

Christian Family Holidays Tawstock 2007

With my 'hands in the air' and joy in my heart what more wonderful words can I use to express how I feel than....

WOW!

Did you feel God speak to you this year? I know from comments that once again the Tawstock community has addressed many challenges that were faced by many who came feeling burdened. As often happens on the first night we trembled because we felt unprepared to meet the needs of God's gathered people.... we "called on the name of the Lord" AND, He heard our cry and lifted our feet onto the solid rock... and I believe blessed us all as WE ministered to each other through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This is what He enables us to do at Tawstock each year; He takes ordinary battered and bruised folk from all walks of life from up and down the UK and unites us under the roof of St Michaels... **Wow!**

Morning Prayers

Thank you to Phil for leading our thoughts this year. Meeting together to share a new day with each other in God's presence is a wonderful experience.

Morning Worship

What a motley crew sailed forth from northern waters to lead our little pirates his year... How many times did you hear the familiar words Ay Ay Capn Tassel! not only on site but also on the street of BARNSTAPLE!

Musical Worship

I believe this took on a special role this year – to hear once again the sweet singing of even those who had lost the desire to open their mouths must have been a joy to the ears of God... David has a gift of encouraging hearts to be open, voices to sing and musical talents to be shared in worship... bless you.

Evening Fellowship

Wow! We had Justin... our Pastor from the Master I think the personal and practical experiences he brought to us this year of his own transformed life and the Fatherhood of God touched us all. To see heads bowed in prayer, arms supporting one another in grief and people hugging and holding hands in love as they walked from the meeting hall each night must have brought tears to the eyes of Our Father. We are all so precious and loved and He cares about each and every one of us.

Young Peoples Groups

What a transformation we saw in the lives of all our young people! We prayed for 2 youth workers He provided 9 pirates – **WOW!**

I feel the dedication of our '*pirate team*' to serve us all was truly a gift ... God amazingly provided what we needed; we will never know the ways He touched young heart as they climbed trees... were dunked in the pool... then almost beheaded at Atlantis... I'm sure the only thing they didn't do was sleep! From the looks of enjoyment on our young peoples faces I am sure they will remember Tawstock 2007 for many years to come!

Activities

We added a trip to Atlantis this year which judging by the photographs was enjoyed by the adults as much as by the children and teenagers! The generosity of our benefactors made this not only an affordable visit but a huge and exciting pirate adventure for everyone! We must also remember the delicious sweet donations made by Cadbury's that went down a treat!

The Tarka Trail, the beach, the golf, the cream tea, were once again all old favourites. Thank you for all who participated behind the scenes in making them happen.

Food

Our galley cook Angela was amazing once again! A huge thank you to everyone who was chained up the kitchen by her, and once again the daily galley washer uppers didn't break anything! Well-done shipmates!

It is impossible to mention everyone by name, you know who you are and the special roll you played this year: Some scrubbed the decks whilst other drove to collect newspapers each morning! Bless you. ☺ (All is seen by our Wonderful Heavenly Father) Whether it was planned in advance or simply a few words of encouragement you shared with a friend as you sat by the pool it was noted.

Each individual person from the youngest to the oldest has a unique and valuable contribution to make at Tawstock; Once again it was heart warming to welcome new families to our community....

To everyone: I feel we have evolved from a Christian Family Holiday into a Tawstock community... YOUR assistance, YOUR care and YOUR love are what encourage and inspire the team to plan the year ahead. Thank you all in Jesus. Amen.

Love and thanks from me to you all.

God bless you

Sandy

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Diary Date! Christian Family Holidays Tawstock 16th- 23th August 2008. Please book early this year to save disappointment – we had a waiting list of seven this year!