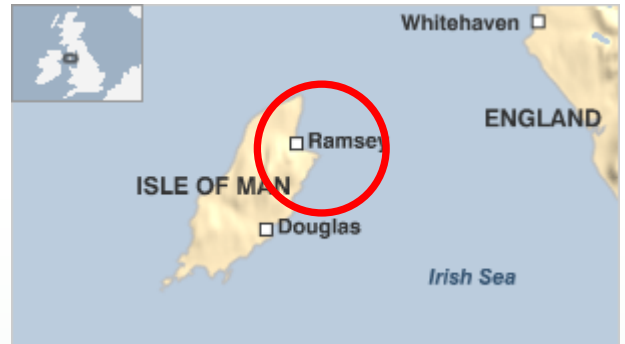


## Ramsey Baptist Church, Isle of Man



Ramsey Baptist Church have a vision to be a 'community loving to make Jesus known'. The church is active in their local community in a variety of ways, including prayer outreach, community needs surveys, carol singing in the precinct, prayer labrynths in the town hall, among other things! This year, they have taken this outreach to the next level by taking on a Scripture Union Gap Year worker, which has been funded in part with the help of Home Mission Project Funding. Carol Roy, from Ramsey Baptist Church, shares their story....

"Hannah Dengate has joined us this year and her main role within the church is organizing, launching and establishing our 'Sporty Church' initiative for launch in January 2014, and the plans are now well under way. We're excited about what this new community outreach initiative will look like. We hope to draw in parents and families living locally in social housing, around the school where we meet on Sundays to worship. Combined with Messy Church, this new initiative will have something for everyone.



Hannah only arrived with the church in September, but has also been busily at work on a number of church activities since then. She has helped lead interactive family services, developed a teenagers discipleship evening, been part of our prayer evangelism team offering prayer in the wider community, mentoring our young people on a one-on-one basis. She is also working in the local schools and preparing some further outreach work in the town.

We're hoping that by the summer of 2014, when Hannah's time with us comes to an end, we will have established our Sporty / Messy church congregation and events, and that we will be able to build on all the fantastic avenues and relationships in to the local community that Hannah is developing, as well as drawing others in to these too. We're grateful to Scripture Union for Hannah being with us, and we're grateful for the

funding the church has received through Home Mission, which has gone some way to covering the cost of this year of mission initiatives and development."

***"I am the vine I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15: 5, 8***

### For your thoughts and prayers:

- Could your church make a big impact on its local community through launching a sustainable Mission Project? What might this look like?
- As we read of Sporty / Messy Church, would you be interested in pioneering a more 'unconventional' congregation as part of your church's witness to the local community?

