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The Lord Is Building A House



Psalm 127:1 says '*Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.*' The reverse is also true, that when God builds the house our labour is not in vain. As Isaiah 65:23 puts it '*They will not labour in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them.*' We can take comfort from these verses that the things God has been building among us, will stand, we have not laboured

in vain. He may prune off some things where there hasn't been genuine life, there are always some things that need to go (and it's actually good thing when they are pruned) but we can have confidence too, that "at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" Galatians 6:9.

I think this season calls for a quiet sort of confidence that God is working and that if we just hold on, the other side of this will present some wonderful opportunities. I'm so encouraged too that in the midst of challenge, church life goes on. We have seven people on a Belonging to Church course that started a few weeks ago. The Lord is still building his house.

2019/2020 Prayer Goals

Can I just take this moment to remind us to continue to press into prayer for our goals? This strange season has changed many things, but we remain committed this term to seeing progress.

Prayer Ministry

Regular Who Cares

Overflowing thankfulness

Grow and multiply Community Groups

Reach the Nations on our doorstep

Excellent venue

Substantial youth work

Start planning a Church plant

Gift Days 4th & 11th October

Many businesses have furloughed staff and paused operations, but as the Church we just found different ways to carry on. We preach the word, run alpha courses, disciple young people and serve the needs of people in our community like a new mum who needed help settling in to a new home. We can't say in these uncertain times that we have it all planned out but what we do know is that the work carries on. And as you can see from this packed news update, there is plenty of work to do. Last May our Gift Days were an opportunity to give above and beyond regular giving to some external needs. It was a giveaway offering. This month our gift days are focused on raising funds towards the ongoing work of our church.

Will you help us?

Sunday Services & Watch Parties

If you would like to host or would like to be hosted to watch the Sunday service with someone, we can put you in touch with other households in the Church. Please get in touch with the office admin on admin@christcommunitychurch.co.uk Watch parties are subject to government guidance which currently limits these gatherings to no more than 6 people.

In the meantime, we will continue to stream our services on YouTube, and we are hoping to continue with *some live elements* this month. The services can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-g8znFpHEiMkizYwljtaKA>

If you want to be directed to the specific link each week, this can also be found via our church website here: www.christcommunitychurch.co.uk/sundays-2/ Just click where it says 'click here'.

Preaching

4th Oct	Benny Marrett (Standalone message)
11th Oct	Rob Tervet (Acts 8:5-8)
18th Oct	Rob Tervet (Acts 9:1-18)
25th Oct	Chris Govey (Standalone message)

Links for after church Zoom meetings are now the same every week:

Ministry response followed by after Church Chat

<https://zoom.us/j/107572067>

Meeting ID: 107 572 067

After Church Prayer

<https://zoom.us/j/96607772775> Meeting

ID: 966 0777 2775

Young Adults

We have now launched into our new term with a brand-new group of Young Adults.



We currently have 8 over 16's joining us for food, friendship, prayer and study each Wednesday at the Lighthouse. This is slightly more tricky working around social distancing, but they have all been really understanding and flexible. Please pray that we all bond together quickly, that as leaders we are able to steer and encourage our Young Adults well, and that God will grow each of us during the year to come.

This group is hosted by David & Hilary Reger, and Peter & Sharon Fitzgerald.

Young adults meet on Wednesdays at the Lighthouse at 6.30pm till 8.00pm. For more information please contact Peter via email: peter.fitz67@icloud.com or call Peter on : 07969255154

Lighthouse / CCC - Support line closed

With the Lighthouse operational again, please contact the church office as normal if you have any general enquiries. The support phone line is now closed.

Youth Church

After 6 long months, it is a joy to see our precious young people in real life once again at the Lighthouse rather than on Zoom! Here's what's happening in October:

- * Every Tuesday in term time:
Youth Community Group 7.00-8:30pm

You must book in online for this in advance using the email underneath.

- * Thursday 22nd October:
Plugged-In 7.00-8:45pm

This is a gathering of Relational Mission youth groups to pray and worship Jesus together, fuelling mission for generations to come. To book in, use the email underneath.

