

# ST. DAVID'S CENTRE OF MISSION

Spring 2018

## New in brief

- Our holiday craft and games club has run 3 times this term and we now have a regular core group who attend
- Val was asked to be the community voice for a BBC Wales news item on the injustice of access to services depending on postcode.
- The community Easter egg hunt involved following the Easter story in pictures
- The teenagers used the same event to raise funds for the Bridge drop in.
- Val is now secretary to Merlin's Bridge welfare committee and so involved in planning and running various community events.



Craft at the holiday club

## School

FROG, our after school club, has had a very successful term. The larger number of children actually worked better than expected as for the most part the children rose to the challenge of monitoring their own behaviour. The highlight of the term was probably the Palm Sunday rap, written and performed by a small group as their retelling of that story.

For Easter, Val was asked to do an assembly on the journey to the cross. In discussion with the head it was agreed to do a child friendly stations of the cross and take each class on that journey. Unfortunately the weather was not our friend and we had to do the walk indoors, but it was a real privilege to be able to lead this and to hear the children's thoughts and feelings. There were some tears and one child said, "I never really thought what Jesus actually went through until now." It was an emotional but rewarding day.

## Faith Pictures

Following our successful course in St Mary's, Val ran another course during Lent, which was well received. Ruth is currently running another with the Christian Union in Pembrokeshire College which they are enjoying.

Faith pictures is spreading within the diocese as a neighbouring deanery ran 3 as Lent courses and the feedback from them has been great.

## Worship

Our monthly All Age service continues and we are currently looking at the life of Jesus. So far we have done the presentation in the temple, his baptism, the wilderness and calling the disciples. We have spent time thinking about these experiences apply to us.

There are also 2 new worshipping communities developing. One is in the home of a lady who has been bedridden for nearly 8 years and involves her husband, carer, neighbour and friends. The other is in De Clare Court, a supported living complex where a group of 6 -10 people meet. They have very definite ideas about what they want, which is great and keeps me on my toes. Both of these started as requests for home communion, but are growing and developing.

## The Bridge

The Bridge Youth drop-in has been going well we have a core group of 8-10 who we see each week and 3 very dedicated volunteers. The volunteers play a full part in running the sessions including doing the 5 minute faith talks. On the run-up to Easter there have been a couple of great opportunities to chat with the young people about the Easter story.

4 of the young people attended a diocese youth residential where, amongst lots of fun activities, they heard more about Jesus' resurrection and engaged with God through creative prayer and worship which were new experiences for them. They also won half of the awards on offer for the weekend!



Making Easter Nests

## Xplore

Paul, one of the Xplore members and a volunteer at the Bridge, went to Belfast at the beginning of March to do a weekend of evangelism. Whilst Paul was there, Belfast was attacked by the 'Beast from the East' and his highlight from the weekend was delivering milk and bread to people on the estate isolate by the snow. Paul says he really enjoyed the weekend and now feels much more confident in doing evangelism.

## CAMEO

Come And Meet Each Other is a new project that we'll be starting on the estate in the next couple of weeks. This project will mostly be aimed at the elderly and those who feel isolated or lonely. With the draw of crafts and board games we hope it will give them a reason to get out and meet others and maybe learn a new skill too.



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# Prayers

## Thank you...

- Thank God for FROG club and the way the children engage.
- Thank God for the drop in, the young people who come and the opportunities to build relationships and share the gospel
- Thank God for the opportunities to provide appropriate worship for the people of Merlin's Bridge
- Thank God that Ruth has been able to engage with the Christian Union at Pembrokeshire College

## Please...

- Please pray that CAMEO will start well and that amongst the crafts and games there will be opportunities to build relationships and share the gospel
- Please pray for more authentic opportunities to share the gospel with the young people both at The Bridge and at FROG club
- Pray that our various worshipping communities will continue to grow and be a place where we can disciple young and old alike.
- Pray that as the weather improves there will be even more opportunities to build relationships and share faith in relevant and meaningful ways
- Pray for our volunteers, Paul, Stephen and Kevin at The Bridge and Jess and Christine at CAMEO

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Thank you!

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Val & Ruth at FROG club



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