

FFWPU UK: Blessed Family Department Activities Over Easter

Michael Balcomb
April 10, 2024



See what events our BFD leader Betty R. was involved in over this Easter Period. Read her reports below...

WWW Community

'On good Friday, 5 families travelled from Wales, West midlands and West country community to spend the day together for the WWW Easter holiday Blessed Family Day. We had a meaningful and enjoyable day together as Blessed families including 5 parents and 10 teens. We had a quiet start with welcome teas and coffees and mingling while we overcame some technical issues with the laptops thanks to Radomir. We had a great atmosphere with singing and had a lively and engaging talk from uncle Yulian about the value and importance of the reading and applying the Divine Principle in our lives for spiritual protection and to build God's ideal of a Culture of Heart. This was followed by a beautiful matching testimony from local West country man James C. and his wife Anja who got Blessed together in 2017. The C. family continued to bring us lots of joy through Roswitha's delicious homemade soup with a lovely spread set out by Viola, and their granddaughter Flora joined us for lunch after her nap. The afternoon walk included games of hide and seek, daisy chain making and a chance to share more with each other.



We had some homemade cinnamon buns (Patricia C.), apple pie (Yukie) and cornbread (Yukie). The afternoon session started with more music, a short talk from Betty with an introduction to the Il-Shim Program which is an 8 week online purity ring program for blessed families. This was followed by some

time for brother and sisters talk to share about what their relationship is with God right now among other questions. The feedback was that everyone would like another day like this again, including an overnight stay, and many families are excited to be able to make use of the south farm barn. On goal setting and plans for WWW youth and Blessed families, many of us have determined to read the DP book at least once by the end of the year and we want to have gatherings where we can enjoy the fireplace, having a camp fire, sports, arts and crafts and much more. After dinner the fun continued until 8pm. I want to thank all the families who came and made it happen and all the staff and volunteers: Elliot Y, Viola D, Yulian M, Roswitha and Mervin C, Kumiko L and Norwegian visitors James and Anja C. If you have any ideas, suggestions or recommendations for the next event, please contact Elliot, Viola or Betty.'



North subregion Level 2 Part 2 Matching and Blessing Preparation Workshop on Saturday 30th March-

"We had 24 present in Lancaster Gate and 17 online from UK, Ireland and Scandinavia. By the grace of God - June D. and Stephen S. were guided and moved to share their experience with true parents and many parents and candidates appreciated the personal stories with God and True Parents and Jesus teaching us about the centrality of the closeness of relationship with God and True Parents as a key to our personal and couples growth and our daily life of putting the principles of creation into practice which can help us create a flourishing marriage and beautiful family. The matching testimony from an older second generation in Ireland - Youngll E. L. and UK parents Dirk and Mitsuko G. brought more insight into the experience of being open to how God is working to bring couples together in matching and Jane T.'s sharing of matching guidance helped to clarify the reasons for the Education program for Matching and Blessing preparation. With regards to the online event -many people in the team and participants worked hard to overcome the technical glitches and time wise it all went quite hairy at times! Thanks to the many patient participants online - it went well! I'm looking forward to read reflections and feedback."

