



# Portslade Whisper

News from Portslade United Reformed Church

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An insight into what is happening right on your doorstep at the Church on the corner.

## Story Zone/Godly Play Mondays in Term time 3.30 - 5.15pm



Story Zone is our after school club for children aged 5 - 11 years.

We currently have 12 children regularly attending Story Zone on Mondays between 3.30 and 5.15. The children come in straight from school and we start by sitting down together for a healthy snack. Next it's time for a Bible story (a different one each week) which is told in a special way, using beautiful wooden 3-D materials. So far this term we have heard the Old Testament stories of The Creation, Second Creation, The Flood and the Ark and The Great Family. We enjoy identifying our favourite part of the story and then thinking about whether we could "leave out any part and still have all the story we need." Next we take time to reflect on the story as we work with art and craft materials. Each child can decide what they want to do and they really enjoy creating pictures and models. Our session always finishes with a "feast" and a time of prayer before we all go our separate ways. Our aim is to share the stories of the Christian faith in a way that allows children to think for themselves as they reflect on what they have heard. If you know of any child aged 5-11 who would like to come along, please contact one of us:

Lesley Mason 01273 461077 or Mary Wigdor 01273 416368.

## ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

We aim to run some kind of activity during every half-term and the Christmas, Easter and Summer school holidays. Watch our Facebook page for details!

### Forthcoming events:

- Thurs 27 October 4-6pm Sparkle and Shine Praise Party
- Mon 19 December 2.30 Children's Christmas Party



4.30 Christingle Service

## Thursday evenings (during term time)

The GB and the BB are separate organisations but here we meet together at 5.45 - 7pm for girls and boys aged 5- 8 years and 6.30 - 8pm for those aged 8+ years. With the younger age group we do all activities together and with the older groups we share sometime together but also have time separately. A balanced programme operates throughout the year including fun, learning new skills and physical times. At the end of each year children and young people are awarded badges for achievement.

Our younger age group have been looking at friendships and looking out for others, autumn and safety - sharing in food activities, games, craft and stories. We even went on a hedgehog hunt in the back garden of the church where we looked at a hedgehog tunnel provided by the Hangleton and Knoll Hedgehog Group. With the older members we have been trying out some illusions, TShirt designing, sewing and of course plenty of physical activities.

We are always open to new members. So, if you know any young people who would like to join us please contact

Jayne Packham 07766022090 or Clare Packham 0788035489



## Reading Station

### Book Club



Further to our last report we are still meeting on the 4th Wednesday of each month but sadly our numbers are dwindling, so if you would like to join us please contact me, Mary Wigdor on 01273 416368.

We are currently Reading a book by Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie called Americanah, about a Nigerian Girl who leaves her homeland to finish her education in America and her subsequent life. I am finding it very interesting so far but have a long way to go!

Previous books read include, Us by David Nicholson about a couple's mid-life crisis!!!

Alarm Girl by Hannah Vincent - a tale of loss and bereavement and how children deal with it.

The Lives of Others by Neel Mukherjee - a book about a family in India and their rise and fall from grace.

Further books on order are - The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk-Kidd, The Testament of Mary by Colm Toibin and Unexploded by Alison MacLeod.

We are interested in what YOU are reading and always make time during our sessions to discuss other books we may have read during the current month.

### Sunday Club

**10.15 - 11.30 For children aged 4 - 11 years**

We meet in the Storyzone Room in the Church. We learn from the Bible and make crafty things, discuss, play, draw, in fact we do lots of interesting things on a Sunday morning. We finish by going into Church and tell the adults what we've been doing and sometimes they tell us what they have done. At the end of the service we have refreshments in the hall, to which parents are also welcome to.



**HARMONY**

**COMMUNITY CHOIR**

**Wednesday 6.30 for Tea and Chat**

**7 - 8.30pm for singing**

We meet each week for an evening of singing

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### Tuesday Fellowship

Following our Summer Activities we are now meeting again on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. As usual our sessions are open to both older men and women.

At our meeting we have a variety of speakers and activities planned ranging from Local History through to music afternoons.

We always end our time together with tea, biscuits and a chat.

We will be meeting on 26/10; 8/11; 22/11; 6/12 and 20/12

Pop in and join us if you are passing.

for pleasure. No experience necessary! Our numbers have recently increased to around 36 -38 each week. Twice a year we hold a concert where we try to support a different small local each time. Our recent concert was a great success and we managed to raise £398 for 'Fun in Action'.

For more information please email to the address below or call Jayne on 01273 770165