

Arrival Survival **a group organiser's guide to Word Alive** 2019 Timetable



Mornings

	9.45 – 11am	Break	11.30-12.45pm	Lunch
Adults	Bible Reading or Tracks		Bible Reading or Tracks	
Under 4s	Session 1	OR	Session 2	
Pre-School and School Aged Children	Full morning programme			

Afternoons and Evenings

	2-3.15pm		3.45-5pm		5.30-6.15pm		6.30-8pm		8.30-10pm		10.30
Under 4s	Crèche				Families Together session for families with children up to Yr 2.						
School Yrs 3-13						Session					
Adults	Seminars		Seminars			Early Celebration		Late Celebration		After Hours	

How the sessions work

Adults - Mornings

Adults are encouraged to go to the "Bible Reading" which is the main talk held in the largest meeting tent The Great Marquee. The speaker this year is Hugh Palmer, looking at 2 Timothy.

The same talk is given at both morning adult sessions and also relayed to chalet TV.

In addition to the Bible Reading there are various other talk series (called Tracks) that you can attend. Each one follows a theme over the week, building on the topic each day, so you may want to choose a track and stick with it.

There are also more specific tracks aimed at specific groups of people – adults with learning disabilities (Count Everyone In), International Students, Church Leaders (Equip) etc.

You may like to pack in 2 meetings each morning, or may prefer to do one session and take time to read, digest and relax.

Adults - Afternoons

Seminars run in the afternoon (2pm – 3.15pm) and (3.45pm – 5pm), just turn up to whatever you would like.

Adults - Evenings

The 6.30pm is the early evening celebration. Lots of singing and of course a speaker. A shorter talk than the morning.

The late evening celebration has more students, although anyone is welcome to attend.

The full programme will be available to download free of charge from the website.

Under 4s - Mornings

Children under age 4 have child care provided for only one of the two morning sessions.

When you register your child at the start of the week you choose which of the two sessions you would like and this is your slot for the whole week.

Registration is done on a first come first served basis, so if you are late in the day to get booked in, you may not get the option of which session you have.

There is also a crèche available 2pm - 3.15pm (no need to pre-register)

School Aged Children - Mornings

The session for school aged children lasts all morning and they usually cover the same Bible book as the adults.

For children up to Year 6, you can drop them off 15 mins early to allow you to get to your meeting and collect them after your second session. They need to take a labelled snack and drink along if they will want one. No nuts please.

All Children - Afternoons

Family activities are laid on during the week such as family films. There are also free inflatables on site as well as a park, swimming pool and go karts. All activities are free of charge.

"Families Together" happens between 5.30 and 6.15pm and is mainly aimed at families with children up to and including Year 2 (7 years old), but all are welcome.

School Years 3-13 – Evenings

Children and youth in Years 3-13 have an evening session that runs alongside the early celebration. Drop your children (if they need it) at their session, no snacks or drinks needed. If the main meeting overruns slightly they will let the children's groups know so you can stay until the end.

Chalets

What is provided?

Duvet and pillow will be provided (**However, please note that for 2019 you do need to bring bed linen i.e. sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases.**)

Toaster, microwave, kettle, electric oven, grill and hob, fridge

Basic crockery and cutlery

Basic pans and pyrex dishes for microwave

TV

Limited coat hangers in wardrobes

Free electricity which runs the heaters, appliances and hot water.

What you should definitely bring

Bedlinen i.e. sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases. A duvet and pillows are provided.

Tea towels

Hand and bath towels

Bath mat/towel equivalent (you will need this)

Extension leads/4 way blocks (2 if you have them)

Sharp knife

Peeler

Washing up liquid and sponges/cloths

Oven gloves

Cleaning products for kitchen and bathroom

Toilet roll

Bin liners

What you might like to bring

Fan heater

Your own pillows

Camping mats /spare duvets or sleeping bags to go under you on their mattresses as they can be lumpy

A couple of decent sized mugs

Bottle opener

Apron

Cheese grater

Your own pans/baking sheets if you are particular

Food bags, cling film etc.

Hairdryer

Extra coat hangers

Flask if you want to take your own drink for between meetings, (drinks are available to buy in the Hub)

Clothing and other items

It is often cold as we are right on the coast, so do bring warm and waterproof clothes.

Toiletries.

There is a swimming pool on site.

We are right on the beach front so you may want to bring kites, buckets and spades etc.

There are big grassy areas outside the chalets where kids can play, so you may want to bring balls, skipping ropes etc.

Staying at The Beaches

What is provided?

Towels

Hairdryer

Free wifi

TV

Tea/coffee making facilities etc. (see their website for more details

<http://www.thebeacheshotel.com/>)

Swimming pool

Clothing and Other Items

It is often cold onsite as we are right on the coast, so do bring warm and waterproof clothes.

There is a heated swimming pool in the hotel so bring your costumes.

You may like to bring some extra mugs for your room and possibly a flask if you want to take your own drink for between meetings, but drinks are available to buy in the Hub.

Food

Offsite

There is a big Tesco in the centre of Prestatyn, a couple of minutes' drive away. It also has a café.

