



Newsletter (February 2024)

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On 6th of February, our centre had arranged a Chinese New Year reunion activity. We played games, shared foods and learnt the knowledge about Chinese New Year custom and the Bible. Most of our members came to join for celebration of New Year, playing happily with warm atmosphere. Everyone prepared seasonal foods with love and passion. Although it was not a grand feast, there was sincere and kindness giving and sharing, we found joyful at everyone's face.

During Lunar New Year, there was gambling habit within Chinese society commonly. That make children thought it was not wrong for gambling for fortune money under the happy and exciting festival, and wishing to become a rich man by luckily. Gambling is like a thief, stealing, plundering and destroying, causing people to lose everything. We pray God to help people who used to be gamblers, could accept Jesus Christ and having abundant life. We pray for more support from the churches in UK and expand their influence and momentum to save more pathological gamblers become free!

The Spring Festival couplets are here! There were hundreds of years of history of posting Spring Festival couplets before Lunar New Year's Eve. People put couplets at front door of each family with cheerful wordings: "Prosperity, Peaceful and Joyful all the year..." It is said there are different kinds of ghosts would go into people's house to hurt them on New Year's Eve. So people pasted couplets at their doors and won't go out on that night. Each family was sitting together for dinner and as customs elderly people give lucky money to the younger ones. Until midnight, fireworks were set off and the ghosts were driven away. The next day, the first day of Lunar New Year, people can go out to visit relatives and friends for New Year greetings. Do you think there was a similar custom in Old Testament of Bible?

About 3,300 years ago, the LORD's spoke to Israelites who were living as slaves in Egypt: "I had seen your suffering, your crying, and your tough experience. I would send Moses to rescue you from the oppression of the Egyptian and would lead you to the richness and wonderful land in Canaan. He told people to prepare an one-year-old lamb without blemish on the tenth day of the first lunar month, and on the fourteenth day, killed the lamb and put its blood at the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they made unleavened bread, roasted meat and ate them all on that night. After the whole family had dinner together, they quickly put on their sandals, girded their belts, held their sticks in hand, and were ready to leave the house..., while God sent the plague to kill all the firstborn in Egypt, except the home having the sign of blood at the door frame, which were the Jewish family.

At that moment, the whole Egypt was filled with cries, and over 2 million Israelites fled from Egypt! Under the leadership of the Lord through Moses and Aaron, they began to go into the wilderness and towards the land of Canaan. In Jews society, the evening of the fourteenth day of the first lunar month is called Passover, it is also the day of God's redemption. About 2,000 years ago, Jesus Christ sacrificed His life with His blood to save all races and peoples. He was the sacrificed lamb in Passover. All those who believe in Jesus Christ is God's Son, can be saved from sin and be blessed. Therefore, the most beautiful blessing is to believe Jesus Christ and accept Him in our life!

Volunteer introduction

May the Lord continue to care and guarding and lead more volunteers to support. Be a wonderful supporter and leadership in the gospel anti-gambling ministry. Glory to the Lord !

Counsellor Ms Natalie Chu

Glory to God! Ms. Natalie Chu joins CCGR as a counsellor. Ms Chu has received different psychological professional trainings and is dedicated to researching emotional and trauma treatment. She obtained a master's degree in professional counselling and a bachelor's degree in psychology. She also obtained a diploma in Psychology of Children from the Open University of Hong Kong and Children's Game Application Certificate from Chinese University of Hong Kong, specialising in family marital and emotional trauma therapy.

Ms. Chu has more than ten years of private practice experience and is good at using different psychotherapy methods, organising psychological and parent training for the community, helping many people who is having various aspects such as personal emotions, psychological trauma, parent-child relationships, and marriage problem, etc.

The Christian Centre for Gambling Rehabilitation Christian Counseling Services

It aims to provide professional counselling and care for recovering gambling addicts and their families to achieve reconciliation and rebuild meaningful interpersonal relationships. This is a non-profit service, and the operating funds for our services come from donations of various Christian churches and individuals.

If you have any inquiries or need to make an appointment with a counsellor, please contact us at 0207 833 8626.

Monday 11:00 – 13:00 / Tuesday 12:00 – 14:00 /
Wednesday 13:00 – 15:00 / Thursday 14:00 – 16:00 /
Friday 15:00 – 17:00

Email : referrals@ccgr.org.uk



Income & Expenditure

The Christian Centre for Gambling Rehabilitation’s finances depends entirely on support from churches and believers within the church community. Please support our ministry through prayer, donation, and volunteering.

	Year 2023/24 Apr- Dec (before Audit)	Year 2022/23
Local Donation	£24,960	£38,053
Overseas Donation	£0	£690
Other Income	£1,596	£4,198
Total Income	£26,556	£42,941
Staff/Volunteers Allowance	£32,920	£46,622
Rent & Insurance	£1,846	£2,062
Office Expenses	£809	£946
Ministry/Activity	£1,644	£4,604
Other	£197	£1,118
Total Expenses	£37,416	£55,352
Surplus (Deficit)	-£10,860	-£12,411

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