

Glory Week – 26-31 May

As a church, we are blessed to be part of a vibrant, diverse community, and it's our privilege to be given the task of serving them. During May half-term, we're committing to a week of voluntary community work which will aim to improve the lives of the people we're called to serve, and will show them in very practical ways the love of Jesus, the man who was willing to wash His disciples' feet. We'd love to see a platoon of Woody's children, teenagers, students, young adults, families, professionals, retired folk and everyone in between getting out into the community and being a blessing to those who God is seeking to bless!

Every morning (Mon-Sat) we'll be meeting at Woody at 9.30am to have a time of worship and prayer together in order to set us up for a day of exciting activities. This will make sure we're giving God all the glory for what happens during the week, and we'll be able to encourage each other with testimonies of what's been happening. Please be prompt with regard to start times, thank you.

These are the activities that we'll be carrying out:

Painting – Cathays Community & Youth Centre have asked us to paint an external wall on their property, which is a massive job that will continue throughout the week. Local residents will be greatly blessed by having this eye-sore turned into something rather more aesthetically pleasing.

Taff Trail - In association with Keep Wales Tidy, we'll have the opportunity to clear part of the Taff Trail that has required attention for some time. This will mostly involve litter picking, but will also involve some time in waders for those of a less nervous disposition.

Gardening - We're offering local residents the opportunity to have a team of gardeners come round to their house and clear out those overgrown jungles that are no longer fit to be called 'gardens'. This will be arranged by word of mouth, so if you are a resident of Cathays (students – prime chance to get your back yard ready for post-exam BBQs), or if you live outside Cathays and have a neighbour who could do with some help, please let us know.

House cleaning - Are you a student who's been too busy working hard all year to even think about cleaning your house? Well, during Glory Week we're going to specialise in cleaning communal areas (kitchens, bathrooms, living rooms, hallways) to get them ready for the end of June when you'll be hoping to get back as much of your deposit as possible! Let us know if you and your housemates would appreciate such a service.

Feed-a-flat - During Glory Week, we'll be making sure that students who would normally be fuelled purely by Red Bull and McVities digestives will be getting a decent hot meal each day. We'll cook and deliver meals directly to the houses of students across Cathays, meaning that they can save vital time by not having to cook that day, and instead spend it getting in some last-minute revision.

Emergency snacks - Dotted around the libraries of Cathays during May and June you will find weary students who have spent the past 37 hours working so hard they've forgotten to eat or drink. We'll be providing them with snacks and coffee to sustain them for the rest of the day, delivered direct to the library.

Street Cleaning - Whether it's broken bottles, overflowing rubbish bags, or even regurgitated kebab from the night before, the pavements of Cathays are always sure to be an assault on the senses. Each

morning, there will be a crack team of cleaners who will scout out the local area and tidy up any messy patches.

Random acts of kindness & Treasure hunting - Throughout the whole of Glory Week, random acts of kindness and treasure hunting will both be common themes. During the prayer and worship times at the start of the day, individuals will be encouraged to jot down any 'treasure' God wants them to find in other people during the day (if this makes absolutely no sense, don't worry - all will become clear on the day)! As well as this,

Social – On Thursday afternoon of Glory Week, to reward everybody's hard work we'll head down to the International Pool in Cardiff Bay and have some fun together. Please let Josh know if you have spaces in your car to provide lifts, or if you need a lift. We'll meet at the pool at 2pm.

Please do sign up for activities after the service on Sunday 25 May so that the team have a good idea of numbers for the week.

The best way to keep up to date with what's happening during Glory Week is via social media:

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Any questions you have, get them to us via those channels. Failing that, email josh@woodybap.org.uk.

NOTE: Throughout the process of deciding which activities would best serve our community, the fact that 76.5% of the population of Cathays falls into the 16-29 age range (2011 Census) was a significant factor in our decision making, hence there being more activities aimed at students than any other specific group.