



Newsletter

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Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ

I thank God for the glorious gospel we have to proclaim and all those who have so generously supported us at Imperial College Christian Union (ICCU) in doing this over the past year. I would particularly like to thank those who have supported us in prayer, in discipleship of our members, in speaking at our events and those who have given financially.

In recognition of this undeserved and overwhelmingly generous support we would like to help to keep you up to date with what is going on here at ICCU so that we might, in some small way, be an encouragement to you. This newsletter will probably come out once a term to let you know what has been happening in the previous term, what we

have planned for the coming term and how you can best be praying for us.

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

Guy Schofield
ICCU President

Things We've been doing:

Easter Mission

This Easter the CU tried something new, putting on a week of events at the end of the Spring term as well as the beginning. The week followed the titles of "Impossible, Improbable, Irrelevant" and focussed on the resurrection, examining the evidence behind it and what difference it makes to us today. We were very blessed to have Michael Ramsden and Rod-

ney Holder come speak, as well as our mission week speaker Andy Towner. There seemed to be a lot of interest from those around college, specifically in our event discussing whether scientists can believe in miracles, which featured a lecture followed by a response from a panel of Imperial academics which really helped to stimulate

discussion. Overall the week was very encouraging and hopefully will set a precedent for coming years.

Josh Fountain

IMPOSSIBLE ?
IMPROBABLE ?
IRRELEVANT ?

16th - 22nd March

Was Jesus Christ really
raised from the dead?

Does it even matter?

Live Lounge

To launch our mini Easter Mission in March this year, ICCU hosted its first ever live-lounge. We wanted to put on a relaxing event over in the Union which people could bring their friends to. We donated our lamps to give the Union venue atmospheric lighting and enjoyed live music from several talented musicians - we were lucky to get local singer

Sally Archer to come and play for us. The evening saw over 100 people coming to enjoy the food, music and mingling. Tosin from Every Nation Church shared his testimony urging people to put aside their misconceptions about Christianity and to find out more in the rest of the Easter Mission.

Tom Ravalde

Improbable: Is there any evidence for the resurrection?

As part of the CU's mini Easter Mission, we invited Rev. Andy Towner to give a lunchtime talk on the evidence for Jesus' resurrection.

Andy, a good friend of ICCU who used to help organised the weekly lunch bar and headed up ICCU's mission in January, was on top form - delivering ten pieces of evidence for the resurrection and tackling seven common objections all inside 35 minutes, even

before the Q&A session! The CU was encouraged to see people returning from previous events of the mission to hear the evidence, as well as some new faces. Andy left our guests with the challenge to follow where the evidence leads: to see that the resurrection shows Jesus is God.

Tom Ravalde



Chilling at the Live Lounge...

Uncover

This year we've been using a new resource from UCCF called 'Uncover', a booklet containing 6 studies from Luke's gospel. It comes with the tagline 'see for yourself', and that's exactly what we've been encouraging our friends and fellow students to do.

It's been fantastic to see people getting to grips with Jesus and what he's about. Next year UCCF are issuing an 'Uncover' edition of Luke's entire gospel, so the plan is to use this wherever possible.

James Faux



Uncover Promo!

Prayer Triplets

This term as a Christian Union, we have begun to meet together in prayer triplets - groups of three or four students meeting on a regular basis to pray together.

The purpose of the prayer triplets is to

provide opportunity for students to pray with their colleagues, specifically for their non-Christian friends and for the university, and to encourage and bless one another.

Although different timetables and schedules can

make meeting complicated, we believe that prayer is an immensely important and wonderful thing, and so we will be seeking with prayer and God's help that triplets meet regularly to glorify God next year.

Luke Baldwin

What We Will Do:

Fresher's Week!

On the Monday we plan to go out questionnairing and generally raising awareness about CU. We'll set up a stall at the fair on Tuesday, as per usual, but add a twist: face painting for those who'd like it! Conversations at this stall can have a significant impact as a friend of mine still remembers who she talked to last year.

On Wednesday, a meal will be organised for International Students to mingle and chat, before heading over to the Live Lounge in the evening for entertainment

and more mingling. Anyone is welcome at the Live Lounge, where we'll hear briefly from Chris Oldfield, and at length from some great musicians! Lunch bars will also be going on during the week (who can resist the free lunches?).

