

SUMMER 2026
JUNE & JULY

The Heaton Family

JONATHAN, GRACIE, HENRY & ADELAIDE - MINISTERING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

PRAISES

- New children attending Sunday school
- Starting up youth ministries after the Summer months
- 38 children attending Camp from Edward Street
- New converts
- Upcoming baptism service
- Safety during camp

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Visa application in August
- Newly converted believers
- Teens seeking the Lord
- Wisdom in rearing children
- Labourers at the church
- Souls to be saved
- Unity & establishment at Edward Street BC

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Senior Luncheon Outreach
- Heritage Bible Conference
- Gospel Village Mission in Longtown, outside of Carlisle
- Harvest Sunday - 27 Sept

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June & July

We have just completed an exciting Summer season with many outreaches, celebrations and opportunities to share the glorious message of the Gospel! We have seen lives change over the last couple of months, with people calling on the Lord for salvation and others surrendering to God more fully! We were thankful for the opportunity to be back at the **Appleby Horse Fair**, setting up a marquee and sharing the Gospel in the open air, at a children's Bible club and at evening meetings. This is Europe's largest horse fair, which takes place just 30 miles from Carlisle, drawing thousands of people from around the world, but the majority from the gypsy and traveller communities. We praise the Lord for the continued favour amongst this community and for those who called upon the Lord for salvation. Though the weather was much colder than usual, we were thankful that the Lord kept the rain away! Please continue to pray for this community, as it is often neglected due to its reputation for crime and hardness.

We just celebrated the **4th Anniversary of Edward Street Baptist Church**. It is such a joy to be in church-planting work, and so special to see God at work in something new. We have been so encouraged to look back over the last 4 years and see how God has worked, and to trust Him to continue this work He has begun here in Carlisle! We see the work growing, people trusting Christ for salvation, and Jonathan has been meeting with several about following the Lord in Baptism. God willing, we will have a Baptismal service this month!

It was nice to have a church group from Fairview Baptist in Tennessee visit with us for 10 days. We were helped by their visit and thankful to have our first church group visit with us. We toured across the UK, going from Edinburgh to London in just over a week, making some stops for ministry and sightseeing along the way. They were especially a great help at the church and at the property of Crown Hall with Camp Victory preparations!



Appleby Horse Fair Meeting



4th Anniversary Service



Jonathan preaching at Camp

We experienced many heatwaves this Summer, which have been quite unexpected, but lovely for Camp Victory preparations and outreach over the last few months. **Camp Victory** celebrated 15 years this year! What began with just a handful of children in a field back in 2011 has just concluded this year with over 500 children and over 150 volunteers, and we had more senior campers than ever before! Three more tents were purchased the week before the senior week began to accommodate the 25 extra teens attending! The weeks of camp were so blessed. There was a sweet spirit throughout the camp as we knew God's help in each part. Many children made professions of faith – we were rejoicing as several of our own children and teens from Edward Street also made professions! We were reminded of I Corinthians 3v6, *"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."* What a privilege to be involved in planting and watering alongside fellow believers, and to see the increase that only God can give! Please pray that God's work would continue in the hearts and lives of these young people.



Junior Week group photo



ESBC Senior Week



ESBC Junior Week

We have seen such answers to prayer this Summer! We have seen God's hand of provision and faithfulness too. We want to thank you, so many, who have prayed and given for the furtherance of the Gospel in our corner of the world. No doubt there is fruit that is added to your accounts! We also want to thank specifically those who have given for our visa application. We are going this Monday to take our *Life in the UK* test. This is the last step before we can submit our visa application. God willing, it should be submitted this next week!

With love in Christ, Jonathan, Gracie, Henry & Adelaide

Upcoming *Visa Application*

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

This Summer marks five years since our family moved to the United Kingdom. We praise the Lord for two successful visa applications that have enabled our family to minister here. At the five-year mark, we can apply for 'Indefinite Leave to Remain', which allows us permanent status in the eyes of the government. The visa process itself has nearly doubled in cost since we moved to the UK, but we rejoice that God has provided through many of you and we have met our goal. **Please pray specifically for God's favour as we apply this week.** We plan to naturalise the children (receiving British passports) after our visas are approved. THANK YOU to those who have prayed and given toward this need! We have known God's help to this point and look forward to what God has in store for us as we follow Him.

Life *Highlights*

Divine Appointments: We recently got an email to the church from a young mother who was looking for a church. She has an unbelieving husband and a 3-year-old daughter. Gracie corresponded with her via email. A few weeks later, while at the park at the end of our road, we just so happened to meet this lady and her daughter. She has been attending the church with her daughter since then. Please pray for her family, especially her husband!

Family visits: It has been such a blessing to have Gracie's youngest sister with us for the Summer. She helped with ministries and outreach at the church and the Trust. God used her to be an encouragement, and we were sad to see her return home this last week. She has one more class at Crown College of the Bible and is then seeking the Lord for what is next. She has a burden for missions work. Please pray for Susanna Jones as she is in this transitional season.



Heaton Kiddos: We have been so thankful for a Summer of warm, sunny days. This is not typical for British summers, but it has made for some really amazing opportunities to be out. We were about an hour away from Carlisle in Newcastle (the east coast), and enjoyed the sandy beach! Most of the beaches on the west coast are pebble beaches. The kids are growing so quickly. Henry will be 4 next month, and Addy just turned 9 months. They are full of life and keep us laughing and on our toes! This season is such a gift!