

Sunday 10th July 2016

Advancing the Kingdom of God in Prayer

As part of Ground Level's support of churches, they want to enable churches to have great leaders, healthy churches and be kingdom advancing.

I've been pondering in recent weeks what it means to advance the kingdom of God. I feel that it is about people coming to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and their lives being transformed as a result. God calls us to seek and desire this.

Matthew 6 v 25 – 34

We will be looking at this in more detail at next week's Messy Church but it encourages us to seek first the Kingdom of God.

There are two ways in which we can advance the Kingdom of God: in action and in prayer.

We have the Fun Day on Sunday 14th August and this is great opportunity for us as a church to advance the Kingdom. We can do this in prayer and in what we say and do on the day. At this year's Fun Day we will be promoting Messy Church, in particular the August one, which will be the week after and we will be encouraging people to come along. There is also a BBQ afterwards.

As Ron shared last week when he was talking about our response to Messy Church, these two Sundays won't be times where we will probably not be fed as much as other Sunday's, they are opportunities for us to feed others. Most of us have had a lot of teaching over the years and the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, we have loads to give away to others. If we think we haven't got anything to give away, then we are wrong. The enemy is deceiving us and making us doubt all that God has given us.

Although we will be praying about the Fun Day at the weekly fellowship groups in a couple of weeks' time, I would like us to spend some time now, praying for salvation to come through the Fun Day and Messy Church. I believe we have sown a lot of seed in terms of prayer and action into Netteswell and we want to pray that we will begin to see fruit, in terms of people giving their lives to God.

Ron spoken the other week, about the need for us to desire see the children grow in God. This is about the Kingdom of God advancing in the next generation.

Also to pray for our children and young people – pray that all their relationships with God will develop and the faith will grow and deepen.