For more info on **anything** youth:
paige@christcommunitychurch.co.uk

WE'RE GOING DIGITAL

SAVE THE DATES:
20 & 21 NOVEMBER

YWA 20
WWW.YWA.ORG.UK

LADIES PRAYER

RUTH OYENIYI



Some of our church ladies have been meeting regularly on the first Saturday of each month to pray. The heart

for these times of prayer is to 'stand in the gap'; to see God move through our church, see our community transformed by the gospel, and seek God for our nation(s). 1Thes 5:16-18 / Col 4:2-4 / Ps 2:8. We usually meet early mornings, but currently on Zoom at 10.30am. The next session is on Sat 3rd October.

To join with this exciting adventure with Jesus, get in touch with Ruth Oyeniyi on 07956 990035 or you can email Ruth on royeniyi2002@yahoo.co.uk. Please contact Ruth the Thursday before if you want to take part.

Contact Details:

Rob Tervet - Church Leader (off on Saturdays) rob@christcommunitychurch.co.uk

Sharon Fitzgerald - Administrator & Fundraiser (Tues & Thurs)
admin@christcommunitychurch.co.uk

Paige Marrett - Youth & Who Cares? (Tues & Thurs) paige@christcommunitychurch.co.uk

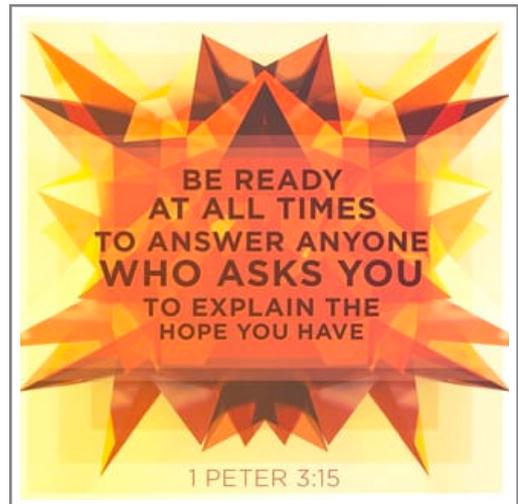
Rob Tervet, James Oyeniyi, Chris Govey and Benny Marrett are our **church elders**. Christ Community Church is in partnership with Relational Mission, part of Newfrontiers

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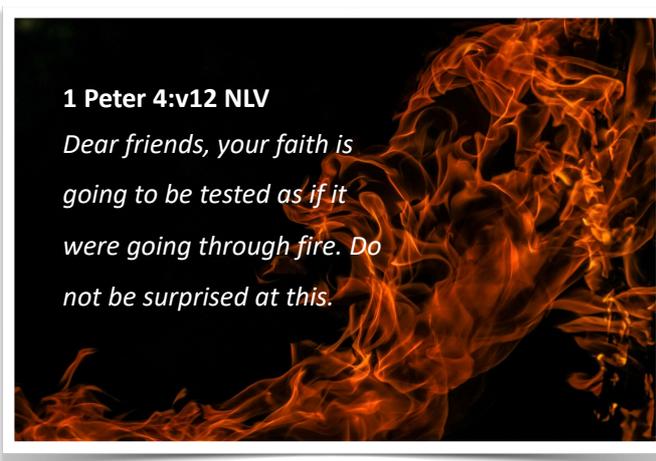
Christ Community Church Special Services - January 2021

There are places in the world today so spiritually fertile that demand for the gospel outstrips the supply of gospel preachers. What a fantastic problem to have! Here, on the other hand, we have grown accustomed to the spiritual conditions being more challenging where much of what we do is about generating demand and piquing interest. We are definitely not overwhelmed with people asking us to 'give the reason for the hope that we have'.

Coronavirus at the very least has been a profound reminder that there are some problems humanity faces that are simply beyond us. Despite all our progress in medicine, technology and science, this one disease has brought our society to its knees, and we are yet to see the full impact of its devastating effects. It makes you wonder, when this is all over, is it possible that the spiritual conditions in this country will be different? Might God in his mercy use this painful trial, to break up the ground for the gospel? Might we find when this is all over many more people are willing to listen? And if so, would we be ready?



At the start of next year we are planning a series of special services for everyone in our Church family called **'Ready for anything'**. The vision for these services is to prepare us for what comes next. The world is not going to be the same when this is all over, and we need to be ready.



