

ASSISTANT MINISTER

What's Happened:

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- A great cream tea event for the Queen's birthday where we saw lots of guests
- A fun filled Sports café for Wimbledon,
- For 5 new professions of faith that we know of, 3 of which are in their 20s,
- For the initiatives started to bring the men of St. Paul's together.

Christians in Sport:

- 4 events this year including Sports Quizzes & Beach Volleyball Tournaments,
- Speaking at the Victoria College Easter service,
- Opportunities to coach & build relationships in schools & to be invited to speak in whole school assemblies at Beaulieu, JCG & Vic Prep.
- The Christian sports people in all the churches on the island who have caught the vision of being in sports teams & clubs, sharing life & sharing Christ.
- Sports Plus which had 44 young people playing sport all week & learning more about Jesus in main meetings & bible studies. Give thanks for 3 who gave their life to the Lord.

Prayer Points – Please pray:

St. Paul's:

- That many more of our friends, family & community would come to know Christ,
- that we would be eager to invest in friendships with those that don't know Christ & to pray that they would come to know Jesus,
- For more events where we can come together as a church, inviting non-Christian friends to hear a testimony or talk,
- For the 5 "Explore" services of 2016, that we would be prayerfully considering who we can invite & that hearts would be drawn to Christ,
- For Alpha starting in September- that we would all prayerfully invite friends.

CiS:

- The Golf event happening on Bank Holiday 29th Aug & that hearts would be warmed by the testimony of Luther Blacklock,
- Those who play sport, that they would be investing in friendships & prayerfully inviting friends to events to hear about Jesus,
- For more open doors in more schools, to coach & speak in assemblies,
- Sports Plus - that more young people would start coming to the monthly Monday after school club & for Jack Newton who starts his CiS internship in September.

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‘Treat them fairly ... Then, when you call, the Lord will answer.’

Isaiah 58:6, 9 TLB

2) Are you self-sabotaging your prayers? God told the Israelites the reason they weren't getting answers to their prayers was because they were engaged in finger-pointing and criticism (see vv. 9-10 NIV 2011 Edition). Have you been guilty of that? It's just as important to glorify God through the words you speak when you're not praying, as when you are. The Bible says there's a direct link between having a critical, careless tongue, and not getting your prayers answered. How you treat others will determine how God treats you (see Ephesians 6:7-8). God lays it squarely on the line: 'Stop oppressing those who work for you and treat them fairly ... share your food with the hungry and ... those who are helpless, poor, and destitute ... If you do these things, God will shed his own glorious light upon you. He will heal you; your godliness will lead you forward, goodness will be a shield before you, and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind. Then, when you call, the Lord will answer ... All you need to do is to stop oppressing the weak and stop making false accusations and spreading vicious rumours! Feed the hungry! Help those in trouble! Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you shall be as bright as day. And the Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy you with all good things, and keep you healthy too' (Isaiah 58:6-11 TLB). That means the answer to your prayers is contingent upon two things: your attitudes and actions

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