

## Centenary Project Update

A HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER

**April 2024**

### KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY TIDY

#### *Hatfield Heroes take on local litter*

Our youth group has been showing their dedication to keeping our local area tidy by going on two litter picks over the last few months. Our first was from the Co-op down to Ash Hill Academy where we collected 5 bags of litter.

One group member had noted how bad the link road from Hatfield to the motorway was, and so we planned our next litter pick to cover this route.

Eight young people came on that litter pick in the Easter holidays and we collected a massive 11 bags of litter along the way. We celebrated at the services with a Burger King lunch to say thank you to them for their hard work.

We are now looking forward to HOPE Weekend in June when we will be taking on more social actions projects in the local community. Watch this space!

P.s. Huge thanks to Dot and Paula at Dunscroft Co-op for supporting us this year and joining in the litter picks.



### GOOD NEWS

#### *from the last half term*

We have continued to maintain relationships with our local schools by inviting them in to celebrate Easter and other special events. Sheep Dip Lane Primary Academy hosted their "Coronation" service in church to show them what King Charles went through to become King. Crookesbroom and Travis invited parents in for their Easter services, and we were able to visit Ash Hill Academy once again to host an Easter escape room experience for Year 7 students. Thank God for all these fantastic opportunities and for continued good relationships with local schools.

# CAFE CHURCH INCLUSIVITY

*welcoming all ages and abilities*

Since launching Café Church in September, we have seen an increase in the number of families regularly attending and getting to know other members of the congregation. We have really celebrate intergenerational relationships in this service, including the youngest in some of our worship (Sam on the drums, Evelyn leading our welcome liturgy, Reuben being our PowerPoint controller and Maddy our craft team helper. We try to maintain a mixture of styles of sung worship and prayers in our service, and last term we learnt the Lords Prayer together in British Sign Language. Our teaching also aims to be accessible to all, with dyslexia friendly fonts used on screen, crafts to reinforce key messages and chat around tables so that everyone can contribute. Its a really welcoming atmosphere and we invite you to come and experience it every 1st and 3rd Sunday morning from 9:45am (coffee is on tap!). We are currently exploring the Trinity and soon will be looking at the stories in our Stained Glass Windows.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*for next half term*

- **Summer Club Planning meetings** - 22nd April, 20th May, 15th July 7pm
- **Church Explorers Week** - 25th May - 2nd June - Events during half term week including free crafts, trails and more
- **HOPE Weekend** - Youth social action weekend 21st-23rd June
- **Journey with Jonah Summer Club** - 29th July - 2nd August

## PRAYER POINTS

*for the next half term*

- for our youth group to have a big impact locally when taking part in HOPE Weekend.
- for our summer club plans to come together!
- for volunteers to step up to take responsibility for running groups and activities

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