

Moulton Additional Staff Trust

October 2011 Latest News

SIMON BERRY, APPRENTICE

At the end of my first year as apprentice here at Moulton I am grateful for many lessons learned last year, on everything from preaching to children, to moving chairs, to how to eat meal worms, and I look forward to much more to learn this year (although hopefully no more worms). I will be continuing to serve as an apprentice here, whilst also undertaking the duties of a residential warden at Moulton Agricultural College. As such I will be continuing to work with young people in the village at JAM club, Blue Door, and Liberate, and with the church's young people at MYF, T3, and the boys' bible studies. Please do pray for these groups, that through them young people would come to meet God and to know him better, and please pray for me to teach him wisely and to model him well.



Please do be praying as well for my role in the College: our links with the College are a great opportunity to reach and help many very needy young people. It will also be a very challenging environment for me, and I would greatly appreciate your prayers for that role. Please do also pray for wisdom as I look further ahead about possibilities for a PhD or for ordination, that I would be taking the right route.

JOHN SPENCE, ASSISTANT YOUTH WORKER

In my Last Mast update which came out a few months before I was supposed to leave the lovely Moulton I wrote about saying goodbye and my future plans, well what I honestly was not expecting at that point was to be here in the office on a Friday afternoon in September with a new job here at Moulton.



I was offered the job as assistant Youth Worker with responsibility for Outreach, and after considerable prayer and counsel was thrilled to accept

it. It is going to be a very challenging but hopefully rewarding role and one of the big upsides is that I get to stay here in Moulton.

What will the work look like? What will I be doing? Well, surrounding the young people of today is a world which offers immediate pleasures; it demands that we live for ourselves. It tells them to have worth they must be successful, rich and famous, that if you try hard enough anything is possible. Our role, our mission, our task is to stand against the flow of the world, we are charged like Paul Charge's Timothy in 2 Timothy 4 that in the power and presence of Jesus Christ to preach the word!

This next year I want to encourage the church in our mission of stepping out in faith, being servants in God's work of spreading the good news of Jesus in this community. This is the year, now is the time, not for us to shut down because we do not have a Vicar but to encourage, train and equip each other to build and strengthen relationships, to take the gospel to the community here in Moulton.

On one hand it is a scary task, on the other a privilege and an honour undeserved to take out the good news. My prayer is we take it with both hands and step out in faith.

DANI COOK, YOUTH MINISTER

"Be strong and courageous" Joshua 1v6

A new year in youth work is always an exciting time. Dreaming dreams for the next year and committing them to God and asking Him to work is refreshing and challenging. New members in different groups also help to keep it fresh and bring new opportunities.



T3 and MYF have restarted with energy and enthusiasm and we look forward to following our two series on "Faith to Follow" and "Journey into Life" over the coming term, along with socials, times of worship and prayer.

Work in the schools and Moulton College will begin shortly with a focus on building relationships and helping people begin on their path to faith. New ventures this year include hopefully more partnership with the RE department at Moulton Secondary School and also I am aiming to start an

evening drop-in session at Moulton College, with the aim of engaging with more of the students there.

As always I am very thankful for the team of volunteers God has provided and the work they do. Our focus as a youth team over the next 12 months will be to continue building up our team of volunteers, both numerically and in maturity and skills; and also to try and make the wider church more aware of the work and to be involved in praying regularly for the youth connected with Moulton Church. We will also be looking at developing some more community based youth work, led by John, and it will be exciting to see where this leads. Finally we will continue our commitment to discipleship through small groups, particularly for our older teenagers.

Personally, I am also beginning a course to obtain a professional qualification and potentially an MA, please pray that this would be really useful and that I would honour God in my time management.

Please praise God for the many conversations and opportunities to study the Bible with young people. Please pray for the young people as they start at new groups and return after the summer break. Please pray that we would always seek God's will for this work.

RACHEL MENON, WOMEN'S WORKER

"Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him..." Colossians 2: 6, 7

Two areas of work I would love to highlight and ask you to pray for in particular at the start of this autumn term.

Receiving Jesus as Lord – at the beginning of faith is Jesus!

Mums' Bible Study (weekly Tues 9-11am) has been up and running since Feb. Several mums have enjoyed an hour's peace while coming face to face with Jesus in the pages of Mark's gospel. This half term sees the start of something exciting and slightly different as we plan to run an informal Q&A session. An open invitation goes to all mums at Oasis, our mums and tots group, to join us as we chat over tea and toast about some of life's big questions. During our conversations we hope to speak about what the Bible has to say on questions such as suffering, is God really there, why are we here..... please pray for these mornings.



Continuing with Jesus as Lord – during the daily life of faith is Jesus!

Girls' Night Out – (monthly Wed 8-10pm) new this autumn! The aim of this venture is two-fold. Firstly to provide an evening forum for Christian women to encourage one another in faith through meeting together to talk (something we have no problem with!) and learn from an invited speaker. Speakers will be seeking to present what the Bible has to say about issues specific to things we face as Christian women. After the formal talk there will be opportunities for questions and further discussion. This term we are dealing with unity, prayer and guilt. Also we pray as we meet at Moulton Theatre we seek to provide an informal relaxed evening that we can invite friends unfamiliar with church and Jesus to come and hear what the Bible has to say. Please pray for this venture starting on 28 September.

Please continue to pray for our daytime Options: Oasis - work amongst young mums and children; Ladies' Fellowship - encouraging older ladies and Friday morning Bible studies as we look at the very practical book of James. Evening options – netball for the energetic and the Book Club and SMILE knitters.

Prayer Points:

Give thanks for many opportunities we have to learn about Jesus
Pray for the Q&A session at the mums' Tuesday Bible study
Pray for the new venture, Girls' Night Out

For more details on all activities for Women see the pink Options for women leaflet or contact Rachel Menon 646792 rachmenon@aol.com

Please do take this sheet away and use this sheet for your prayers.

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