We'll be digging in to the book of 1 Peter. Peter wrote this letter to Christians who he wanted to be 'alert' (v13) 'prepared' (3v15), and not 'surprised' (4v12) by what lay ahead. At the moment the dates and details are not finalised but the plan is for the services to take place over the first few days of 2021. Whatever happens with COVID and restrictions we are totally committed to finding a way for the event to take place and involving everyone whether home bound or able to come

out! One of the things we've all missed in these past months is moments of spiritual intensity with other believers. We look forward to starting the new year digging into God's word and being refreshed in his presence together. We'll be sharing more with you about these plans next month.

Community Groups

Some of our Community Groups are on Zoom while others are meeting in person at COVID safe venues. If you book in to attend a group in person, we will send you details of the guidelines for being COVID safe. Here are the details:-

Attleborough Group - Monday 7:45pm

IN PERSON at The Lighthouse.
Contact: Laura & Jason Offer
laurajayneoffer@gmail.com

Heisker Gardens Group - Tuesday 7:40pm

ZOOM Contact: Rob & Marjory Miller
millerrob82@gmail.com / 01953 452212

Great Barton Group - Tuesday 8pm

IN PERSON / ONLINE Contact: Matt or Sarah
mattrushby@hotmail.co.uk /
beth.rushby@hotmail.co.uk

Attleborough Group - Weds 10am

ZOOM: Contact: Bill Loades
wloades@googlemail.com

East Harling Group - Thursday 8pm

IN PERSON at East Harling Methodist Church
Contact : ChrisGovey98@gmail.com or
abinderofbooks@gmail.com

Children's Church

Children's Church are meeting on Sunday afternoons. We also have a WhatsApp group for prayer requests, sharing and learning scripture.

Contact: tabitha_botting@hotmail.co.uk for details.

New Community Group

Sam and Debs Page with Christine Tervet are starting a brand-new (COVID SAFE!) community group on Wednesday evenings at 8.30pm at the Lighthouse. If you want to get involved contact cjquissie@hotmail.com or deborah@christcommunitychurch.co.uk Rob Tervet interviewed them this week

1) What's the most interesting fact about you?

Sam: I have great knowledge of the rules of the cricket and old obscure politicians from the past.

Debs: Lockdown has taught me I certainly cannot cut men's hair! Sorry, Sam! And I now love gardening.

Christine: I'm starting a degree.

2) How has God encouraged you in this strange time of living?

Sam: He has reminded me all the way through lockdown that he provides, and he always will.

Debs: Through spending so much more dedicated time reading the word! I hadn't managed to do this properly in a long time and have been incredibly blessed and encouraged by God during these times.

Christine: Through the people I live with... It has been wonderful sharing stories and praying for each other about the ways God is working in their lives.

3) What are you looking forward to about your new Community Group?

Sam: Looking forward to encouraging others through these times.

Debs: Having lots of fun, encouraging one another and seeing actual faces!

Christine: Seeing real faces.

The Lighthouse is both our venue on Hargham Road and the name of the charitable company we founded to serve the needs of the local community. Lots of activities happen here regularly throughout the month. Due to the Corona crisis and Government restrictions on social gatherings, many of our actives have either had to be paused or are running over ZOOM. Please check listing for changes.



Random Acts of Kindness

A big THANK YOU to those who volunteered to deliver the beverage packages to all 119 Treasures folks on our database - despite the appalling weather conditions over the last weekend of September. Please continue to pray for our elderly community. The Government restrictions to prevent the spread of COVID continue to impact them particularly hard, as many are so vulnerable because of underlying health issues.



IGNITE UPDATE

Over the month of October Ignite will start to see more of its activities for young people restarting and regaining momentum. We are expecting the support to look like this:

- * Elia is joining the Rainbow Letters Team and we are continuing to support this initiative to make the transition to become a part of AA's Sixth Form Yr 12 Volunteering Programme.
- * Ignite is working very closely with AA 6th Form to ensure plans are well underway to offer an exciting Yr 12 Volunteer Programme of Placements to cater for nearly 60 Yr 12 Attleborough students.
- * We will be delivering the weekly Girls' Lounge (after-school drop-in) sessions using Zoom.
- * Re-start our regular Friday Night #OUTSIDE Detached support after gathering the team to launch this new season in Prayer on Friday October 2nd 8-9.30pm.
- * Catch up with the Ignite Drama young people on a Zoom chat - Thursday 8th October 7-8pm to help plan drama activities we will begin after half term.
- * Continue to offer 1-1 mentoring.

