



University of Warwick Christian Union

Events Week
Prayer Letter
2015

Dear Friends,

It is always such a privilege to be a part of God's ultimate plan to bring the lost home to Himself. There are times when you can do nothing other than take a step back and marvel at His goodness, and our main Events Week of the year was certainly one of those times!

Last week the whole CU rallied together, along with guest speaker Adrian Holloway and a group of external 'assistant missionaries' (AMs), to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ as one. Most importantly, however, the Lord was at work; drawing people to events and stirring their hearts by His Spirit to respond to the message.

*"Thus far,
the Lord has
helped us"*

1 Samuel 7:12



*Packed LunchBar (above)
and acoustic night (left)*

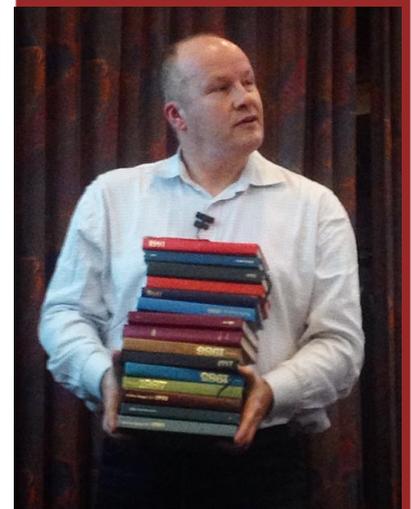
'The God I Didn't Want To Be Real'

We had a busy but exciting schedule for the week; including 8am prayer meetings followed by evangelistic lunchtime and evening events each day, as well as running Big Questions Boards on the piazza to open up conversations with passers-by and organising 1-to-1 meet-ups with those who wanted to find out more about the Christian faith.

Adrian gave a series of gospel-focused evening talks on the theme 'The God I Didn't Want To Be Real', with the challenge of speaking in a very different setting each night: an acoustic night, a ceilidh folk dance, a pub quiz in Leamington, and a couple of sit-down meals. Each was hugely attended, often by a far greater number than we expected! The same was true of the lunchtime talks, at which Adrian tackled a particular relevant issue such as science or suffering.

Praise God for:

- His mighty hand in the planning and organisation of the events
- The number of CU volunteers willing to help, pray and invite friends
- His faithfulness to use us despite our fears and failures
- All who heard the gospel and completed response forms
- The help of Adrian and the assistant missionaries



*Adrian Holloway gives
an illustration in his
Friday evening talk*

Events Week Testimonies

At each of our morning prayer meetings, a book was made available for people to write encouraging stories from the week. Here are a few:

“Thank God for a great conversation off the back of the BQB with a girl who said she would read through Uncover to find out who Jesus is”

“I had a great conversation with a girl from HK yesterday after the ceilidh; she really wants to find out more about God & the Bible and wants to have a Bible study”

“Flatmate from last year came to Wed and Thurs lunchbars and found them really interesting – now she’s coming to church on Sunday!”

“One of my friends ticked the ‘count me in’ box after the pub quiz. When I found out, I assumed somebody else had ticked the box for him as a joke: there’s no way he would tick it himself. It turns out I was wrong. ‘O you of little faith’. God is so much better than we can ever expect.”



Our first ever evangelistic ceilidh dance!



Morning prayer gathering



Brand new CU jumpers

Other upcoming events:

- The Bridge seminar (Sat 21st Feb)
- Easter MEW (9th – 13th March)

Please be praying:

- For all of the Events Week follow-up; including a Wednesday evening course and numerous ongoing individual meet-ups.
- That a seminar for Christians looking ahead to post-uni life, as part of new initiative ‘The Bridge’, will be productive for all who attend.
- For the Lord’s hand over the upcoming handover period within the CU; with a new committee recently elected and fresh team/hall-group leaders also taking over these areas of service soon.
- That our evangelism can gain momentum heading towards Easter; including an Easter-themed Mini-Events-Week in week 10.
- For all of us to find a good work/CU balance, and that the peace of Jesus would rule in our hearts as we look towards exam season.

For the last time from me, thank you again for your prayers; the next letter you receive should be from our new Prayer Secretary Jonathan Kent.

God bless.

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“May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you”

1 Thessalonians 3:12