

Mike writes...

Have you ever noticed there is a moment around this time of year when you become more aware that things are changing, that spring is upon us. The official 'start' of spring is actually March 20th, but I'm happy for it to arrive early! We see the brighter mornings, the "slightly" warmer days, life is beginning to come alive again in the trees and gardens, there is an air of expectancy. We have always known that ministry, particularly youthwork, has 'seasons', times when there is planting and times where there is harvest, and yes times when we are forced into fallow or barren years. I've been involved in youthwork across the St Albans area for almost 30 years, and I have seen many 'seasons'. But there is something different happening, a unity, a collaborative hunger, a sense that, in multiple places, there is new life breaking through hardened ground. It seems that every single day I am talking to someone who shares a story of something new and exciting happening in their youth ministry. A once small youth group is now having to find a new venue due to growth, churches that thought running youthwork was beyond them are now being released and energised into bold new ventures, young people are gathering together hungry for more than they have previously been offered. We are seeing something new emerging; a season of new life, deep healing and expectant connection. *"But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. 'Go, stand in the temple courts,' he said, 'and tell the people all about this new life.'"*

Acts 5:19-20



Thanks...

- The Haven has a new team member: Jane has joined Claire and is taking on the role of Operations Coordinator.



- We had such a great time at our recent Fundraising Wine Tasting evening. 105 people gathered for great food, a beautiful selection of wines, wonderful company and to hear us share about the next stage of 267 and Haven growth. Over £6500 was raised on the night. We had some many amazing conversations with people as we shared about creating spaces (Blue Zones) where young people and leaders can thrive.

- We have managed to find a date and venue for our 678 Weekend. We are heading to Burwell House in Cambridge on 21st-23rd June. Bookings open soon.

- Last week Mike got to spend the day with a bunch of incredible and influential young leaders from 6 schools across St Albans. STEP are supporting them as they develop, plan and host a conference for those in year 12 + 13.

- Mike has being taking part in 'Reboot' which is a Leadership Development course. It is running for 6 weeks and Mike has been getting loads from it. He just needs to find time to process it all now!!

- Mike and Claire and continuing to be encouraged by the Youthscape Essentials training course. We are hoping to run this in St Albans in September.

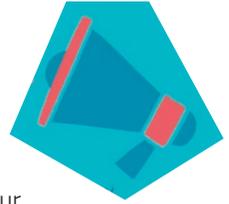
- We are continuing to see some real fruit and encouragement from the collaboration going on across the youth ministry in our area. Pray God pours out even more blessing on this unity.



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Once you meet your tribe,
you will begin questioning
why you ever put up with
anything less than the
nourishing and supportive
energy that they provide.
— Robin S. Baker

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Please...



- We are looking for someone to come and join the 267 team as our 'Social Media and Communications Lead'. The role is for 15 hours per week, and you will help 267 and The Haven to become more 'visible' by sharing all that is going on and by strengthening our connections with supporters, churches, and leaders. Drop Mike an email if you are interested: mike@the267project.com
- On Saturday 9th March the Team and Trustees of 267 will be meeting for a strategy/vision day. Pray for them as they seek the next season of growth and ministry for 267 and The Haven. We will be particularly thinking about how do we establish a 'Youthwork Blue Zone' - see Mike's Tedx Talk on this for more info.
- Pray for The Collective partnership between STEP, The Haven, Verso Vineyard, YWAM, 267, YoungLife, St Albans Cathedral, and various churches from across the area.
- On 26th April the next Illuminate event is happening. We have some friends coming from OCCA (Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics) to help us chat with young people about the big questions of life. In the afternoon they will gather youth leaders and in the evening we have an event for year 9+ looking at the topic 'Is God even in control?' Drop Mike an email for more info but you can book tickets on the Illuminate website - www.illuminateyouth.co.uk
- Since our first successful grant from the Chell Perkins support, we haven't had any further donations. Please pray that the remaining trusts will look favourably upon our ministry and choose to support us.
- Pray for how 267 serves and supports the kids ministry across the area. There is a lot of life within the youth ministry and we want to give the same energy and encouragement to those doing kids ministry.
- Pray for Claire as she is taking on an incredible coaching opportunity with the LaunchPad initiative. This ministry aims to equip and encourage church leaders to start youth ministry in their area.
- Over the next term we are taking time after our monthly Tribe Breakfast to gather and run some workshops. Our first one on 18th April is on 'Self Care in Ministry'



Some scripture that is encouraging us at the moment:

So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: 'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic.' *Isaiah 28:16*



Diary

- Saturday 9th March – 267 Strategy Day
- Wednesday 13th March – Mike visiting weekend away venue.
- Wednesday 13th March – Haven Drop-in, High St Methodist, Harpenden
- Monday 18th March – Claire is coaching with LaunchPad.
- Tuesday 19th March – Mike visiting 'The Coffee Ark' project in Peterborough
- Wednesday 20th March – Trustees 'big vision' working group meet.
- Sunday 24th March – Fuel at St Mark's Colney Heath. 6pm-8pm
- Monday 25th March – 267 Trustees meet.
- Wednesday 27th March – The Collective meets.
- Monday 8th April – Claire coaching with LaunchPad.
- Thursday 18th April – Tribe Breakfast followed by 'Self Care in Ministry' Workshop. 9.30am-2pm at YWAM Harpenden.
- Monday 15th April – Claire coaching with LaunchPad.
- Friday 26th April – Youth leaders gathering with the 'Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics' team (OCCA)
- Friday 26th April – Illuminate Youth Event – Big Questions: Is God even in control? with the 'Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics' team (OCCA)
- Sunday 28th April – Fuel at YWAM Chapel. 6pm-8pm.
- Monday 29th April – 267 Trustees meet.

Upcoming Dates!

Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd June - 678 Weekend Away at Burwell House, Cambridgeshire.



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