

WINTER CELEBRATIONS

"And his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)

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A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR...

As many of you who receive this newsletter may know, I asked Leah to marry me and she said YES!!

My life consists of balancing my Ministry Apprenticeship, part-time Masters & now finding a band, photographer, videographer, and all the other bits and pieces in wedding planning. I have a lot to be thankful for in Leah's efficiency when it comes to all of this; the date is set & the venue is booked, so we just continue to work away and plan.

I'm thankful for everyone who has sent their congratulations and kind words, cards and gifts. They are very much appreciated by Leah and myself. Coming down from cloud 9, the work on the ground here in Dublin also provides a lot to be thankful for.

Over the past 4 months, I have had the privilege of studying the book of Romans with a couple of guys from church on a one-to-one basis & also with a small group of guys from DIT Christian Union. Progress has been slow, but I am beginning to see growth and a greater desire to go deeper in God's word with these young men.

Life in City Church Dublin has been fairly standard on the busyness that exists on the run up to Christmas. We had a successful carol service this year with just under 70 people coming through our doors, many of whom have no church connection.

We have been very encouraged by the relational evangelism that we are seeing from our congregation as they interact with the people they live & work with. It's really uplifting to see what we teach from week to week and try to display in our own lives being implemented in the lives of those who fellowship with us at City.

We plan to run the *Life Explored* course in the new year & it would be great if you could be praying for good responses to our invitations.

We have had one positive response from the Carol Service already and would love to have some more people that would be willing to come and explore what God's plan for their life is.

Please keep myself and Leah in your prayers as we begin to prepare for marriage; that we wouldn't lose sight of the true meaning of marriage as the symbol of Christ and His bride, in the midst of the busy planning stage. It's not about one day, but about our life together in union with Christ.

My Masters programme is going well and the work is benefiting what I am doing on a day-to-day level here in Dublin. The 10 hours a week have been difficult to balance & I would appreciate continued prayers as I endeavour to be faithful to my studies as well as the work that I have been called to here in Dublin.

I echo the words of Paul as I want you to know that I thank God for you and for your support in this journey of ministry that I am on.

Blessings,

Chris McGuire