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## 31 MARCH-6 APRIL

In January this year Care for the Family's head office moved to new premises in Newport. As well as accommodating our need for more space, there is a 150-seat auditorium to facilitate live-streaming events and the production of accessible digital resources. This month Katharine Hill and Philip Jinadu spoke on It Takes Two at our first event at our new home and tested live streaming.

**Please give thanks with us for this successful first event and pray for us as we develop live streaming to be able to reach many more people.**

## 7-13 APRIL

Spring Harvest is a Christian teaching and worship event held annually at Easter in Minehead, Skegness and Harrogate. We have several speakers leading seminars at Spring Harvest locations this month. Rob Parsons and Katharine Hill will be speaking at all three sites, Andy Frost and Becky Denharder will also be speaking at Skegness talking about the important role mums and dads play in passing on their faith, and Philip Jinadu will be speaking in Harrogate on parenting, passing on faith, and raising children in a digital age. There will also be a Care for the Family stand in the exhibition spaces promoting our work and signposting people to our events, resources, and training that they could use in their families and communities. In Skegness our Additional Needs Support coordinator will be there to raise awareness of our work with parents of children with additional needs.

**Please pray for health, energy, and safe travel for the team. Please pray that people who come that they will learn more about Care for the Family and how our resources can help them.**

## 14-20 APRIL

Spring Harvest continues.

This month sees the launch of our new DVD based resource Raising Faith at Spring Harvest. The resource contains teaching from Katharine Hill and Andy Frost, great advice from experts, and real-life insights from busy families. There are six video-based sessions complete with group leaders' guides and participant notes.

**Please pray that small groups and families will use this resource and gain confidence and practical ideas to build faith in their children.**

Caroline Bradley our National Representative for Northern Ireland will be leading a seminar for Methodist Ministerial Students about how important parents are in building our children's faith.

Caroline also has several meetings with schools to promote our Left To Their Own Devices event and encourage the wider community to attend then event when it comes to Belfast in May.

**Please pray for Caroline as she prepares for this seminar and that the ministerial students will find our resources a great help to them as they try to inspire faith in the families they come into contact with. Please pray schools will be receptive to sharing Left To Their Own Devices with parents.**

## 21-27 APRIL

This month we will be training new facilitators to work with parents using our range of Time Out for Parents materials (21-22 April). These aim to help parents develop firm foundations and have the confidence in themselves and their parenting skills to build strong, healthy family relationships.

**Please pray for those on the training that they will feel confident to deliver parenting courses in their community and have timely opportunities to do so.**

## 28 APRIL-4 MAY

Training continues in Birmingham with Facilitating Groups training (29-30 April).

Steve and Paula Smart head up our Widowed Young Support. We have support days coming up in Belfast in June, Cardiff in October and a weekend in Woking in November. Bookings are encouraging for this early in the year.

Our Bereaved Parent Support is led by Mike & Kath Coulson. They have a day event taking place in June in Sheffield and a weekend in Daventry in October.

**Nicola Watson leads our Additional Needs Support. She will be hosting a training day for befrienders in May.**

**Please pray that bereaved people who would benefit from support will hear about these days and book on. Pray too for the Additional Needs Support befrienders that they will be able to make home arrangements to enable them to attend. Pray that the time out will recharge them and encourage them in their roles as parents and befrienders.**