEFFIELD



I'm the vicar of two churches in South Sheffield: St Peter's Greenhill and St James' Norton. Both churches would be termed 'revitalisation' churches, and each parish falls within the bottom 10% for social deprivation in the

UK on account of the estates that fall within their boundaries (Lowedges, Batemoor and Jordanthorpe). One of the churches is more traditional (based in a 12th Century building) and the other less so (based in a 1960's building that looks a bit like a spaceship). We don't currently have (m)any youth or children coming along and each feels quite stretched in its own way.

Whilst all of this might seem a long way from sunny summers in Llandudno (though see the pictures for evidence of the sun out in Sheffield) with camps full of young people and a clear shared gospel mission among the leaders, Glod has played a significant role in my journey here.

I started out on camp as a second-year student invited by someone at church and having no idea what I was letting myself in for! I joined as an AL (Assistant Leader) and continued to be involved for about 10 years serving as both a dorm leader and a leader of Assistant Leaders. I even spent a couple of years doing some work in a Glod school!

One of the convictions that strengthened in me whilst a leader on Glod was the desire to move towards areas of gospel need. As I was asking the question of where God was calling me to minister that involved asking the questions of 'where is the Lord opening doors?' and 'where is there need?' – both questions that shaped how Glod operated. Answering those questions led me to focussing on the North of England (for those who accept Sheffield as the North – some would argue that it's upper Midlands!) and areas of high deprivation. Not quite ministry in independent schools – but the same thread running through: where there's a need for gospel witness and the Lord opens a door, that's where I should be!



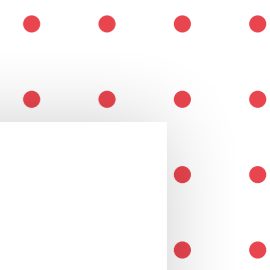
I received a lot of training on camp – feedback on talks, how to lead Bible studies, how to roll a Zorb ball without anyone falling out – which has certainly shaped and improved some of my day-to-day ministry endeavours (less so the Zorb training, but if the occasion ever arose, I feel I'd be ready for it). I'm especially thankful for the opportunities camp gave me to learn from older, wiser and godly Christians who I look up to as models for my own ministry. I hope that spending time serving alongside them on camp has influenced my ministry – caught rather than taught!

I think one of the things that most made an impression on me was the centrality of prayer to all that happens at Glod. The prayer meetings were the key meetings at camp. Dorm leaders and AL leaders met to pray each day, and camp began and ended by committing each camper – and everything that happened – to God. Prayer meetings weren't just about presenting God with a shopping list of needs (though we are to pray for needs, "daily bread"!)

but also about giving thanks and praising God for who he is. I have to admit that in my first few years I found the prayer meetings quite intimidating but over time they were part of my own growth in my prayer life.

In ministry it's easy to get fixated on particular techniques, courses or programmes. You get emails aplenty about books, ideas or whatever will change everything and fix all of the problems your church is facing and lead to times of plenty. Some are useful, most are not. But "unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain" (Psalm 127:1). Glod gave me a good grounding in a ministry that begins and ends in prayer.

