



UPCott

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“Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

(Matthew 17:20)

Hello Everybody!

This has been another year of God's favour. It's been a privilege to see God at work in the lives of all those who come to Upcott, whether on the Upcott Weeks, local youth work, adult groups or individuals. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

Upcott Weeks 2011

We had a brilliant summer at The Beacon, and loved being with all the children and young people who came to stay with us. It was great to spend time with old friends, as well as build up new friendships. This year we looked at the Parables of Jesus on the younger weeks, and focused on 1 Corinthians during the older weeks. One theme that emerged throughout each week was an importance of knowing God's love, which was significant for many of the young people who were here. We also experimented a lot more with worship, which led to artwork, new songs and more freedom during meetings.

The front cover of this newsletter is part of a series of posters that have been designed to encourage people. You may remember we used another of these posters on the cover of our last newsletter.

If you would like to hear the teaching that your child is receiving at Upcott, talks from the older weeks are available to listen to online. They can be found via the 'downloads' page of our website, www.upcott.org.uk/downloads.html then click on 'Andrew Palmer Ministries'.

“I had so much fun and learnt so much! Upcott is by far the best week of the year!”

“I'm definitely coming next year!”

Highlights from the weeks included Hunt the Helper, the Video Game, seeing the Red Arrows, going to Butlins to use the fun pool and fairground, swimming, wide games at night, our new pool table and unihoc. The 2012 Upcott Weeks are already filling up fast. Visit our website for more information.

“Best year yet!”



Other News



Team

The Palmer family are all doing well. The boys are as full of life as ever, Andrew's off to Nicaragua for two weeks, and Fiona is still enjoying singing and designing bags!

Some of you will have known that since May 2008 Emma had been experiencing constant severe pain in her ribs, which regularly required hospital treatment. In July Emma was able to stop all her medication after being healed, which we are so thankful to God for.

Extended Team

Adrian Hayward moved on from Upcott in March, after being here for two and a half years. He is now living and working locally in Minehead, pursuing what God has planned for him. He still has some involvement with the work at Upcott, and we are very grateful for all that Adrian has given and continues to give to the work here.



Kathryn and Joanna Nichols both continue their roles on the Extended Team, joined now by George Rainford.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas. If you're ever in the area we'd love to see you, although a quick phone call first would be appreciated! Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Love from the Upcott Team

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Future Publicity

We have recently been looking at ways to improve our publicity and communication. We have enclosed our new Upcott Weeks brochure, which we'd encourage you to pass on to anyone who may be interested in coming on an Upcott Week.

We will also be sending you updates throughout the year on postcards, in addition to our newsletters. This will keep you up to date about what's going on at Upcott, and any specific prayer requests we have.

XL

In October 2010 we were joined by Helen Leswell, Kirsty Haslam, Dave Hine and George Rainford for their gap years. Helen decided to move on at Christmas. Dave and Kirsty both finished XL at the end of August 2011 and have now started university. Kirsty has gone to Leeds to study Music and Dave has gone to Manchester to study Law. George has stayed at Upcott, joining the Extended Team and he is currently seeking God's direction for his future.



We still have spaces on this year's XL gap year, so please contact us if you're interested. If you are considering XL as an option for 2011-2012, please get in touch with Andrew for more information (andrew@upcott.org.uk).

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