We want to thank God for his continued grace, wisdom and encouragement - we are so grateful to still be able to support local young people in a very meaningful way.

EVENTS THIS MONTH

IGNITE -Please continue to pray for Paige and Debs as they make ongoing decisions about the way Ignite is shaped in this new academic year. Please pray for the young people God has already lined up for us to support over the coming weeks. Please pray for Elia as she starts to do Detached Ignite with the team and gets to share her life and story with the young people in this community.

Please speak to Debs C if you are interested in having a "Taste & See" at any Ignite event, or you would like to join the Ignite Prayer Team



Ignite Youth Project

- **Girls Lounge** - After school drop-in, every Thursday currently via **ZOOM**
- **Youth Drama**. 6:30pm-8pm, 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month , currently via **ZOOM**
- **Friday Drop-In** - 8-10pm currently via **ZOOM and Instagram**
- **Ignite Mentoring** currently via **ZOOM**
- **IT Made Simple** 2-3pm every Thursday currently via **ZOOM**
- **Life Stories**, Friday 1pm, **currently paused**

Contact Debs Carter - Ignite Youth Project lead debs.carter@christcommunitychurch.co.uk for more information



Social events and coffee mornings. **Currently paused**



All Nations Cafe

Every Monday, 10 - 11:30am, The Lighthouse

A friendly space for International's to practise English, learn about cultural differences and receive help and advice. Contact Sharon for more details. **Currently paused.**

Attleborough Table Tennis Club.



Mondays 7-9pm, The Lighthouse. Open to all abilities. Aged 14+. Cost £1 incl. tea and coffee. **Currently paused.**



Parent & toddler group, Fridays, 10-11:30am. Contact Sara Govey (saragovey@gmail.com) . **Currently paused**

WHO CARES ?

Who Cares? is all about lifting the bonnet of the lives of the people around us and finding what they are finding hard to handle and then offering hope and compassion. We've found over the years that people's answers change and that asking the question '*what hurts you the most?*' again is always worth doing. In this changing season it's needed more than ever. We have churches across South Wales and the East Coast taking part as I write.

Who Cares is an ongoing part of our church outreach. And over this term we're going to be running Who Cares through our Church Youthwork, with a youth response Sunday planned for the **6th December**. During this month of October we have a fresh opportunity to send people the link for the who cares question, https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAOquu51HQvnu17oTwVvRDEQ2-q_U8jgJ8u5zvPIA_JCbEIQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1 . **Take a moment to think if there is anyone you could ask again, or anyone you haven't yet given a chance to take part. There will be a training session taking place with Community Groups to share how this can be done online.**

An interview with Stef Liston

Stef is known to a number of us as a regular preacher at Newday where thousands of young people gather at the Norfolk Showground. His heartfelt and biblically rich preaching is one of the main highlights of the event. For many others in the Church they were first introduced to Stef when he brought teaching at a special day in November last year, which was part of the 2020 church planting initiative. Stef is now part of the apostolic team that lead our family of churches, Relational Mission, and our Church leader, Rob T was delighted to get the opportunity to do an interview with him recently.



Rob: So to start with, tell us how you got saved?

Stef: Well my Mum's a believer and my Dad isn't and they divorced when I was very young. I got to see two home lives, one that was Christian and one the wasn't. I felt like I believed in Jesus when I was young but I don't know, I think only God knows. What I do know is that when I was aged about 15 or 16 years old I decided not to be a Christian. I made a clear decision not to be a Christian.

I'm so grateful to Jesus that he overturned this. I went to a Christian holiday called Stoneleigh Bible week but only because it was a free holiday and I liked a girl that was going! I don't even know what happened and can't even point to a particular sermon or moment. I already knew the gospel inside out, I had all the information. It was like I had loaded firewood in the yard but there was no flame. And then at some point someone just said could they pray for me. I said 'yeah fine' and they prayed. I can't remember anything happening but at some point that same evening or the following night I gave my life

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to Jesus. 'Jesus, I'm all yours'. I just surrendered to him and that's extraordinary because that wasn't what I was planning on doing at all! From then on really, things just started to change very quickly.

That was 30 years ago now and I haven't looked back. He did it. He just did it. It reminds me where it says 'Call on the Lord and you will be saved'. I didn't say any special words. I just cried out from my heart and surrendered to him and He did it.

