

Information:

Firstfruits is fully supported by donations and volunteers!

Our next monthly prayer meeting is on Wednesday 6th October at 7.30 at the house. All are welcome! (See website for other dates for your diary)

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Recent & upcoming events:

25th July - Jamie's wedding

6th-8th August - Camping weekend

20th-22nd August - Prayer weekend at the house.

Tuesday at 11 - Mother and toddler group at the house

To come

September 2010 - Becky moving out of the house and Nkini moving in.

29th Sept - 2nd birthday



Stories – staff and support team

Jan H -

“My highlights of the year have been:

- Our first mum and baby moving into their own home and inviting the team for chicken stew / leek and potato soup which was delicious!
- The whole team helping to make Jamie and Daniel's wedding such a lovely day.
- Our new mums moving in and the arrival of another baby - a boy this time!
- The first time I saw Leona walking - I don't know who was more delighted - me or her!”

Jan M -

“There have been many highlights this year for me:

- Hearing Leona calling me Jan was amazing. Although Leona must have got fed up with me saying Jan, Jan, Jan to her all the time.
- The wonderful privilege of being asked by Mel to become Leona's God mother.
- Seeing J's beautiful baby on the day he was born. Although she looked tired, she was so proud of her baby boy.
- It has been great getting to know N, with her great humour and helping her to rearrange the back garden. BIG THANKS to all the live-in support workers, past and present for doing a fantastic job!”

“My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest”

— Isaiah 32.18

Welcome to our new residents - J and N!

Becky moving out . . .

I have been living in the Firstfruits house for just over a year as a live-in support worker. It's been an exhilarating year. I have seen God working in so many ways, in the lives of the women we work with, in the ministry as a whole and in my life personally.

For the women we've been supporting in the house, it's been so encouraging to see God working in their lives, whether they know it or not! To see them slowly open up and begin accepting God's love being poured out through the Firstfruits team is wonderful to watch.

For the ministry as a whole, it's so clear that God has big and exciting plans for Firstfruits. As a team I hope we can listen and respond in the direction God leads us.

Faces

Rachel - Founder



Deah - Live in support worker



Nkini - Live in support worker



Becky and Jamie - former live-in support workers



For me personally, this year has been about listening to God and trusting in His plans for my life, discovering new gifts and trying to love those around me as Jesus does. I have just moved out, and though living in the house has at times been tiring and disheartening, there have been many good times! I'm going to miss living in the house but I'm glad to be a part of the amazing community that is part of this ministry. I'm looking forward to whatever God has in store next for Firstfruits!

. . . Deah moving in

I came from America in early June because I knew God was at work here in Cardiff through Firstfruits and He wanted me to join the work of His hands and feet here. I really had no idea what to expect when I flew over. What I have found is this group of amazing, giving and caring people, really selflessly devoting their time, resources and hearts to the hurting and vulnerable women that cross their paths.

My four months here have really impacted on me as a person. These volunteers really give their all to support and love these women and also support and encourage one another. I have been really challenged here by the generosity of spirit of the people around me. There is a deep need in Wales, to be perfectly realistic, the world, for people to care and devote their lives to women who find themselves in a pregnancy crisis situation. My background is in drug and alcohol abuse counselling and whilst I have worked with clients who have struggled with unplanned pregnancies, I must admit I had not considered how severe the need is for safe housing and loving support for each woman who finds herself in this position.

It is amazing how even in the short time I have been here I have seen such a clear change in the lives of the women living here. I have also grown in areas I never knew I needed to grow in. From what I have seen Firstfruits has really been a blessing to each of the lives that have been blessed enough to taste from its vine of love, wisdom and support.

N - House Resident

"Since I have been here there have been big changes in my life, because of God. This place has just been amazing for me! My confidence has increased. I never would have thought about going to college before I came here and today I am going to my first lesson! I get on very well with the girls who have lived here with me and I trust them.

My relationships with my family have gotten better - especially with my daughter. I felt I was called to Firstfruits and I don't know where I would be without it and the people who have helped and supported me".

J - House Resident

"In Firstfruits I feel loved because when I was living at home I lost my mum in 2003 and then I didn't feel loved. Mel moved in and then I spent most of my time in the house. Then Mel moved out.

Then I moved in to Firstfruits and I've become much happier because we have done lots of fun things together. We go to the beach and we go on camping trips. Then I had a baby boy called R, he is now 5 months old.

The support in the house is amazing. They give you confidence and they give emotional support. We would like to have some people give some money to keep the house going.

Thank you!"

Mother and Toddler group

A mother and toddler group is often held at the house at 11 am every Tuesday. All are welcome!

Run by Firstfruits volunteer Mel, mothers can socialise while their children play in the playroom, or take part in planned organized activities such as an outing to the local zoo / farm, going swimming or to the park to feed the ducks (welsh weather permitting!)

For more information please email: info@first-fruits.co.uk

Thanks!

Thank you to the Lord who has been faithful in providing for and blessing Firstfruits!

Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported Firstfruits this year. Thank you for your prayers, your time and your financial support!

The baby's safe birth

The arrival of J from Cardiff, N from Newport and Deah from America.

For the support and love from Jamie.

Please pray for . .

The recent changes at the house

The mums

The live-in support workers

New referrals to the house

More donations and regular givers

Changes to the ways you can support Firstfruits

We have been concentrating on our publicity recently and have been distributing our leaflets to all places where vulnerable pregnant women may be - churches, doctors, pregnancy crisis centers and social service centers. The message of Firstfruits is now reaching the streets!

We have also set up our own group on Facebook so that members of the public can join, support us and be updated more easily through regular messages.

We have a donations page online: www.justgiving.com/first-fruits

We shall also be concentrating on fundraising, so let us know your thoughts and get involved! (Email: info@first-fruits.co.uk)

Thanks from Rachel

It has been a special year - it is hard to believe that another year has gone and we are approaching our second anniversary already. There have been surprises and many happy memories. It has been so good to have additions to the ever growing 'family' of Firstfruits - N and J, Sharon (our newsletter editor!) and Deah from America. There are also those that are missed, as Jamie returned to America. But it is such a privilege to see what God is doing in each individual life - the 'ones' are important. I also want to say a personal massive thank you to Becky, who has spent the last year living in the house, and given so much of herself to the work. She continues to be part of this family, but September will bring a time of change for her and the Firstfruits house. Nkini will be our new live-in support worker and we are looking forward to this next season.

Thank you too for everyone who supports us so faithfully in many ways. God has used you to bless real lives. Thank you.



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