Finally, we are hoping to organise a team or two to be a CU presence at the Mingles that weekend. This has been pioneered by the Medics at Reynolds Bar and we hope as a CU to take it up at the South Ken campus. This would consist of simply serving: being



Ninjas!

available to help people home, giving out water, ready to chat and share our faith should they initiate, but primarily to show that we care. Fresher's Week is a great opportunity to get out there, meet new people and serve on campus, and we expect to see God move!

Chloe Houghton

Autumn Events

Having noticed that the CU often hosts events which are attractive only to a certain type of student, the new plan is to target some other areas of Imperial life by staging 6 (or perhaps more) large-scale events. There will be 3 talks specifically relating to Natural Sciences, Life Sciences and Engineering, and 2 other events looking at issues in

Music and Art. The 6th is the annual Carol Service. We're also - cautiously - investigating hosting events with the Islamic Society and the LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual Transsexual) Society. The aim, as with everything at the CU, is that both non-CU and CU people will come to know Jesus better as a result.

James Faux



A talk by Chris



Antics at the Weekend away...

2012 Weekend Away!

We have exciting plans for a weekend away at the start of November joint with the Christian Medics Fellowship and the Royal College of Music CU. We will be welcoming our Mission Week speaker Andrew Sach along to speak from Colossians, looking at the

theme of Identity, who Jesus is, who we are as Christians and what that means for the way we live our lives. I am really looking forward to the weekend away as a time to get to know the incoming freshers, build relationships with those in the CMF and RCM

CU and to be encouraged and equipped for evangelism from God's word as the Holy Spirit brings us into a deeper knowledge and love of Christ Jesus that we may glorify the Father as we are conformed to the likeness of Christ.

Guy Schofield

Things to Pray About:

As a Christian Union on campus, we are a team of evangelists whom God has gifted with a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of Jesus openly and freely, and so we would really appreciate prayer on the following points as we seek to glorify God at Imperial College.

- Pray that in everything we do, we would be joyful servants of God, led by His Spirit, depending on the bible, glorifying Him on campus, and never departing from His will for us.
- Pray that we would make ourselves known to as many students as possible during Freshers' Week, reaching out in love both to those who are actively seeking Jesus, and those who are not.
- Pray that God would draw people to our freshers' week for His glory, and that His glory would be displayed as we proclaim Christ.
- Pray for a harvest of souls at Imperial who are saved by God, for the glory of God. Please pray with us confidently and continually that God will be moving to draw people to Himself at Imperial.
- Pray that our prayer triplets would get off to a great start next year, so that we may be better equipped to pray and evangelise as a CU.

Sister Societies

The Christian Union is committed to being united with other Christian societies around Imperial. We love to pray for them, and that relationships between our societies would be loving and fruitful.

- Praise the Lord for the new Christian Medics Fellowship (CMF) committee who are keen to build links with the CU, and thank Him for their committee members' heart to see a greater mission focus in CMF over the coming year. Pray that the Holy Spirit would be encouraging CMF members to live for Jesus and speak for Jesus to the glory of the Father
- Thank the Lord for the Overseas Christian Fellowship (OCF), for their love of Jesus and their commitment to studying the word of God and building one another up in faith. Also, pray for opportunities to work with OCF through the coming year particularly during mission week.
- Thank God for the CU at the Royal College of Music, particularly for their growing heart for mission. Pray that their move to becoming a registered society would be smooth and that their new links with UCCF would be helpful. Also, please pray that RCM CU and Imperial CU would be able to work together to make Jesus known on our adjacent campuses.



New and old committee at the handover...

Finally!

Please join with us in thanksgiving for the abundant blessings that God has poured out on us as a CU, particularly for the many Christian students who love the Lord enough to make sacrifices for him in service and evangelism, and for the many non-Christian students with whom God has brought us into contact with and opened doors towards.

Praise God for his blessings upon us, and pray that he will continue to bless us, even if that means bringing us suffering, so that by the Holy Spirit the love of Jesus is made known, to the glory of God!!!