

*“...whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither -
whatever they do prospers.”*
(Psalm 1:2-3 NIV)

Recently I gave a short talk to a group of adults with learning difficulties. We were looking at the joy of growing things, and how it's important and good for us to keep growing even if we're 'grown ups'!

I also recently overheard a young person at JAC ask “What does a plant need to grow?” This made me think how important it is for us to have a desire for growth, as well as knowing what it is that we need to grow.

For good growth a plant needs food, water and sun light. In Psalm 1 the picture of a tree planted by fresh water is a beautiful illustration of how we should want to be – fruitful and rooted. Just as a plant needs good soil and food, so we should delight in God's word which is food for our soul. Plants also need water to nourish and sustain them otherwise they droop. How often do we feel like we're drooping and in need of refreshment? Just as a glass of fresh water refreshes our bodies, fellowship with Christians and the Holy Spirit refreshes our souls. By sharing our struggles we open ourselves up to the refreshing that the Holy Spirit and others can offer. But if we don't put ourselves in a position of vulnerability then we will never know the blessing that this can offer.

Positioning is important for plants too. Some need shade, others full sunlight, but none flourish in darkness. And nor will we. Just as flowers open up in the sun light we need to be stepping into places and situations where we can rest in Gods light. We don't need to produce this light ourselves, but by being in the presence of the son, Jesus, we will find that we can fully realise our potential and be the fruitful, rooted individuals He made us to be.

So my challenge for us this month is to be inspired by Psalm 1, rooted in God's word and finding opportunities to be refreshed by Gods presence – and in this way we will grow and not wither.

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Just Around the Corner Prayer Diary **July** 2016



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ENCOURAGING **POSITIVE CHOICES**

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ❖ **Sessions at Rehoboth** are held every day (except Sunday).
- ❖ The JAC Pad is not currently open.
- ❖ The JAC Shop open Mon - Saturday

SUNDAY

- Eden 7.00-9:00 pm at Sandford Youth Centre

MONDAY

- School referrals 1:1 sessions**
- Sam & Yvonne's day off

TUESDAY

- School referrals 1:1 sessions**
- Pottery sessions
- JAC PAD Market Stall, Wokingham
- Eden Cell group (led by Gerry)
- Leaders Cell group (led by Samuel & Yvonne)

WEDNESDAY

- Sewing Group
- School referrals 1:1 sessions**
- Woodley afternoon Detached
- Eden prayer meeting (led by Samuel & Yvonne/Richard and Sam)

THURSDAY

- School referrals 1:1 sessions**

FRIDAY

- Sam & Yvonne's day off
- Maiden Erlegh small groups
- School referrals 1:1 sessions**
- JAC Pad Market stall, Wokingham
- Afternoon detached Ashenbury Park
- Evening Detached Teams: Woodley, Earley, Crowthorne.

** Schools include Beechwood, Sandy Lane, Maiden Erlegh, Hillside, Foundry, College Town Jnr, Oakbank, Waingels, Garth Hill, Holly Springs, and Farley Hill

Diary Dates

1st July

Big Camel booked in for MOT. Pray for the outreach plans and future use of this vehicle.

2nd July

Site Development Planning Day for Sam & Yvonne

Saturday 9th July

Fun Day at Rehoboth – 11-4pm. Everyone is welcome to come and explore the site. Entry is free but there is a charge for some activities.

13th July

Fiona on first aid training

Monday 18th July

Trustees Meeting

14th – 20th July

Rebooking time allocated for cancelled sessions during the term.

20th July

Stables staff meeting

23rd – 30th July

New Wine

Wednesday afternoons

Cluster groups from local schools

Wednesday 20th July

Monthly prayer meeting at Rehoboth (Do join us at 10am if you can!)

Prayer and Praise

Thanks and Praise:

We ran lots of activities and had some amazing conversations at Hurst show on 25th-26th June. Thank you to everyone involved, we had a wonderful time despite the showers! It was great being able to tell people more about JAC and the work that goes on. Would God be gloried as we tell of what He's been doing!

We have paid a deposit on a box that is being refitted for us and are hoping to have it with us this month.

Rehoboth:

Our small animals now include goats, ducks, chickens, tortoise, rabbits & Guinea-pigs. Please pray as a new role of assisting looking after these animals opens up. Please also pray for safety as our menagerie expands and for Sam as he keeps up with the gardening and maintenance of the site. We are hoping to reach out to local Churches to come and help on site for one Saturday a year.

Stables:

Naomi, Ali and Micky are all doing assessments for various qualifications at the moment. Please pray for good time managements and stability as their assessors keep changing.

JAC Pad:

Please pray for Chris as the JAC Pad is running down over the summer. Would God have his hand over the logistics as we move furniture and equipment. Please also be praying for the long term plan for the JAC Pad and the relationship between JAC and CCA as they work together and think of the future.

Mentoring:

Would God bless our mentors and tutors with creativity, head space and time to plan in a way that impacts the young people, particularly those that will finish working with us at the end of this term.

A new mentor supervision group for non-equine mentors has been set up. Would God give them guidance as this group balances developing resources, training and support with caseloads.

Other:

As JAC grows, would God bless us financially so the variety of activities we offer can continue. Would God also give Mirielle time and wisdom as she plans fundraising ventures for existing and new projects.