

# ST. DAVID'S CENTRE OF MISSION

Autumn 2018

## News in brief

- Our popular craft and games club continues to run in the school holidays and provide lunch for those attending.
- Val and Ruth were both involved in running Party in the Park, a free event for the whole community
- Prior to Party in the Park, the youth from The Bridge helped with a litter pick on the field.
- Val continues to lead worship at De Clare Ct, where she has identified a 96 year old evangelist who is keen that people approaching the end of life think seriously about where they are going.
- As part of the diocesan evangelism strategy Val is busy preparing an evangelism training course that will be taken to every Local Ministry Area (LMA) in the diocese over the next two years



Craft based on a colour match task

## School

FROG, our after school club is still very popular and last term we had our biggest group to date. They enjoyed looking at some of the early Old Testament stories and in particular the life of Moses. This term we are going to be looking at God's rules, firstly the 10 commandments in the OT and then the 2 commandments that Jesus gave us in the NT.

Ruth continues to work with Y6 building relationships with them and helping them with their Welsh, whilst Val continues as a school governor offering support with a regular group of readers, acting as link governor for maths and doing school assemblies.

Following a request from the lady who has run Little Lions for several years, Val has taken over more of the organising for the toddler group.

## Baptisms

Exciting news - we have had our first baptism at our All Age service. One of the children in class 1 asked to be baptised and chose to do this at our service. It was great to see her and her family and friends on her special day. Then Val was asked by Bishop John to

baptise a baby from the estate. All 3 of her older siblings have or still attend FROG club so it was an honour and a privilege to be able to make the service special for the family and to include the children.

## County Show



The Pembrokeshire County Show takes place every year on Haverfordwest showground and is an important event especially for the farming community. This year as well as promoting the work of Church Army and the resources available, Val was also able to tell stories about what has been happening in the centre of mission. To do this she created her own display board (opposite) reminding people that the cross is at the centre of the work and surrounding the cross with a number of words that acted as prompts for various stories. She also involved several visitors in helping to make sustainable bunting asking people to write or draw thoughts and prayers on fabric triangles

## The Bridge Youth Drop-in

Last term the young people looked at 2 topics. First we concentrated on the Fruit of the Spirit and how they might be seen in our lives. Then we did a series on including others so that hopefully it will be easier for new people to join. As an incentive we introduced a points system and at the end of July we treated those who qualified to a subsidized bounce at a nearby trampoline park-they had a lot of fun!



Over the Summer we have run a variety of activities for the young people, including making slime, problem solving and collecting and printing leaves. The picture shows one of their creations in a challenge set. We're hoping that the new school year will bring in more young people and especially last year's Y6 pupils from St Mark's school who Ruth has been getting to know.

## Xplore

Xplore, an evangelism course for young adults, will be running again this year. Last year Paul, a young adult from the estate who volunteers with us, really grew in confidence through doing the course and we are hoping he will co-lead with Ruth this year. Ruth also has some ideas of how to help those who join to get the most out of it and is looking forward to seeing what God will do in the lives of those who have signed up this year.

## CAMEO

Unfortunately despite this being something that people on the estate had asked for, attendance was very low, so sadly we are putting this on hold for the moment.



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# Prayers

## Thank you God...

- for all the children who want to come to FROG club and are open to the gospel.
- for the drop in, all those who volunteer and for the young people who come.
- for the opportunities to share the good news of Christ with the people of Merlin's Bridge
- for the opportunities that are opening up to encourage the wider diocese in evangelism

## Please...

- pray that everyone who is ready to join the Xplore group will sign up for it and pray for Ruth and Paul as they lead this group.
- continue to pray for opportunities to share the gospel appropriately with the people of Merlin's Bridge, both young and old
- pray for Val as her role in the diocese develops.
- pray that we are able to use the various festivals and community events that are happening this term effectively to be good news to this community
- pray for our volunteers, Paul, Stephen, Kevin, Gary and Hannah and others that are considering volunteering.
- please pray that we can discern the right way to combat loneliness on the estate whether this is through CAMEO or something different.

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Thank you!

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Val & Ruth at FROG club



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