Rob: *Did any one person have a significant impact on you coming to Jesus, and if so what did they do?*

Stef: That's an interesting question because it's kind of yes, it's kind of no. It's yes because growing up in different churches most of the Christians in my life were very positive but I wouldn't say that I had a longing to have what they had. And yet I respected them, I liked them and I could see that they were different. And there were definitely key moments.

One moment when I was on LSD and it went horribly wrong. I was in a bad way and the person who came around was my youth leader and he sat with me through the night even though I hadn't been with him in church for over a year. So there were those moments which stick in your head – where you find out who's there for you. And then at the Bible week itself there was a guy there who was just a year older than me. He was a load of fun and he was he was someone that I would have looked up to anyway. He was on fire for Jesus and I think that was a big deal.

So there wasn't one person who kind of consistently over time led me to Christ but there were positive experiences of other believers and also a couple of key moments.

Rob: *You're one of the apostolic leaders of Relational Mission, but you weren't always part of it, why did you join Relational Mission in the first place?*

Stef: Initially, it was a connection with Mike Betts. We had a few great conversations and there was a definitely a connection of hearts. I remember one key moment when I was having an argument with my wife which we were really struggling to resolve. Sometimes you have those arguments where you think 'we're not really settling this very well'. So I remember thinking I'll just lay it out and get Mike's advice. So, I laid it all out. He took a moment and said 'I think I think that it's 95% your fault'. I thought 'that's great'. You want to be led by someone who's got the courage to correct you. That was really meaningful. For some people that would have been the moment they decided not to join but for me, I thought 'Wow, this is good. I need someone like this in my life who is not going to just tell me that tell me I'm great'.

I also think really being around the kind of the culture, breathing the air of Relational Mission I've always found it to be pure. It's got a good biblical plumb line, it's not just pragmatic. It's not just efficient. It's not business, it's family. It's warm. There's a humility in the in the leaders, as well as accessibility and authenticity. I thought 'This is a wonderful wonderful kind of air' and that was huge.

We'd also planted a couple of churches by that point into Europe and we're in the process of doing so and historically that's where Mike and Maurice were particularly involved. And so again, there was a sense a few things that seem to come together.

Rob: *One of the changes it's happened in recent months is the launch of Relational Mission Communities where you guys in the Apostolic team have empowered a group of leaders to take the lead in caring for some of the churches. [Our church is part of a Relational Mission Community led by Jon Beardon]. Could explain something the reasoning behind that and the vision for that?*

It's a few things. One is the concern to raise up those whom God is raising up. We're into multiplication, we come back to Genesis which say 'be fruitful and multiply' that's the commission and in a spiritual sense fruitfulness can be gauged by multiplication. So, you want to multiply leaders.

The other thing is that you can only serve a certain amount of churches before people begin to feel a bit disconnected or feel a little bit distant. For health and flourishing, we want God to continue to raise up

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people that can lead these communities, so that we can all be in this together and yet have a smaller setting where we are very much engaged with the vision.

Our vision is to plant a hundred churches in the UK in the next 20 years. It's to plant 5 multiplying churches in the next 10 years in every continent, who go on to plant five more in the next 10 years. That's a big deal. And these communities can own certain nations or continents in terms of really planning and praying into them. We're looking to see 20 churches in every nation of Europe by 2050. This is an extraordinary vision that we're going for. These communities mean that people can engage with this vision on a level that doesn't feel too distant and removed and yet it's still like we're doing this together.

So it's about multiplying leaders and it's about caring for churches, not in a way that undermines what the elders are doing but in a way that serves and strengthens what the elders are doing. And these communities make that more doable. These guys can serve on our behalf.

Rob: *Apostles wrote Epistles, they wrote letters to their churches. If you were to write to our churches in the UK what sort of things would you want to say?*

I think I'd just want to paint a really big picture of God; who He is and His glory. His majesty. His sufficiency. His compassion and kindness. His Holiness. Even in the church things are becoming so man-centred. And if you read Ephesians 1 Paul is writing and there's all these blessings that God has given us and so in some ways it is about us and how blessed we are in Christ, but at the end it always says 'to the praise of His glory'. It always starts with Him and it ends with Him and I just feel we need rescuing from self. We need rescuing from this dead end, this obsession with who we are and how we're doing. It matters but there's something so much bigger at play. I want us to be a people impressed with this great gospel and this great Saviour.