Ben Shires

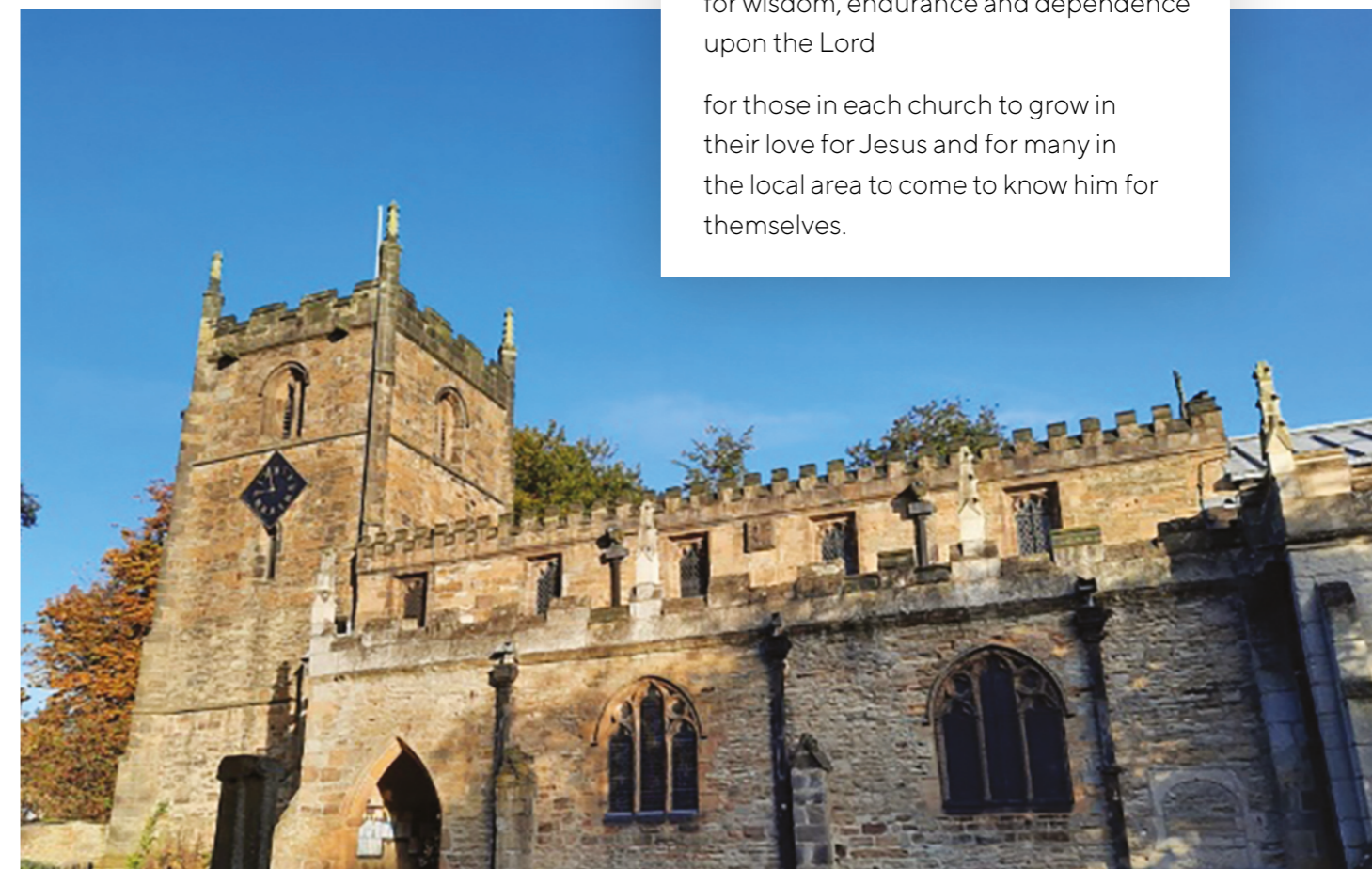


PRAYER POINTS

PLEASE PRAY...

for wisdom, endurance and dependence upon the Lord

for those in each church to grow in their love for Jesus and for many in the local area to come to know him for themselves.





SERVING FURTHER AFIELD: LIGHTS IN A LIGHT SHOP

James and Katie (not their real names) are serving Christ in the Middle East.

Matthew 5:14 *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

Eight years ago we left the UK to live in the Middle East. Islam is the dominant worldview in this part of the world, controlling virtually all aspects of life and culture.

Praise God, the church of Christ has a small but significant presence too. In fact, there have been Christians in this region for 2,000 years! The 21st century has seen both new generations of evangelical Christians and growing numbers of Muslim-background believers as well.

There is huge societal pressure on all of these believers to keep their heads down and keep their faith to themselves. Muslim-background believers can face losing their families, their jobs and even their lives, while Christian-background believers can have churches shut down and face interrogation from the secret police.

Local believers, therefore, have mainly opted to keep quiet about Christ, and outreach is almost a taboo subject, with the visible church keeping itself separate from the mainstream Muslim society.

But is it right to hide for the light of Christ to stay hidden?

Near our house, there is a beautiful light shop filled with stunning lamps, uplighters and chandeliers. Day and night they radiate their light, to all of the *other* lights in the shop.

