

FIRST December 2013

CF Youth and Children NEWSLETTER



Community House Countdown Begins

EXCITING NEWS: we now have the front-door key to the Heaton Park Community House. A modern semi-detached property, it is just 5 minutes' walk from the Office.

The House is being set up to offer an experience of small-scale community life to young adults with a Christian commitment.

Included will be those serving with the Youth and Children's Office on internships or similar programmes.



We also have a vision of the House as a welcoming stop-over place in Manchester for members of CF-XTRA and others serving the Congregational Federation. The life of the House will be developed by its participants - under the guidance of a House Leader - in order to establish an intentional, welcoming and sustainable Christian community.

We'll be pleased to respond to enquiries from those aged 18 to 29 who are interested in being part of this project. The House is due to open at Easter.

Flying in from Zambia



AS OUR SUMMER INTERN next year, Abigail Sathulu will be one of the first House members.

From All Saints UCZ Congregation in Kabwe, Abigail is a Sunday School Teacher who visited us in 2012 as part of a youth team from the United Church of Zambia.

She is due to arrive at the beginning of May - and will be with us until September.



The 2014 programme including Summer Camp, Overseas Trip and May Assembly events are all featured on the website.

For more information contact John Brown at the Youth and Children's Office or the Core Team at xtra@congregational.org.uk

Child Friendly Coaching

ANY CHURCH MEMBER can help make their fellowship a great place for children to belong. Through 2014 we are holding seven regional Child Friendly coaching days. These are for anyone and everyone, not just leaders and not just churches on the award scheme.

Each day is from 10.00 am to 4.00pm and - if booked in advance - places are £10 including meal and refreshments. Look out for our 2014 brochure with lots more information.

REGION	DATE	VENUE
England North West	Saturday 1 st March	Stubshaw Cross IM Church, Ashton, WN4 8UN
Scotland	Saturday 8 th March	Ebenezer Cong Church Airdrie, ML6 6BN
England North East	Saturday 29 th March	South Hetton IM Church, Sunderland, DH6 2RG
England Midlands	Saturday 13 th September	Oakham Cong Church, Oakham, LE15 6AJ
England East	Saturday 4 th October	Quiet Waters Retreat House, Bungay, NR35 4YB
England South West	Saturday 8 th November	Stapleton Rd Cong Church, Bristol, BS5 0QZ
Wales	Saturday 15 th November	Hebron Hall Christian Centre, Dinas Powys, CF64 4YB

Child Friendly Hands-On

The national Team will be spending February mid-term break in South Wales with a programme of children's and community events.

Churches taking part are: Abertillery, Barry, Carmarthen, Cwrt Sart, Pen-y-Dre and Upper Killay.

