

## HOPE CHURCH NEWTOWN COMMUNITY PROJECTS

### PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN

#### 1. **LITTLE ARK**

For children aged 0-4 and parents, grandparents & guardians

**WHEN:** THURSDAYS 9.15AM – 11.15AM DURING TERM TIME

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 50 children & 40 – 45 adults attend weekly.

This is an informal parent and toddler group for parents/ grandparents, which is open to all members of the community. Activities include free play, craft activities, story time, singing and dancing.

#### 2. **LITTLE STARS**

For children aged 2-4

**WHEN:** SUNDAYS 10.15AM – 12.00NOON

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 10 children attend weekly

This group is a modern day interpretation of Sunday school for children aged 2 to 4. Activities include interactive play using toys, books and music and bible stories taught at an age appropriate level.

#### 3. **FAB MUMS**

For parents and children aged 0-4

**WHEN:** FRIDAYS 9.15AM – 11AM DURING TERM TIME

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 24 children & 23 adults attend weekly

This group gives essential support and parenting training to mothers, who are members of the local community, whilst their children are looked after in the crèche. Time is given for mothers to share on parent skills and help is given from a team of volunteers who give guided advice where needed.

The weekly programme includes guest speakers from many beneficial outside resources e.g. Citizens Advice Bureau. Fresh breakfast is provided for the mothers before the parenting classes begin.

#### 4. **HOPE DAY NURSERY**

For children aged 0-4

**WHEN:** OPEN MON – FRI 8AM – 5.45PM

**DETAILS:**

46 children are currently registered of which 12 are 'Flying Start'.

Established in September 2007 Hope Day Nursery is a day nursery provision that provides a childcare service in Newtown. The nursery is staffed by 14-trained professionals, two volunteers and two students.

They deliver childcare and education of a high quality alongside a clear and distinctive Christian ethos.

The nursery is a provider of 'flying start', a Powys County Council funded scheme, which provides free childcare for two-year-old children and is specifically aimed at families with limited financial resources.

**CHILDREN  
AGE 4 - 11**

**5. ALLSTARS**

For children aged 4-11

**WHEN:** MONDAY NIGHTS 6 -7.30PM DURING TERM TIME

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 50 children regularly attend.

The creative program includes games, stories, drama, tuck shop, singing and dance.

**6. ALLSTARS UNITED**

For children aged 4-11

**WHEN:** SUNDAY MORNING 10.15AM – 12PM

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 35 children regularly attend.

This group is a modern day interpretation of Sunday school and incorporates a creative program including games, stories, drama, singing and dance.

**7. PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

For children aged 4-11

**WHEN:** 5 SCHOOLS, ONCE A TERM

**DETAILS:**

Over 900 pupils per term will be a part of these assemblies.

**8. HOLIDAY CLUBS**

For children aged 4-11

**WHEN:** 3 MORNINGS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 200 children attend over the 3 days.

As an extension of the Allstars programme, holiday clubs run at least once a year on a three-morning basis during school holidays. Each event focuses on specific topics and the creative program includes games, stories, singing, and Bible stories. There is tuck sold along and a snack provided during the morning.

**9. PASTORAL CARE & VISITS**

For children aged 4-11

**WHEN:** AS AND WHEN REQUIRED

**DETAILS:**

Hope Church's Children's Pastor arranges visits with the children's parents from Allstars if the child is ill over a long period, or in instances of family tragedy will treat children to a day out.

**10. TLG (Transforming Lives for Good) THE EDUCATION CHARITY**

**WHEN:** 1 HOUR PER WEEK PER VOLUNTEER

**DETAILS:**

Every day there are children facing difficult circumstances in their lives such as bereavement, family breakdown, poverty or being in the care system. TLG is about bringing hope and a future. Trained volunteers coach and work on a one to one basis with children within a school setting. The overall aim is to improve a child's behaviour and in turn raise their levels of learning.

**YOUTH**  
**AGE 11 - 18**

**11. INVASION**

For young people aged 11-18

**WHEN:** FRIDAY EVENINGS 7.30PM – 9.30PM DURING TERM TIME

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 65 youth regularly attend.

This group is for young people aged 11-18 from the local community, it allows a space for youths to come, relax, and enjoy socializing with a range of age appropriate games, e.g. table tennis, play stations etc. During the evening, there is a creative meeting, which consists of games, drama, music and a time of exploring Christian principles and morals in a contemporary and relevant way.

