



Report 2000

Weekends

Over 100 of us have been away on TFG's weekends this year. In January years 10+ were challenged to be Signposts to the Lost: the way we live our lives being watched by those we live them near. In May it was the turn of years 7 - 10 and The Word is Not Enough, where we examined in closer detail the ten verses we have aimed to learn over the year....but knowing them is not enough, we have to live them!

And then last weekend (7-9 July) the 18+ group examined the Apostles Creed and what it teaches us about our faith.

Lunchtimes

Five lunchtimes sometimes seems like not enough to pack in all we do at TFG. The Monday worship time gets up to 50 attending, years 7 & 8 on Tuesday has about 30 (bigups to Miss Amess for helping here, along with year 10s), ex-



students return to join the year 11 - 13 meet on Wednesdays and there's another large crowd on Thursdays for years 9 and 10. In these meetings this year we've been looking at the Ten Commandments. On Fridays we just "chill-out" together, though we've also had some great visiting speakers and videos.

Da Prayer Meetings

Well, we (thats Andrew Farquhar and Mark Tate) first started about a year ago in September. Geoff had asked us 2 do it due 2 da revival talk we did in the main TFG meetin last year. So we felt really blessed that we were asked and knew that God had MILITANT plans 4 it and us. So we started it.

On da first meetin we were well pleased with a congregation of 8 and on the second about 10 (whooooooo!!!!!!) We felt really happy as it was growin and thought there would be even more in da next meetin, so da next meetin came and we got 5 includin us (BOO!!!!)but now we are a 20+ strong group and we really thank the 'G' on high for what he has done and goin 2 do!!

We had five main points of prayer

1. Hunger for God within the school.
2. We need to repent of going our own way.
3. Inspiration and encouragement for Mr Lumley and the members of T.F.G.
4. Unity and acceptance amongst christians of different class, culture, race.
5. Strength and encouragement for christian staff, including Ms Hankinson Parr. A desire amongst the staff to see Twyford alive to God.

and that the parents would allow and encourage their kids 2 come 2 da meetins (get da whip out if u have 2!!!!) along with

many more personal and eventful prayers e.g. heatseeker meetins¹ and da Back 2 Reality mission week. Through the prayer meetin which is now almost a church meetin in its own right we have worship, obviously prayer and even a talk now and again. In da meetin God has helped people get back in touch with God and helped their spiritual lives, as well as motivate all off us.

We wanna thank all the regular prayer meeting goers 4 turnin up through thick and thin with us.

AND A MILITANT SHOUT OUT 2 DA HEATSEEKER MASSIFF (RESPECT!!!!!!)

God Bless

Andy and 'Markie T'

TFG Online

www.tfg.org.uk

Brand new for this year has been our ever-growing website. Bits keep being added all the time. As well as photos, teaching material and info about TFG we've now got a message board, guestbook and even our own chatroom! There have been over 1100 visitors since it was launched, and it'll be the place to be in the summer too to keep in touch with each other... if you haven't got the net at home you'll have to start going to the local library or cyber cafe! Of course, The Word's new editor @dam knight has designed a fantastic web versionits all there on our site! And if you've got one of those internet mobile phones you can find TFG's "WAP" site at www.tagtag.com/tfg, courtesy of Adrian Little.

E-mails for: TFG: Geoff@tfg.org.uk
Adam/The Word: tfg_the_word@hotmail.com

E-mail is proving an easy way to keep in touch with people. So, if you want to get

regular news from TFG and you have e-mail, make sure you fill in one of the forms at the meeting tonight!

Thursday Evenings

More people than ever have been coming on Thursday evenings recently. This meeting, for senior students and ex-students, is a time of learning, sharing, supporting and worship. Its one of the places where leadership skills are developed..... we have many worship leaders at all ages in TFG, and there are also those with gifts at leading meetings and speaking....as well as praying with others. Thursdays have no on-going theme, but focus instead on the needs of the group week by week.

There will be no in-school Thursday meetings during the summer hols...but ad hoc arrangements often happen so make sure you are on a contact list if you want to come!

1 I've been coming to the prayer meeting since it started. At first (sorry Andy and Markie) it was a little dry cause only a few people came. Recently however, it picked up and became really good and God has been moving in special ways amongst many of my friends. He has even brought one of them back down to tfg in the past month or so...so there u go. Basically she fell away from God due to some events in her life and has only recently come back (hooray!!!!!!)