I'd also really want to speak about the Word and the Spirit. We are to be totally committed to scripture and not dilute it, not add to it and not take away from it. We're not to tone it down but be totally committed to scripture as it as it has been passed down and as it has been communicated to us. We are also to be totally committed to powerful life in the Holy Spirit. These things go together, but the church has often pulled them apart. Jesus said 'The words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.'

So we want a dynamic relationship with God, and the gifts flowing with power by the Spirit, seeing the kind of things happen that we read about in the Bible. So, I guess the vision is simply biblical Christianity. I'd want to share a passion to move back to that simple kind of gospel proclaiming and Spirit-filled faith. I really feel strongly about that.

I think I'd also want to say that I believe if we are who God says we are, that we will flourish in adversity and not crumble. In this strange season we should be expecting God to do in us and through us more extraordinary things than if this wasn't happening.

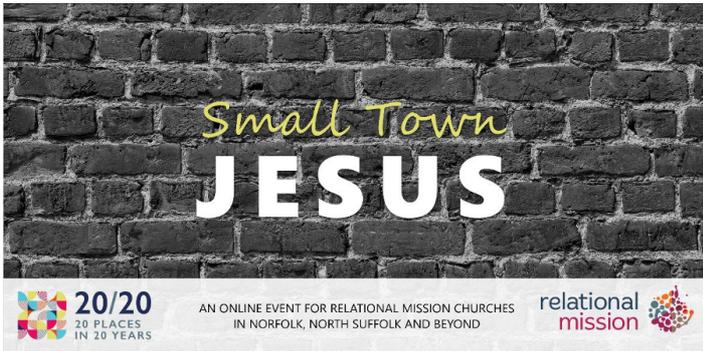
Faith is more precious than gold. It will be refined and purified in this season and come out stronger and purer than ever. The church needs to hear that we should be expecting to grow and flourish in this crazy season.

Rob: *Thank you so much Stef.*

Want to get more connected and involved with our Relational Mission family? Why not consider LEAD – our two year training course (<https://www.relationalmission.org/lead>).

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There are also two key events coming up – PLANT UK on the 20th and 21st November which is all about church planting in the UK. And our 20/20 day with Donnie Griggs.



Small Town Jesus Online

Saturday 7th November 2020,
9am-12.30pm

We would love you to join us as we talk about the big gospel that Jesus has for every place, no matter how big or small!

Last November we gathered as churches to launch our '20 places in 20 years' initiative. Stef Liston inspired us to both lengthen and strengthen as a group of churches. We have asked Donnie Griggs to further inspire us as we press on into this bold mission together. We are compelled to reach people where we are and to go and reach those in 20 more places as well.

This online Zoom gathering is designed to fill us with faith and help equip us for mission where ever we live. Donnie will be speaking twice, there will be live worship and interactive special interest groups.



Donnie Griggs.

Small Town Jesus Online - Programme

- 0850 Get connected online
- 0900 Session 1 - Big Faith for Small Towns
- 1000 Break
- 1030 Session 2 - Everyone A Missionary
- 1130 Break
- 1145 Special Interest Groups
- 1230 Close

Special Interest Groups

When you book your ticket you will be asked to select from one of the following special interest groups.

- **A Cuppa With Donnie**

Hosted by Adam Bradley with Donnie Griggs.

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- **Called To Go**

Hosted by Maurice Nightingale and Vlada Stojanovic

- **Everyone A Witness**

Hosted by Jaqui Lound and Marie Reavey

- **Nourishment and Networking - Youth Workers**

Hosted by Benny and Paige Marrett

- **Pioneering Mission, Norfolk and UK**

Hosted by Jon Beardon, Jon Mullender and Grantley

- **Prophetic and the Gospel**

Hosted by Marshall Schaitel

- **Talking About Race**

Hosted by Richard and Tenika Young from Revelation Church, London

- **"We're All In This Together!" - encouraging Children's Ministry in Relational Mission**

Hosted by Elisabeth Louis

- **Worship Matters**

Hosted by Simon Gallagher

- Further details regarding our Special Interest Groups, along with more information regarding the event and about Donnie Griggs, can be found on the booking website.

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/aylshamcommunitychurch/417429?utm_source=RMC+20%3A20&utm_campaign=5edd339b07-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_09_07_11_03&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_41ea011dd3-5edd339b07-316467019