These lights in the light shop represent the local



church. We dream of seeing local Christians reaching local Muslims for Christ, imagining the light that could be unleashed in our country. These lights are not meant to remain on the shop floor. It is our strong conviction that the church is God’s agent to reach the world with his gospel.

This conviction was nurtured in us years ago on multiple Lymington Rushmore camps. As we served as young leaders, we were trained in the kind of ministry skills and especially attitudes which, years on, we now use to come alongside local believers to engage, equip and support them in their outreach. The importance of **personal work**. How to handle **spiritual apathy**. The priority of **prayer**. Confidence in **God’s Word** to change people. **Perseverance**, as we take the long-term view.

So please do pray for us in our relationships, both with believers and unbelievers. But most of all, pray for the local church in this country.

Pray for godly attitudes: for concern in place of apathy, boldness in place of fear, understanding in place of ignorance, and above all for love. We remember the “Three Loves” that were heavily emphasized on camp: “Love for the Lord; love for one another; love for the lost.” May the church here learn to love like that in the years ahead.

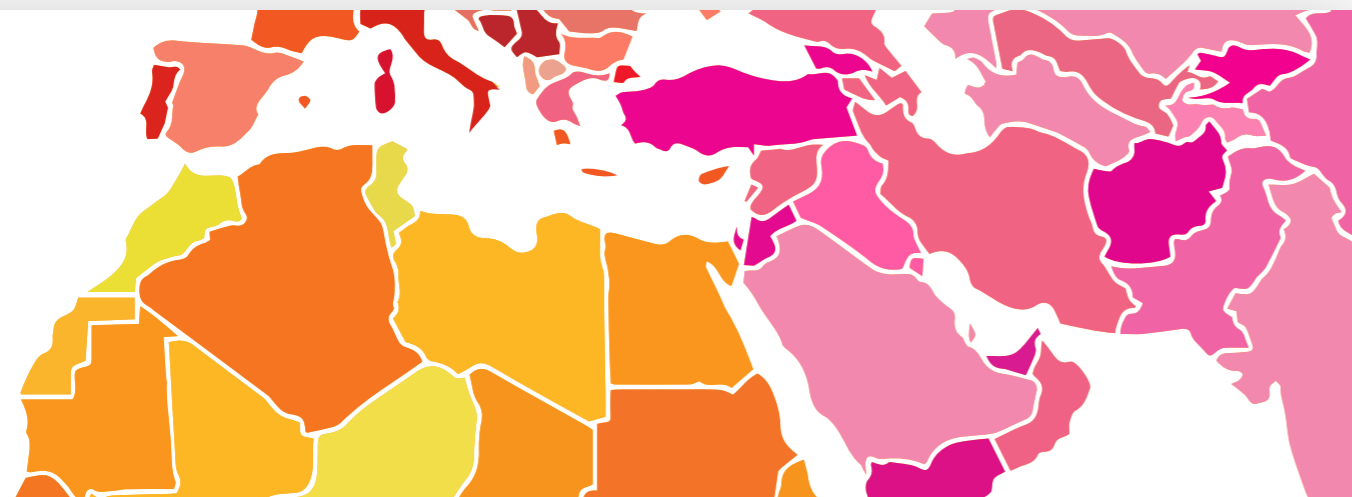
PRAYER POINTS

PLEASE PRAY...

For their relationships with believers and unbelievers

For godly attitudes in the local church

For the local church to grow in its love in the years ahead





PATRICK MACKIE

Anthony Thomas looks back on the life of Patrick Mackie, a long-standing leader on Swanage holidays and a prep school teacher.

I had the pleasure of working with Patrick at Swanage for 20 years. He was a man of great integrity, humour, and for whom the Gospel was paramount in his life.

As you drove up the drive at Forres School on the first day of the House Party you would see Patrick, hand out to greet you, and on his face a beaming smile. You could not miss him – in long khaki shorts! For the perhaps anxious parent his demeanour bestowed hospitality, confidence and a genuine charm. They knew their son would be in safe hands.