TFG weekend was brill, food okay on short notice. TFG in general really good, but a bit stuffy at times!!!!!!!!!!Prayer meetings really cum on...big up to Markie and Andy fo all their efforts. Thursdays really good and Tfg has been classed as friendly on a whole by most of my non tfg friends now they have

¹ Heatseeker = evangelistic youth events at their church

experienced it.

Basically god has been moving a lot down the basement and that can be seen by some of the rest of the school.

Luv and safety pins

Sarah

2The following is Adrian Little's testimony, written for the website but not yet on it!

Isaiah 42:3 "he will not break a crushed reed or snuff out a smouldering wick"

This verse means an amazing amount to me; it has been both my hope and my fear.

I was brought up in a Christian home; indeed I am "the son of a preacher man" and from an early age was dragged to church for Sunday School etc.

When your formative years are spent in a Godly environment it is, in my view, perhaps harder to realise the personality of God and to understand that Jesus came for YOU! So being content with a happy and rosy outlook on life I set about ruining all the good work that had gone on in my life already.

I abandoned my faith and did what I wanted and I let people down very badly, in short if it had been done to me what I had done to others my first thought would be of revenge not forgiveness. I deliberately went against all I knew to be right and set about living the way the world says is right.

I won't lie to you at times it was great, but you always know that Jesus can see you and he knows the hurt that you hide inside. There's a great Christian album by a guy called Ralph Ward (good name) and one of his songs is based on 1 Timothy 6:7-10 his song includes the following lines

"and while I'm at the party the laughter is for real, and all the while my flame is going out what hope is there for me, there's someone looking over my shoulder, someone whispers in my ear; let go and let God take the pain away"

When you walk away from God you close the door between you and Jesus. God will not

snuff out your "smouldering wick" he stands at the door of your heart and knocks.

It took me 3 years to make my mistakes and to acknowledge that I had failed God; he had not left me I had tried to leave him.

Eventually I went to the Senior Annan Court Weekend last year and God gave me the bottom line, I cried a lot and have tried to walk with God since, it's not easy but we have a promise that he will not snuff us out, cling to the promises in God's word that is what they are there for.

The verse at the beginning is repeated in Matthew 12: 17-21 written a thousand years later but still saying the same thing that same thing applies today, accept Christ, acknowledge him, he will never let you down.

If anyone wants to contact me you can at adrian@london.com.



THE MEDICINE YOU NEED.



WARNING: Side effects include freedom from guilt, reduced tension, increased joy, spontaneous laughter, love for your fellow human, eternal life, and an urge to tell others the wonderful news.

If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from
all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

©1985, Paul Lee

Thanks.....

Particular thanks to all who have given towards the work of TFG, particularly The Maranatha Trust which has paid Twyford to release me from 20% of teaching timetable for several years.....

The Future?

In the immediate future much the same as before.....at least in terms of where and when meetings take place. But in the longer term there are now clearly several young people with a call to serve God. Perhaps we should be considering something along the lines of TFG Ministries as an umbrella for

them to launch into service, providing support and finance along the way until they can "go it alone". This would of course require much more funding, and other people to help with and do the admin.....but they ought to be from within the group somewhere anyway!

Within school there is always scope for more time invested in the Christian work. This

has been a TFG Report.....there is also the Chaplaincy team and between us we organise the communion services and so forth that reach the whole school. As more of the school actively and openly express their Christian faith, so the demands increase. God has particularly been talking to me through Luke 5 and the breaking nets.....the catch is large and its time to call the other boat alongside!.....?

Holiday Quiz

The following were all answers in GCSE RE exams (not from Twyford of course!!). For one point each what should they say? And for an extra point each give the relevant Bible references. Hand in entries by Friday September 8th.

1. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
3. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
4. Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.
5. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
6. Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
7. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
8. Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
9. The Egyptians were all drowned in the desert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments.
10. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
11. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
12. Moses died before he ever reached Canada.
13. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
14. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
15. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar.
16. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
17. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
18. When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
19. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manager.
20. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
21. St. John, the blacksmith, dumped water on his head.
22. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you.
23. He also explained, "a man doth not live by sweat alone.
24. "It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
25. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
26. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
27. One of the opossoms was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
28. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
29. A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

