

Latest news from Miriam Fry

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Hello Corsham Baptist!

I have just done my first month as a SWYM (South West Youth ministries) trainee. I have had a busy month with moving to Bristol and doing weeks of training. The new trainees and I had a week at Hill House. This was filled with loads of ice-breaking games, both to get to know each other and to take with us to our church placements. The other trainees are great fun to be around. We all stayed up late on the last night of our induction week. We told ourselves the staff didn't hear but Hill House is so old every step you take the floor creaks. Along with all the fun we did have sessions on more practical things such as safeguarding and risk assessments.

In the second week everyone from SWYM went down to Lee Abbey. It is such a beautiful place there. It is a 10 minute walk from the beach there. This week was the first of 6 conference weeks SWYM does each year. We had many interesting lectures, from Child Development to the Gospel. On Thursday we were told that we would be going to put our 'Gospel' and 'Sharing Faith' lectures into practice. We were taken into Exeter and given a mission to evangelise to people in the streets. There were many great conversations across the group and many people reached. I spoke to a mother and son from China who, although identifying as Buddhist, let me pray for them after having a chat about God.

I moved to Bristol just before my weeks away. I am living with a lovely couple, Trevor and Liz G. Trevor works for the Leprosy Mission and Liz is a retired primary school teacher. They have a very lively house. I have met nearly all their family now! There are often people staying around. I feel very lucky they volunteered to host me! I am training at St Michaels in Stoke Gifford. It is a very large church and is always busy with groups and clubs going on.

With St Michaels we visit a few of the schools in the area. We have been to Bradley Stoke school to help with a Christian Union as well as St Michael's Primary to do a couple of harvest assemblies. We've also just received the 'OK' from Abbeywood Community to go and do mentoring.

Thank you all so much for the support!

God bless,

Miriam!