There is a Morrisons in Rhyl also with a café which is reportedly better than Tesco.

There are also pubs, fish and chip shops etc. in town.

Onsite

There is a Nisa Convenience store on site where you can get basics – milk, bread etc.

There is a fish and chip shop on site

There is a small Pontins run 'Java' coffee shop next to the main reception/opposite Nisa.

Word Alive run a coffee shop in the "Hub" area in the main building.

Word Alive are also hiring some food vans to come and provide food on site.

Subject to availability, some meals (breakfast and evening dinner) can be purchased at the Pontins restaurant.

The chalet ovens work but are slow. You may want to limit your use of them and cook food on the hob.

What to do before you arrive

Children and Youth

If you have children in School Year 6 or younger then visit the Word Alive website and find the Children and Youth area. <https://wordaliveevent.org/event/children-youth>

Registration forms can be download to print out, fill in and take with you.

This is really worth doing ahead of time, as you have to register the children on arrival and filling in the forms on the spot is always stressful. Fill out the forms and pack them somewhere easy to access so that you can register and hand them over before unpacking.

No detailed registration forms are needed for school years 7-13.

Download the Word Alive Phone App

A couple of weeks before the event the phone app will become available. It is well worth downloading in advance (there is a charge).

Pre-prepare a meal for the first night

As you can't get your chalet keys until 4pm and the first meeting starts at 6.30pm it is helpful to have a pre-prepared meal you can heat up on arrival.

What to do when you arrive

You can't get the keys for your chalet until 4pm for Popular and Classic (2pm for Club and Groups Bookings of 3 or more Chalets).

You receive 2 sets of keys per chalet, but more can be purchased at the Pontins reception in the main building. This is your port of call for any problems with your chalet.

If you have children, it is worth getting there earlier than 4pm and going and registering your children (consent forms in hand) at their various groups.

If you can make it to the first meeting, it is worth it. It helps you get orientated; kids can meet their leaders and group members, and adults have a helpful introduction and a good time of focusing on God and de-stressing after the feat of arriving on time!

That said, do what works best for you!

Once you have your chalet keys, park as near to the chalet as you can and get settled and fed. The early evening meeting starts at 6.30pm.

What to do when you leave

If you are staying onsite in a chalet you have to evacuate before the last morning meeting and hand in your keys at reception – details will be given.

If you are staying at the Beaches hotel you also need to clear your room before the meeting but can return to the hotel to use toilets etc. before you leave. The morning session is only the length of the first session (finishing at 11am) and all the children are offered child care for this session. There is only one meeting and we all pile into the main meeting tent with an overflow option in the Hub area.

Other Helpful Things to Know

The Hub

The Hub is a large area in the main building (where you will also find the Pontins reception and the Nisa shop).

It contains a huge bookstall which is being run by 10 of those, a coffee shop area, lots of seating and various exhibition stands with information about missionary and other Christian organisations for you to browse.

Wristbands

These are referred to as Event Passes. Everyone is issued with a wristband and adults must show these to enter any meeting venue. Kids are supposed to wear them, but they can fall off (or be wriggled out of) so you may need to carry them with you instead.

The gates/entrances

There is a 'Beach Gate' which leads directly out to the Beaches Hotel and the beach itself and a Side Gate as well as the main Pontins entrance. The Beach Gate and Side Gate will have combination number padlocks so that you can come and go as you please – the code will be announced in the main meetings or can be obtained by calling the Word Alive office – the telephone number will be displayed on the gates. You must show your wristband to Security at the main Pontins Gate.

The Parents' Area

At the back of the main meeting tent there is a "Parent's Area". You can sit here to make it easier for you to be found should your child have a problem during any meetings.

Giving to Word Alive supported charities

Every year Word Alive supports local Christian charities and you hear about these over the course of the week through interviews during various main tent meetings. There is an offering taken on the penultimate night, it is easy to get caught off guard by this creeping up on you. There is no pressure to give, but if you'd like to, it's nice to be prepared.

Where to go if you have a problem

Just inside the main building on the right-hand side is the Pontins reception go here if you have any trouble with your chalet, need a new electricity card etc or to Word Alive Information if you want advice about the programme.

Places to Visit

The beach – right on your doorstep

The Big Hill/Mountain opposite - with your back to the beach you face a large hill looming behind Prestatyn. You can drive up there and park and admire the stunning views and there is also a walkway.

The waterfall at Dysderth is 2.5 miles outside Prestatyn and makes for a short and pleasant afternoon's trip: <http://www.dyserth.com/waterfall.html>

You can walk there via the Prestatyn-Dyserth Way:

<http://www.denbighshirecountryside.org.uk/prestatyn---dyserth-way/>

Rhuddlan Castle is also very nearby and fun for a short afternoon outing:

<http://www.castlewales.com/rhudln.html>

Further afield – The Great Orme in Llandudno is worth a visit but it's a bit tight to get there and back between lunch and the evening meeting

Cheshire Oaks is a large retail outlet about 45mins drive towards Ellesmere Port.