

## Mike writes...

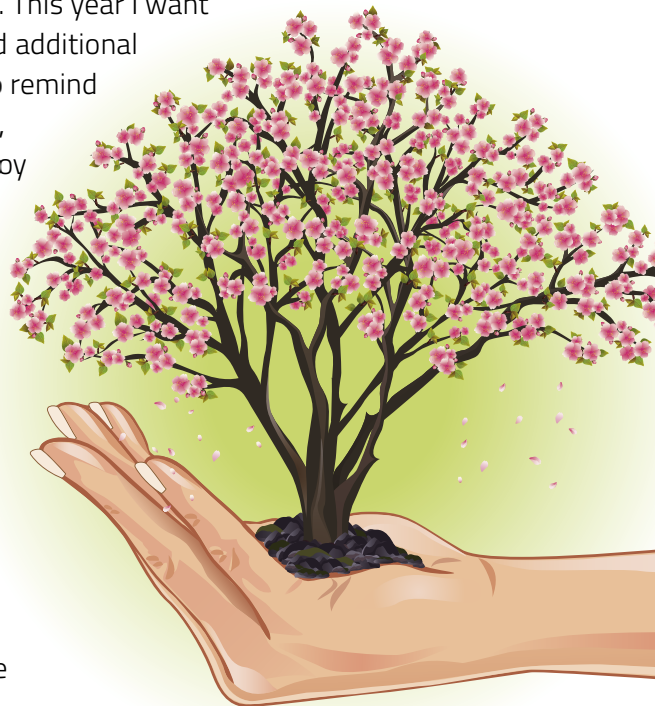
***"Joy is hope let off the leash!"*** For many of us there is great sense of hope in the brighter, longer days, the blossom on the trees, the booking of summer holidays and the noticeable warmer weather. But as youth leaders and 267 we are looking forward to all the plans we have for the coming months. Summer allows us to gather with young people in gardens and parks, to run more ambitious and exciting events, to enjoy the company of creation and to spend time away in community on residential like BackToLife2022!! We all need hope, probably more than ever before. I believe hope needs to be more than a word, it needs to be 'made real' in the community we offer, the gatherings we plan and the relationships we invest in.

Last summer was good but it felt like we were still being weighed down by the world of covid. This year I want to embrace the blessed and additional freedom we have. I want to remind kids, young people, leaders, parents of what hope and joy looks like, feels like, tastes like and what hope and joy does for restoring the soul.

***"In the midst of winter,  
I finally learned there  
was in me an invincible  
summer!"***

– Albert Camus

Watch this space, our website and our social media for the 267 life, hope and joy that is happening!



## Thanks...

- We have had a great time working with other youth organisations and churches this term. We give thanks for the unity, friendship and partnerships that exists in our area. May we all seek to grow them as well as benefitting from them.
- In April a team of 267 friends climbed Moel Siabod in Snowdonia to raise funds for the ministry of 267. We were due to climb Carnedd Llewellyn but due to horrid weather it just wasn't safe. It was a very hard climb and I am in awe of our team which included an 11 and 12 year old and a bunch of self-confessed non-climbers. There was a sense of deep unity and teamwork to enable us all to succeed and in the end, we raised almost £5000 which was phenomenal. Extra shout-out to Sam Banham who carried an additional '26.7' lbs of weight up the mountain!! If you'd like to add a donation, just drop Liz in the office an email: [pa@the267project.com](mailto:pa@the267project.com)



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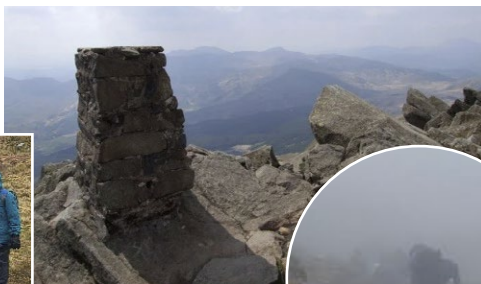
- We relaunched Xsite this month and what a joy it was. 15 leaders, 27 kids and a whole lot of shaving foam and wotsits! It was great to be able to start this piece of kids ministry again and we are looking forward to partnering with more churches and growing its impact.
- Mike and the trustees have agreed a new way of running our regular trustee meetings. We want to spend extra time on the future vision of 267 and how we get to where we feel God is leading us. Our time together will be framed around 'The View' (vision conversations) and 'The Journey' (more day-to-day ministry conversations). Pray for us all as we move into this new rhythm.
- Fuel at YWAM in April was such a joy and we had 2 young people bring the preach. Pray for continued partnership with the YWAM youth as they were/are awesome.
- Mike joined St Luke's Cell Barnes Lane for their church away day. Mike was leading the kids and youthwork and it was such a joy to serve this church and get to know the groups. Pray for future connections to develop too.

## Please...

- Haven continues to grow and there are some exciting developments on the horizon. Pray for Claire, Mike and the trustees as we explore these next steps and future partnerships.
- Pray for Mike as he begins to explore and develop what 267 is pursuing in the next 1-5 years. There have been some hugely ambitious God-inspired ideas and we continue to want to pray into them so we stay on track with Gods leading. Pray for Mike as he spends time chatting with other youth organisations about working together more in this next season.
- Pray for our 678 weekend which is happening in June. Pray for more young people to sign up, especially boys. Pray for Ben Nicholls, our speaker, as he prepares for his time with us.
- Pray for the last two Fuel events of this term. We are visiting St Peters Gustard Wood in May and Vineyard St Albans in June. Pray for great relationships and community.
- We are fully beginning our plans for BackToLife 2022. Pray for the team as we build the schedule, promote the event and draw other leaders to join the journey.
- Pray for the trustees and team as we seek to expand the board of trustees. Pray for the right people to be put on our hearts and for God to be guiding clearly in this process.



The view we should have seen during our ascent of Moel Siabod...



...and the view we actually had!!



### Some scripture that is encouraging us at the moment:

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, 'King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.'

*Daniel 3*



# Diary

## Some important upcoming dates to pray for...

● Wednesday 4th May – 267 Tribe Breakfast at St Pauls Langleybury

● Monday 9th May – 267 Trustees meet

● Wednesday 11th May – Haven local drop-in at High St Methodist Church Harpenden. 4.30pm-6pm

● Thursday 12th May – Mike joining STEP at Townsend School

● Sunday 15th May – Fuel at St Peters Gustard Wood

● Wednesday 18th May – St Albans Youthwork Community gathering

● Tuesday 24th May – Mike at the National Youth Directors retreat

● Monday 6th June – Mike speaking at St Mellitus London youthwork stream

● Tuesday 7th June – 267 Tribe Breakfast. Venue TBC

● Wednesday 8th June – Haven local drop-in at High St Methodist Church Harpenden. 4.30pm-6pm

● Sunday 12th June – Mike preaching at St Luke's Cell Barnes Lane

● Sunday 12th June – Claire leading Haven session at Harpenden youth gathering

● Friday 17th – Sunday 19th June – 6,7,8 Weekend Away ay Lee Valley Youth Hostel

● Saturday 25th June – Illuminate Area Dodgeball Tournament

● Sunday 26th June – Fuel at Vineyard St Albans

## Upcoming (hopeful) Dates!

**Friday July 22nd – 267 Fundraising Golf Day at Porters Park GC**

**August 1st - 6th – BackToLife 2022 at YWAM (includes a residential for year 8+ and holiday club day camps for years 3, 4, 5 & 6)**

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