He delighted in sharing the Gospel message; he was easy to talk to, and, more importantly, was an ever-ready listener. He did not push the Gospel message, but would be happy to share

it with whoever showed an interest. God was never far away from his thoughts, especially when washing his hands during those moments before a meal, often ending with an arrow prayer for what or whoever was on his mind at that time.

One of the memorable sights of Patrick was evident on the afternoon of Hunt The Spy in Swanage. We roamed around the streets wearing all sorts of disguise; but just who were those supposedly elderly gentlemen, one in a wheel-chair, and his accomplice pushing him? None other than Patrick and David Cooper, who would switch between invalid and carer when there were no boys around.

Patrick loved life, he loved the world of Prep Schools, he loved people, and he loved Jesus. So many young boys found their faith by listening to his wise words and counsel. The seeds that he planted had a truly excellent chance of growing into strong sturdy plants. Thank you, Patrick.

Born 2nd November 1937

Educated at the Dolphin Prep School, Rugby and Trinity Hall, Cambridge

National Service in the Royal Tank Regiment

1961 – 1996 Taught at Pinewood including becoming Assistant Headmaster

"He was one of my oldest and closest friends; we go back to the late 1950s. He was not only a soul mate but also someone whose life commanded admiration, huge respect and which set the very highest of standards. His Christian faith was right at the centre of Patrick's life, a deep faith that was neither ostentatious nor aggressive but one of humble service and witness.

I first got to know Patrick when we met at a Scripture Union holiday camp at Iwerne Minster in Dorset. We then went on to be assistant leaders at the camps for prep school boys at Swanage. There, his many talents came to the fore, for he was very much on the wavelength of the young.

For Patrick was immensely talented: as a sportsman; he had a fine mind, was extremely well read, loved music and the arts and was devoted to the classics. Yet, he wore his learning lightly. He never drew attention to it. Patrick was the most modest, the most humble of men. He was other-people centred, seeing himself as being in the world to serve rather than to be served. He exhibited the great qualities of godliness, love, compassion, courtesy and kindness, qualities that made him an inspiration to his fellow Christians and to so many others."

Excerpts from the address given by Christopher Knox, who led with him on Swanage, at his memorial service.



"I had the privilege of being taught by Patrick but he was so much more than a teacher for me. Growing up as I did, without a father, boarding school was for me the perfect solution and Patrick was a key element of this success. Patrick was a steady, fair and wise presence throughout my time at Pinewood. He stretched me academically and instilled values which remain with me today. I remember his discipline with gratitude, his compassion with admiration and his humour, and wonderful laugh, with great fondness. I was lucky enough to attend Scripture Union camps at Patrick and Henry's invitation and also kept in touch with him long after leaving Pinewood. He has been critical to my formation as a human being and I will be eternally grateful to him. (In fact I can't wait to see him and celebrate with him in heaven!)"

Roger Mawle, an Old Pinewoodian, who also attended camp

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE TRUST

I. PRAYER

The trustees, staff and all those involved in our ministry value your prayer for all that we do. We know that only God can change hearts and so we long that you would continue to pray for us. We have identified prayer points throughout this Annual Report and we hope you will open it and pray over the coming months as well as using our Summer Prayer Diary.



2. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

We would love it if you felt able to support the work of the trust financially as well as through prayer if you are not already doing so. If so please see below for the different ways you can give:

1. Bank transfers (BACS) and standing orders can be made direct to our Titus Trust bank account:

ACCOUNT NAME: The Titus Trust
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 71621318
SORT CODE: 55-70-13

2. On our website www.titustrust.org/support you can make a one-off donation or set up a regular gift.
3. Cheques / CAF vouchers (both made payable to the Titus Trust) can be sent to our Oxford address at: 12 Lime Tree Mews, 2 Lime Walk, Oxford, OX3 7DZ

If you are a tax payer and we would be able to claim Gift Aid on your donation please complete the Gift Aid form on our support page (www.titustrust.org/support) or let the office know if you would like a paper form.

Thank you! We very much appreciate your support.

3. SUPPORTER EVENTS

We were delighted to meet many supporters at our event in London in February. These events provide an opportunity to hear about the current work of the Trust, to enjoy time catching up with friends and to pray together. Do look out for details of upcoming events and if you'd like us to come to your area and can suggest a suitable venue then please do get in touch.

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