



URBAN SAINTS



Virtual Camps Prayer Letter Summer 2020

Socially distanced adventures are not really an option on most of our Camps - but the summer is not cancelled!

Camps are wonderful opportunities for children and young people to head away from home with their leaders for an awesome adventure. But how does that model work in a national lockdown? Thanks to the brilliant creativity and commitment of our volunteer leaders, lockdown has meant the model has changed but the ministry continues.

Although we have had to cancel our usual programme of Spree Weekends and Camps this summer, we have a host of awesome Virtual Camps running over the next couple months. And just as we always do, we invite you to join us in covering these events in prayer.

To find out more about the Virtual Camps we are running this summer please visit our website: urbansaints.org/camps.

Giving Thanks

We have already had a number of brilliant virtual events that we can thank God for and continue to be praying for, that they would bear fruit in the months and years to come. These include: Easter Girls and Boys Houseparties, Whit Camp and more recently Spree Wales and Spree SW. We've had really encouraging feedback from all the events that have been running, including this message from the Spree Wales team:

'We give thanks for a great weekend. Our wonderful SPREE core team worked their socks off as usual to ensure everything was ready, filmed and uploaded and communicated well to group leaders. We enjoyed live talent show with online vote and even managed a last-minute reflection video to join in the minute silence remembering those who have died from Coronavirus. Nine groups joined us 'live' over the weekend and, by all accounts, had a great time. We are aware of other groups who normally come to SPREE who are going to use the online material over the summer.'

Join us in giving thanks for all the leaders who have worked so hard to make these virtual adventures happen, ensuring disciple-making continues in this season. And pray on for God to be at work in the lives of all the children, young people and families who participated; let's pray for an abundant harvest in this season.

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Virtual Summer Programme (Overview)

CAMP	25 th July	26 th July	27 th July	28 th July	29 th July	30 th July	31 st July	1 st Aug
Nefyn Senior								
Cranfield								
Dorset Venture								
Westbrook Online								

CAMP	2 nd Aug	3 rd Aug	4 th Aug	5 th Aug	6 th Aug	7 th Aug	8 th Aug	9 th Aug
Nefyn Junior								
M+M Online								
Purweb Venture								
Kalos								

CAMP	10 th Aug	11 th Aug	12 th Aug	13 th Aug	14 th Aug	15 th Aug	16 th Aug	17 th Aug
Kalos (cont)								
Chattabox								
HABS Online								

CAMP	18 th Aug	19 th Aug	20 th Aug	21 st Aug	22 nd Aug	23 rd Aug
HABS Online (cont)						
Camp in a Box						

Nefyn Camp Online

Senior Camp: 25th July – 1st August

Junior Camp: 2nd – 6th August

The Nefyn team are running virtual camps for both their Senior and Junior groups. Both camps will involve quiet times, evening meetings, and lots of exciting challenges and activities to give their young people a flavour of Nefyn and a chance to learn more about God.

- Thank God for technology (most of the time!), as through it, we are able to put on a virtual camp experience for our young people.
- Thank God for the creativity of our leaders who have come forward and the campers interested in signing up.
- Please pray that we are able to form relationships even though we are unable to physically meet together.
- Pray that we can create a really fun program for children who love to be active.
- Pray that we can encourage young people in their walk with God (wherever they are on that journey).
- Pray that we can reach young people who would not usually come on camp.

Cranfield and Kalos Goes Online

Cranfield: 26th July – 1st August

Kalos: 8th – 15th August

Urban Saints Camps are all about enjoying extended time together, and we recognise that those experiences are an important part of disciple-making. So, the Cranfield and Kalos Teams are getting creative in their planning, as they bring those campsite experiences direct to their young people's homes through these two virtual camps.

- Please pray for the Cranfield and Kalos teams as they plan to creatively engage with their young people online.
 - Pray that they would be able to build relationships through the opportunities presented during the online activities.
 - Please pray that many young people would join in and learn more about faith in Jesus. Pray for ways to grow and develop young leaders during this season too.
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Dorset Venture Online

27th – 31st July

The Dorset Venture Team will be posting videos of leaders doing challenges and sharing their own stories of faith in Jesus throughout the week of their virtual camp. On Friday 31st of July they will be hosting a special Online Event over Zoom. It will include games, challenges, short talks from the Bible and times to ask questions and discuss what they have learnt.

- Give thanks for a strong leadership team of new and regular volunteers.
 - Please pray for lots more sign ups, including young people who had not originally booked for the Dorset Venture summer camp.
 - Please pray for the Camp's speaker, Jimmy, as he prepares to share 3 short messages from Luke 15 throughout the day.
 - Please pray for Clare who is organising and leading the content on the day.
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Westbrook Live!