**12. HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

For young people aged 11 – 16

**WHEN:** MONDAY-FRIDAY 10.45AM – 11.05AM APPROX. ONCE EVERY 6 WEEKS

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 750 young people attend each half term.

**13. KICKSTART**

Children in school year 6 moving up to year 7 at High School

**WHEN:** ONE AFTERNOON IN JULY DURING THE TRANSITION WEEK

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 165 children attended in July 2016.

This annual event takes place every July and is designed to help new year 7's to adapt to their new school surroundings. The Kickstart team, spend the afternoon with the pupils in their new high school and share through drama, music and lesson many subjects including homework, bullying and orientation of the large school building helping to prepare them for their big move up to high school.

**14. INVASION XS SUNDAY**

Young people aged 11-14

**WHEN:** SUNDAY MORNINGS 11.00AM – 12.00NOON

**DETAILS:**

This group is a modern day interpretation of Sunday school for youth and runs during the morning church service and incorporates a creative program of Christian teaching.

**15. SOCIAL SUNDAY**

For young people aged 14 – 18

**WHEN:** SUNDAY EVENINGS 8.30PM – 9.45PM ONCE A MONTH

**DETAILS:**

The group has more of a social emphasis and takes place in homes across the locality.

**16. YOUTH CAMP**

For young people aged 11-18

**WHEN:** 4 DAYS & 3 NIGHTS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

**DETAILS:**

An annual event which includes a program of outdoor activities including canoeing & rock climbing and also games and teaching. This camp is focused on fun and involves teaching on topics that are relevant to young people.

**17. PASTORAL CARE & VISITS**

For young people aged 11-18

**WHEN:** AS & WHEN REQUIRED

**DETAILS:**

Regular contact is made to the attendees of Invasion to give encouragement, advice and to be of support with issues and problems.

**18. YOUTH LIFE GROUP**

For young people aged 14-18

**WHEN:** TUESDAYS 7.30PM -9.00PM TERM TIME

**DETAILS:**

This is run alongside the main church Life Groups (see Life Group information).

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**19. OPEN DOOR**

For the people aged 60+

**WHEN:** WEDNESDAYS 10AM – 2PM

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 30 adults would regularly attend.

This lunchtime social club ran for the elderly of the community to allow a time of meeting together, socialising, and activities. The morning started with activities and would include guest visitors, talks, games and demonstrations. The afternoon was complete with a three-course meal to suit all dietary needs.

NB. Open Door has closed for the time being due to lack of facilities.

**20. BETHSHAN NURSING HOME**

**WHEN:** 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK

**DETAILS:**

Bethshan is 40-bed nursing home, which was birthed from Hope Church but is now a separate Charity. The Home opened in 2001. The aim was to provide a place where the frail elderly could be cared for with love, dignity and excellence in an environment grounded in Christian principles, yet open to all regardless of their faith.

**21. BETHSHAN CHAPLAIN**

**WHEN:** 6 HOURS PER WEEK, INCLUDING A CHURCH SERVICE 5.30PM – 6.30PM THURSDAYS

**DETAILS:**

The Chaplaincy role provides pastoral care for residents, residents' families and staff in Bethshan Nursing Home. Time is spent throughout the week visiting the home talking with the 40 residents, 80 staff and also volunteers at Bethshan.

## PROJECTS FOR THE UNDER RESOURCED

### 22. **TURKEY FEST**

**WHEN:** THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 60-70 hampers (200-250 people) are given out each Christmas.

Through liaising with the local social services children and family team, local crisis centre, midwives and health visitors the Church are given names and addresses of families that are under significant financial pressure and /or are in need in other ways (i.e. some are temporarily housed in safe houses). Individuals from the church then fill the hampers with all the ingredients for a lovely Christmas dinner. i.e. Turkey, vegetables, Christmas Pudding, stuffing etc. and deliver them to the families ready for Christmas day.

### 23. **PROJECT BACKPACK**

For pupils moving into school Year 7, aged 11

**WHEN:** JULY / AUGUST

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 40 – 50 backpacks are given out each year.

This is an annual project providing backpacks for children from under resourced families.

