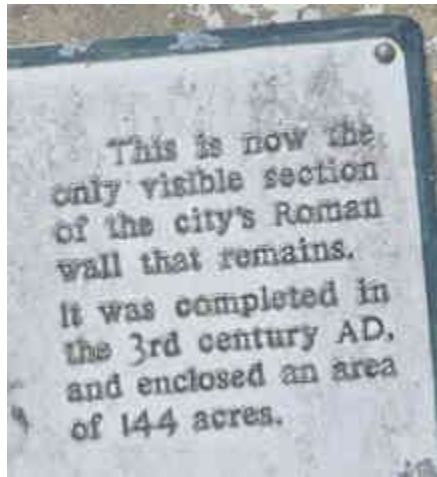


October 2026 UK, Drive Around

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We've been in touch for some time with COSTAS, a Londoner of Greek origin who now lives and works as a shopkeeper in Southampton. He's an avid Bible student, app user, friend of Chris Sparkes and non-trinitarian who'd been wanting to be baptized for some time. But again, churchianity wasn't helpful to him. His beloved wife came down with cancer but they feel the Lord healed her, and so in gratitude he made a large wooden cross [with a wheel on the back of it] and decided to carry it from Winchester to Eastbourne, along the South Downs way, along with a tent where he would sleep. This is about 100 miles. And be baptized at a favourite spot of his in the river Meon on the way. He did a great job of getting publicity for the event, which started with a public meeting on the ancient Roman wall of Winchester, with the press present. Winchester is the ancient capital of England [before London was], the land of King Alfred. The wall where we stood dates back to the third century- around 1700 years old. All sorts of people were interested, and one guy came with his bagpipes to start him off. Costas gave a public confession of his faith on the walls, and invited Duncan to give a talk about baptism and the Gospel to the assembled crowd, making a good push for the Bible Companion app. It was the Lord's will that on the long planned day, it was just pouring with rain. We did it anyway, and a fair crowd turned up, and passers by stopped too, fascinated by what we were doing and some attracted by the bagpipes. We made a great witness for the Gospel to many folks, and Costas set off. He found it hard going, carrying the cross and also the tent- in the pouring rain, steep muddy hillsides etc. The wheel came off the cross and had to be transported a bit in our car. Undeterred and with a back aching from carrying the cross, in full unity with the Lord Jesus in spirit and truth, Costas was baptized just as planned in the river Meon as darkness fell. We held the baptism service standing on a very quaint bridge over the river. Our brother had had many phone chats with us and was just as wonderful and committed to the things of the Lord and God's Kingdom as he had sounded on the phone. And he is committed to witnessing to his customers in the shop. Despite the difficult weather, God was in all this and we had a wonderful day of witness and fellowship with His Son. All this shows once again that there is renewed interest in the Gospel in the UK, and even on a terribly rainy morning in middle class Winchester, folks are still interested in hearing it- if you do some groundwork with the publicity and have God's blessing. There's some poor quality video of various parts of the day at

<https://youtu.be/7oND6Bcqy-Q>











And then in Yorkshire there was STEPHEN, an HGV driver. We went up via Lincoln and met up with folks baptized earlier in the year, and discussed their plans to open a Christian "Community Hub" in their village as a way of bringing more to the Lord in that rural area. So much enthusiasm! Stephen's baptism went well, in a lovely location he and his boys had found on their countryside walks together. He's such a lovely guy and brother, and his great hope is that his boys will be baptized when they're older. 'Dad's baptism' was something dad had well explained to them and it was great they could see it and take videos of it. Video at <https://youtu.be/wOVF9j5FdPs>



You can come and meet and fellowship many such interesting folks at our retreat weekend December 4-6 Lord willing [see below]. At this point, would anyone like to give some talks, or help with the catering? Do let us know!



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CARELINKS / CROYDON CHURCH IN A PUB WEEKEND RETREAT

When: Friday 4 December - Sunday 6 December, God willing

Where: Carrotty Wood Centre, Higham Lane,
Tonbridge, Kent TN11 9QX

Theme: Be strong and courageous: The story of Joshua

Speakers: Brother Duncan and all of you

Cost: Whatever you can contribute
[Don't want ££ to stop anyone coming]

Accommodation: All rooms have en suite

Discussions, break out groups, lessons for kids, games etc with really interesting folks

For more details and to reserve your place contact:

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DRIVE AROUND UK

Daniel, David and Duncan are planning to drive around the UK visiting various contacts and brothers and sisters and hopefully baptizing quite a few during the October half term, October 25-30, Lord willing. Let us know if you'd like to meet up, or know anyone who might benefit from a meet up, and if you could give them a bed for the night.

PRAYER POINTS

- For those recently baptized
- For all those isolated ones here and there trying to spread the true Gospel as best they can
- For the "Drive around" planned later this month in the UK
- For our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine facing ever heavier air raids with much reduced warning in advance, i.e. with much less time than usual to take shelter

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks