

## Please pray...

1. Praise for the number of students in the CU this year and for an encouraging freshers' week
2. That I'll take on board what I heard at transformation and will be fighting to delight in Jesus above anything else
3. For the CU weekend away, that the CU will really bond, and that I'll be able to befriend and encourage lots of people there, particularly freshers.
4. For Global Café, that God will be guiding the plans and making opportunities to introduce international students to Jesus
5. For my 1-to-1 meetings with Beth and Esther, that we would all come to know and love Jesus more through the epistles

## Finances

Thank you to so many of you who have been so supportive in my attempt to cover my living costs this year. I still have some way to go to cover the whole amount for the year. Please contact me if you feel you would be able to help by making a one-off gift or regular monthly support.

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Hello! I hope you're doing ok 😊 I just want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and prayers. This month seems to have flown by, beginning with a busy freshers' week at the start of the month. I

have started to settle into the routine, and some of my time each week is dedicated to Study. Recently this has involved looking at the doctrine of the Trinity and seeing how this influences our thinking about God and ourselves.

As my elective study I have been attending the South West Gospel partnership ministry Training Course. We have been doing a Bible overview, looking at the main themes of each book of the Bible, which has been very beneficial, particularly with some of the Old Testament books, which I have not looked into much before. We have been looking at how these themes follow throughout the Bible and

## Relay Life...

ultimately point to Christ. I have also been helping with the International café at Widcombe Baptist church, and have begun to make friendships with some American girls who are studying in Bath until Christmas. The Relay programme



involves regular Relay days for training. For the most recent one we had to prepare evangelistic talk. I found this very challenging, but really useful for making me think about how we can analyse our culture's values and aspirations to show how true fulfilment is found only in Christ.

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Transformission is an event which has been run in Exeter for the past 3 years. The aim is to present Biblical truths to CU members from all over the South West, in order to transform their hearts for mission to the students around them, in their halls, lectures and societies.

### Transformission

were encouraged by what Mike Reeves said about how our relationship with God is paralleled with marriage in Song of Songs and that God delights in his people, rather than being a “disinterested benevolent aristocrat” who we need to impress. We were challenged to see Jesus as he really is; much more lovely and attractive than anything this world has to offer.

This year Mike Reeves spoke on the doctrine of union with Christ, and what that means for our lives and our evangelism. Around 18 Bath Spa students came to this and

### Freshers' Week

Freshers' week began with the CU serving drinks and biscuits and giving out publicity about the CU's events for the week as students and parents said their goodbyes and parted.

On Wednesday the CU had a stand at the freshers' fair, where they gave out freshers' bags containing publicity, and other useful things like matches. Around 80 freshers signed up to express interest in joining the CU, which was a great encouragement to the CU members. They also took the opportunity to encourage people to think about what freedom really means and to advertise the Saturday lunchtime talk on the

subject of freedom.

On the other days during the week the CU held “text a...” events and had lots of interesting questions, such as “Could God fall in love?” and “Could God get sucked into a black hole?” which the CU attempted to answer.



The Christian Union has had 3 main meetings so far, and they are going through the gospel of John.

So far there have been around 60 people each week, which is significantly more than previous years and is a great encouragement to the committee. It has also been great to see some of the new students wanting to get involved in the CU's activities, such as tea and biscuits, which involves sharing God's love and looking for opportunities to talk with non-believers on Wednesday evenings outside the Student's Union during the club night.

The Committee have been working hard to arrange the annual weekend away. This year it will be held from 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November in Newport. This is a great opportunity for good Biblical teaching, making strong friendships and gelling as a mission team, so please pray that as many students as possible will come along.

Part of the work I am doing involves reading the Bible with individuals. I have begun meeting up with some of the girls to read the Bible with them. Beth is the music co-ordinator on committee, and we started reading Ephesians together this week. I have also been reading Colossians with Esther, one of the prayer secretaries. These 1-to-1s have been really encouraging to me. Hannah, one of the events and evangelisms secretaries has been working to establish a regular Global café, to reach out to international students. Please pray that I may be able to support her well in this.

### Coming up...

3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Nov: South West UCCF Team days in Exeter

6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> CU weekend away in Newport

23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Bath University Mission week with Mike Reeves

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