

### **Prayer and Praise...**

- Praise that God has provided a flat in Bath for Dom and me to live in next year.
- Praise for the lovely housemates God gave me this year – I'm going to miss them.
- Praise for the great training and input I'm getting this year.
- Pray for the new committee as they make plans for freshers' week and for the rest of next year. Pray that God would help them find ways to both reach out to unbelieving students, and to gather the Christian freshers to join the CU.
- Pray for the CU members as they leave for the summer, pray that they will stay close to God and grow in love for him over the summer, particularly those who are going home to non-Christian families.

### **Coming up...**

- 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June: Relay 3, the final relay training conference
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June: Meeting up with any students that are left
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Summer school (SW, SE & London teams)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June: Final days of Relay, packing to move out of house, tying up loose ends.
- 1<sup>st</sup> July: Move into new flat in Bath
- 17<sup>th</sup> July: Wedding!!

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## **Julia Wellington**

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Hello! Welcome to my penultimate prayer letter – I'll probably send one more. Sorry it's been such a long time since my last prayer letter – the last few months have flown by! After a lovely Easter break at home I've been to New Word Alive and then back to Bath for my final term with the Christian Union at Bath Spa. Thank you for all your prayers and support throughout this year.



### **New Word Alive**

On 12<sup>th</sup> April, most of the Relay workers, including me, went to North West Wales to help out as stewards at New Word Alive. It was a really great week, and very tiring. My stewarding shifts included the international student track, which was particularly aimed at international students who had become Christians in the UK and were returning to their home countries. I found the question times particularly interesting as they talked about how to face family pressures to worship ancestors, and how to show humility in some very authoritarian societies. I was able to attend the student meetings every evening,

where a variety of speakers spoke on the psalms. I was particularly struck by Richard Cunningham on Psalm 90, putting life in perspective. Four Bath Spa students came, which was great, and their enthusiasm seems to be having an effect as lots more want to come next year.



## Bath Spa CU

After Easter is generally a quieter time in the CU year, as students have exams and assignment deadlines. However, they continued the 1,2,3, GO series (3 normal CU meetings, followed by an evangelistic event) with a cake and Mark's gospel giveaway. The CU members baked a wide variety of cakes and we set up a table outside the library. We had a steady stream of people throughout the day, with lots of people asking why we giving away free cakes, which gave us the opportunity to talk about the free gift of forgiveness that we had received, and



many people took away Mark's gospels to read. A highlight for the CU this term was winning the society of the year award at the SU awards evening. It is good to know that the University recognises that the CU wants to serve their campus, especially in giving out tea and biscuits to people at the weekly SU club night, which enables us to serve the students in practical ways as well as giving opportunities to share the gospel with them. In the middle of May, we had a slightly unconventional meeting in a park in Newton St Loe, with Dave Bish speaking on the book of Esther. The new committee have settled well into their roles and have started making plans for freshers' week. Please pray for the plans they make and for the freshers who arrive in September.



### **Team Days**

In the last 2 months we have had 2 separate team days in Exeter. At the first Dave Bish spoke on Esther, split into 3 acts (which I then had the privilege of hearing again as he spoke on Esther at Bath Spa CU for 3 consecutive weeks). At the second team day Mike Reeves spoke on the theology of Christ being Lord over everything in this world, particularly focusing on how we see that in music. He highlighted how our world is based around the struggle between good and evil in literature, music and nature, and how this is just a reflection of the underlying reality of Christ's world where he is the hero who fights the darkness and overcomes it, as the sun overcomes the darkness of night every morning.

### **Me**

I have been continuing to read Isaiah with Esther, and have been reading Colossians with Melodie, the new CU secretary, which has been really encouraging. It's amazing how you can read the same book with different people and be struck by different passages and truths about Christ and our identity in him.

Dom and I have been busy with the wedding plans, which all seem to be going ok. Recently we put a deposit on a flat in Bath to rent from the beginning of July – praise God that it has been quite easy to sort out 😊