

CAMBRIDGE LIFE

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NEXT MONTH...



Prayer Weekend 6th-8th

48 hours away from college with tutors and other ordinands exploring different ways to pray along with games and walks.

Lectures and Essay Work

Lectures continue and starting to work on my next few essays

Speaking at Travs 22nd

Speaking at the youth group in the series on book of 1 Peter

StAG and CiS

Church attachment with youth group and CiS work continue

PRAYER POINTS...

Give thanks for...



- ✦ The group presentation
- ✦ The opportunity to go to NZ
- ✦ The smooth running of Open the Box event

Please pray for...

- ✦ Travs talk that it would be clear and to the point
- ✦ Planning for NZ placement
- ✦ Discipline and concentration to get stuck into the new essays



An Intense and Exciting Start to 2015!

Arriving back in Cambridge and going straight into the deep end with 2 intensive courses and essay deadlines was a bit of a shock to the system for pretty much everyone at college...but we all survived! The intensive course I did on Science and Faith was fascinating and although a lot of what was talked about went completely over my head, I came away with lots of new questions and topics to think about. It's fair to say the course re-enforced what I already knew...that I'm definitely not a scientist! The second intensive course I was on was Bereavement. Although what we were talking about was really heavy area and brought up some emotions in people, it was a really helpful few days as we looked at theory, theology and practical advice. I now know far more than I did at the start of the month, which I'm definitely thankful for. I had to be assessed on the second intensive which involved writing a reflective journal as well as working in a group to create a 3 session course on Bereavement for lay-people to take part in and we then presented together to our assessors.



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Funniest moment of the month...

At youth group whilst I was eating food and chatting with some of the older ones, we somehow managed to get onto the topic of what foods we hate. The usual suspects of brussels sprouts, baked beans, liquorice etc. all came up. One of the lads contributed to the conversation, "I absolutely hate Guatemala. It smells horrible and just doesn't even go well with Nachos!" We all then looked at him confused wondering why he was inadvertently abusing the country. After we asked him to describe the taste, another young person got straight to the point "You're talking about Guacamole not Guatemala the country". The lad was having none of it, thought we were winding him up and didn't believe us until we showed him on google that Guatemala was a real country. Several of the young people were crying with laughter at point when the lad realised he had made an honest mistake and then saw the funny side of it all!

Guacamole



**OR...
Guatemala**



Amongst all of the intensive courses we had the essay deadlines so for the first 2 weeks around college, the atmosphere was quite tense. It's hardly surprising they call it the most 'intensive' time of the year!

During one of the long 2 summers that I have at college, I have to do a 4 week full-time placement in an Anglican setting anywhere in the country or the world. After exchanging various emails to Captain Phil Clark, head of the Church Army in New Zealand, I have been able to sort out a placement in Auckland this summer. I will be spending 6 weeks in New Zealand and also hoping to go to Singapore and Sydney but this is yet to be confirmed. During my time in Auckland I will be working at St George's which is one of the larger Anglican churches in the city. The details of what exactly I'll be doing are yet to be finalised but whatever it is I'm so excited about this once in a lifetime opportunity. Obviously there will be a cost to all of this and I am beginning to write to various places for grants. If you feel that you want to or can give financially towards the cost of the trip, that would be great but equally there is no pressure if you don't want to or can't - I won't think any more or less of you either way. Above all of that though, I would appreciate most if you could be praying that I sort out the; logistics, travel arrangements, details of the placement etc.

My attachment at StAG with the youth group continues to go well and is one of the highlights of each of my weeks. It's amazing seeing in just the few months I've been involved so many of them grow in their faith and love of Jesus. The first event of the year was a Pizza making social, where basically loaded a pre-made pizza base with whatever toppings they wanted from the selection. It was messy, chaotic and hilarious with some weird combinations of toppings! Only teenagers would do it!!!!