30th – 31st July

Westbrook Live! is happening on Zoom each day from 10am to 11.30am and then again from 7pm to 8.30pm. They will be meeting for, games and challenges, Bible talks and discussions and lots of mad fun!

- Give thanks for the chance to reconnect with the young people even though they can't meet in person.
 - Pray that lots of the young people would book onto Westbrook Live!
 - Pray for the team's preparations and especially their two Team zoom meetings (11th July and 25th July).
 - Pray for the actual event – for lots of fun, for the technology to work and that God would speak to each of the young people and leaders as they look at the story of the Prodigal Son together.
 - Please pray for guidance and creativity as the team plan a teaching programme for use via Zoom.
 - Give thanks for a good number of leaders who are wanting to participate in the online event.
 - Pray that the team and the event would bring glory to God.
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M + M Online

3rd – 7th August

M+M Online is a digital version of the Max, Madness and Mayhem summer camps, for summer 2020. The M+M Team will be bringing their young people daily videos, featuring Bible talks, leader's testimonies, games, challenges and more. There will be an M+M Breakfast Show every morning for each of their three camps (Max for 9-11s, Madness for 12-14s and Mayhem for 15-17s) and a M+M Late Show for their older group.

- Give thanks that the gospel is not chained by COVID-19 or lockdown but continues to be the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.
 - Give thanks for a wonderful group of humble gospel-hearted leaders who have adapted M+M to be possible online.
 - Please pray for our teaching team as they share the certain hope we have in the good news of Lord Jesus, not least as they navigate creating videos.
 - Please pray for the practicalities of all our leaders filming and sending in videos.
 - Please pray for our editing team who will be putting together fifteen hours' worth of video for the 'M+M Breakfast Show'.
 - Please prayer for the 'M+M Late Show' Zoom sessions for Mayhem, particularly that God might use the apologetic style testimonies to draw young people to faith in Christ.
 - Please pray for many young people to hear about M+M Online, for many to sign up and tune in, and ultimately for young people to grow in faith and come to faith.
 - Please pray that M+M Online would reach further and wider with the gospel than is normally possible and that in turn M+M Holidays would continue to grow into 2021.
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'Purweb' Venture

6th – 9th August

"Purweb" Venture will be a mix between things to watch, read, do, make and be entertained by. There will be testimony from leaders, discussions, sketches, games, crafts and big activities such as a bake-off and even a campfire bedtime story.

- Please pray for creativity as the team makes their plans.
 - Please pray for energy and for time together as a team.
 - Thank God for donations that have gone to support the site upkeep at Studland.
 - Thank God for one tent group from last year's camp who have continued to meet together online during this season.
 - Please pray for the 'Purweb' website as it gets launched before the Camp.
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Chattabox

Chattabox at Studland is not having an online camp this year (as this is a camp for younger children) but they will be sending a goodie bag (to arrive around the original start of camp – **12th August**) to all the young people who were booked on for their camp.

- Please pray for each young person who was booked on to the camp and for those who had not got round to booking.
 - Pray for our awesome team, that they would have a brilliant summer and that they will be back to serve on next year's camp.
 - Pray for those young people for whom this would have been their last year on Chattabox, (due to age), that they will come back next year before moving up to Purbeck Venture.
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House Party @ Bethany School Online (HABS Online)

17th – 21st August

Although they are unable to meet for their house party this year, the Bethany Team and their young people will be gathering together online for activities, group discussions, evening meetings, and more!

- Please pray for the team working together to produce this online camp, pray that as a team they will have the capacity and time to prepare well.
- Please pray for the actual 'running' of the camp, pray that plans will go smoothly, and that the technology works well throughout.
- Pray that this online camp is a blessing to the young people who attend it and that they will learn more about following Jesus through it.

Llanddwywe 2020

21st – 23rd August

We had planned five, 5-day camps this summer drawing children and families from groups across North Wales. The team have decided to offer a 3 day virtual camp under the title 'Camp in a box' taking place 21st - 23rd August. This will involve:

- A box of equipment, resources and treats delivered by local volunteers to each family home at the start.
- Some online content (on Youtube) which delivers instructions for activities etc and introduces teaching themes each day.
- Local Zoom calls hosted by group leaders for the families they have invited – including fun, games, teaching etc.
- Some all-together parents Zoom meetings – particularly late night.
- A whole 'Service crew in a box' programme including fun, teaching and challenges to serve.

Please pray for:

- Group leaders as they encourage families (largely not-yet-Christian) to engage and book.
- The team as we continue to prepare material and resources.
- The families themselves – that God would prepare their hearts to receive His word.

Thank you for your prayers!

For information about other ways you can pray for the ministry of Urban Saints please visit our website: urbansaints.org/pray.