This yearly event runs alongside consultation from local primary schools. They highlight children and families who may be struggling financially especially with the expense of moving to a new school. The primary schools give a list of pupils who have free schools meals and any others they feel are in need. The pupils are then given a backpack full of equipment and stationary needed when starting high school. Its objective is to ensure that children from deprived backgrounds are not disadvantaged through lack of equipment.

### 24. **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS**

**WHEN:** CHRISTMAS DAY

**DETAILS:**

Approx. 100 meals cooked and delivered each Christmas Day

Working closely with social services, a local drop in centre and direct contact it is highlighted that there are elderly and vulnerable people of Newtown who spend Christmas Day alone and / or are unable to cook their own meal. For over 25 years, we've prepared a hot Christmas dinner and a cold evening meal along with snacks, which has been hand delivered to each individual on Christmas Day.

### 25. **BIG EGG GIVEAWAY**

Pupils in school Year 6

**WHEN:** EASTER IN A LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

**DETAILS:**

275 eggs were given out Easter 2016

This launched in Easter 2016, to provide an Easter egg and a children's Bible storybook to explain the meaning of Easter to children and families at a local school.

Individuals from the Church bought a small Easter egg(s) and donated towards an age specific Easter Bible storybook to every child who attends a local primary school. The primary school is located in an under resourced area and many of the families who are represented have limited finances.

## OTHERS

### 26. STREET PASTORS

**WHEN:** SATURDAY NIGHTS 10PM – 4AM AND BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAYS

**DETAILS:**

Street Pastors is a nationally recognised service, which runs in many towns & cities throughout the UK. The aim of Street Pastors is to provide care and support for people who are out on the streets on Saturday nights. The type of care provided is varied and includes: providing flip-flops, first aid, assisting people who are drunk and in drug induced states to access medical assistance and get transport home.

[www.streetpastors.org](http://www.streetpastors.org)

### 27. CAP MONEY MANAGEMENT COURSE

For people aged 18 and over

**WHEN:** 3 WEEK PERIOD

**DETAILS:**

CAP is a nationally recognised course, which helps train in money management.

The program is led by trained volunteers who deliver a nationally recognised course and is designed to help people gain control of their finances by showing them how to build and maintain a budget.

[www.capuk.org](http://www.capuk.org)

### 28. CAP MONEY MANAGEMENT KIDS COURSE

For primary school pupils in school Year 6

**WHEN:** AS & WHEN REQUESTED BY THE LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

**DETAILS:**

CAP Kids is a nationally recognised course to help children gain an understanding of money management.

This program is delivered in local primary schools at the request of the head teachers.

68 children were trained over three different schools in the last 12 months.

### 29. PRE MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COURSE

For those planning to get married aged 18+

**WHEN:** AS & WHEN REQUIRED

**DETAILS:**

This is a nationally recognised course through the Alpha Course.

This 5-week course to develop strong foundations for a lasting marriage. The course covers communication, commitment, resolving conflict and goals and values.

### 30. THE ALPHA COURSE

For adults

**WHEN:** 12 WEEK COURSE

**DETAILS:**

Alpha is a nationally recognised course run through Holy Trinity Brompton Church and is DVD led.

Alpha aims to be a non-pressurized, fun and informative course; somewhere for people to share their thoughts and explore the meaning of life. Yearly courses are ran over a 12-week period and include a weekend away. This is open to all the local community, each evening starts with a hot meal followed by a DVD and discussion.

[www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org)

### **31. TEACH TO READ**

**WHEN:** WEEKLY BASIS

**DETAILS:**

A teacher from Hope Church helps others from the church or who attend a church department to advance their skills in reading, writing and maths.

### **32. LIFE GROUPS**

For adults

**WHEN:** TUESDAY EVENINGS 7.30PM – 9.00PM

**DETAILS:**

There are currently 13 groups with approx. 200 people in total attending.

These are small groups, which are held in the homes of people from the church. These groups on average have 15 people attending each group who meet together to build relationships, support and encourage one another, watch a Christian based teaching DVD, discussion and other life issues.

Within these groups, they also are involved in community projects e.g. painting local primary school classrooms.

### **33. BETHSHAN CHARITY SHOP**

**WHEN:** OPEN 9.30AM – 4.30PM MON – FRI and 10AM – 3PM SAT

**DETAILS:**

Bethshan Charity Shop is in Newtown's town centre and all profits made at the shop go to Bethshan Nursing Home. The funds raised help to pay for new equipment and much needed resources for the home.