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Good Morning  
CoCoChu.....



For I know the plans I have for you,  
declares the Lord, plans to prosper you  
and not to harm you, plans to give you  
hope and a future.

**Jeremiah 29:11**



## All the Latest news at CoCoChu.....

### **An Article by Rob Parsons (founder and chairman of care for the family) Supplied by Val.....**

GCSE results / A-level results are just around the corner. Let's remind ourselves and our children, they are not a prophecy over their lives. God has a plan regardless of grades/reports. Let's hear his voice today. There is nothing to prove to him.

His teacher wrote "He is making no use of what little ability he has" that school one-liner still has the ability to make my stomach churn. I wasn't any good at school, and my report is full of minor (even unintended) cruelties. My PE teacher wrote in one year's Easter reports "Good" - then crossed out and replaced it with "Satisfactory". Why would you bother to do that? I think one of the hardest things in my Christian life has been throwing off the sneaking suspicion that in spite of all the talk of his love and grace, God is actually rather like one of my teachers. If he is then it's not hard to imagine my celestial report "Prayer: Weak. Robert tries hard to pray, but

often he just doesn't know what to say and lets his mind wander. Personal witnessing: Poor. Robert attempts to turn bus-stop conversations around to the second are embarrassing. Theological knowledge: Patchy. He still can't explain the problem of suffering.”

But God isn't like my old form teacher. He isn't marking me out of 100 and formulating appropriate comments. He isn't itching to write “Could do better” over my life. I am so encouraged as I see how Jesus dealt with Peter. Imagine Peter's mother getting his school reports: “Dear Mrs Levi, I regret to inform you that Peter almost ruined the transfiguration with a silly comment on the mountain.” “Dear Mrs Levi, Peter denied the master today.”

Jesus saw what Peter could become – somebody who could change the world. He knew what every good parent and teacher knows: you shouldn't read somebody's school report/grades as though it is a prophecy of their future life.

The apostle Paul says a remarkable thing about God: He is for me. He is on my side (Romans 8). Sometimes I wake too early; it's still dark and a voice whispers in my ear: “If people really knew you, they wouldn't come to hear you speak or buy your books. You're a bit of a hypocrite, Rob. You don't pray enough, read the bible enough” But then, so often I hear a voice in my other ear: “I know you. I know you better than you know yourself. I'm not as impressed with the books and speaking events as you appear to be, but I still love you. Nothing you can do can make me love you more: nothing can make me love you less. There is nothing to prove.

Maybe we know some people getting results this week / next? Let's encourage them no matter of the outcome, God has a plan for their life.

### **What's been going on at CoCoChu this week**

- I have been trying to get talks to upload talks from the last few weeks! Unfortunately, we have some tech issues (what's new!!). It's currently with James our web guy. Will get Davids and Barries up on the website as soon as I can.
- Let's get Barry back soon, what a great guy. Tom, we decided as you were on holiday we could do what we want? Right? Barry was in on this too! : -S
- Woodgreen is still sending stuff over for us to get an optimal AV set-up. Wahoooo. This will hopefully provide more regular recordings for talks alongside many other improvements.
- Andy and Sandy and have joined as new members of the Brew Crew! Thanks so much. I have provided some up-to-date instructions for this to make it easy for anyone else who would like to help?
- Jill has rescheduled the quiet morning date which can now be seen in the dates for the diary section. Flyer to follow next week.

- I have been getting the kid's literature copied ready for the new term. My oh my the summer has flown by! Only 2 weeks, 6 hours and 7 seconds left (not that I'm counting - AT ALL!!!).

**Please refer to the dates for your diary section at the bottom of this email. We have included a working party date. Please, can you let me know if you are coming by e-mailing the office?**

**Office Hours and Annual Leave over the summer:**

Claire: office hours from next week and over the summer will be **Weds: 8.30-3.30pm / Thurs 8.30-3pm**

I will be on Annual Leave W/C 25th Aug - 31st Aug

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**David and Mary J**

David and Mary would like to thank all who came to their Golden Wedding Garden Afternoon and thanks to those who contributed to the Leprosy Mission...we were able to send £1,000 to them! How amazing!!!

**Mothers union coffee morning**

The Mothers Union coffee morning will be taking place on Saturday 17th August. Please, can anyone making use of the building midweek ensure the building is left tidy for this event?

**THIS SUNDAY**

**Sunday 18th August**

Jon will be sharing his story of Grace with us this Sunday which continues our summer theme. Space will be given for anyone to share too, so feel free to consider what you feel God would want you to share with the church family, something that is encouraging, comforting and full of Love.

Come with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual songs. :)

**Aslan groups** - Will be working through their summer booklets and watching part 4 of the Friends and Heroes DVD as one whole group.

Much Love CoCoChu

## **Dates for your Diary-**

**Working party for clear up on Walwyn Road and Silver street - Saturday 7th September.** Strimming, painting fencing, cutting back the bushes and a general tidy up. Please contact the office so we have an idea of numbers.

**Rescheduled Quiet Morning - Wednesday 18th September 9.45-10am - 3 pm.**  
The theme is frustration, looking at the story of Sarah and Hagar. Bring a packed lunch and come and enjoy some space and time to spend with God in a beautiful place. This will take place at Elaine's Orchard Quiet Garden, near Bromyard. Donations of £7 where possible to cover the cost of tea/coffee which goes towards Elaine's Orchard. Please contact Jill by 7th September if you would like to attend.

**The Turbulent Priest Friday 20th September**

A night of comedy and song organised by CTIC (Christians Together in Colwall). A play called the Turbulent Priest. Doors open at 7 pm. All details included in the flyer: click on the link - [The Turbulent Priest](#)

### **Want to share in giving?**

CoCoChu is entirely supported by the giving of people who come here. If you would like to speak to someone about giving, then see anyone of the leadership team who can point you in the right direction.

Our giving is totally anonymous to all but the finance team – most people give by standing order, but if you prefer there is a black box for offerings and donations on the welcome desk. If you are a tax payer please do sign a Gift Aid form to enable the church to recover tax and make the money go further. Once completed these can be put in the black box.

Bank details if you need them are: Colwall Community Church 09-01-54 73133709.

By everything I did, I showed how you should work to help everyone who is weak. Remember that our Lord Jesus said, "More blessings come from giving than from receiving." Acts 20:35

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