

## Centenary Project Update

A HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER

**Aug 2024**

### JOURNEY WITH JONAH

*a family summer club filled with fun*

Our family summer club kicked off during the second week of the summer holidays this year, with over 60 children and their grown ups coming to church to take part, with a nautical themed net to decorating it!

This year we followed the story of Jonah, a prophet who didn't really want to share the message that God had given him with a people who he didn't like! We learnt the story through songs, crafts and games, with "pin Jonah in the whale", egg box boats and our favourite challenge each morning of "WHERE'S WHALLY WHALE?".

Comments from parents were that each year gets better and better, and we certainly had an amazing team of over 15 volunteers and many young leaders as well this year. The congregation had been asked to pray in the fortnight leading up to it, and we praised God for answers to this at our special celebration Café Church on the Sunday afterwards.

One particularly special moment was on the last day when the children were asked to come up to the stage to collect a shell if they would like to have God in their lives – so many shells went home that day. Amen!

### GOOD NEWS

*from the last half term*

We had the amazing news of winning £5,000 from the Coop "The Winner Shares It All" which will go towards our youth work. A photographer came and we were featured in the Mirror!

We have also seen a very busy Pre-loved Uniform Bank over the summer holidays with a record breaking Summer Session raising almost £100 in one day (amazing when all uniform is 50p an item.)

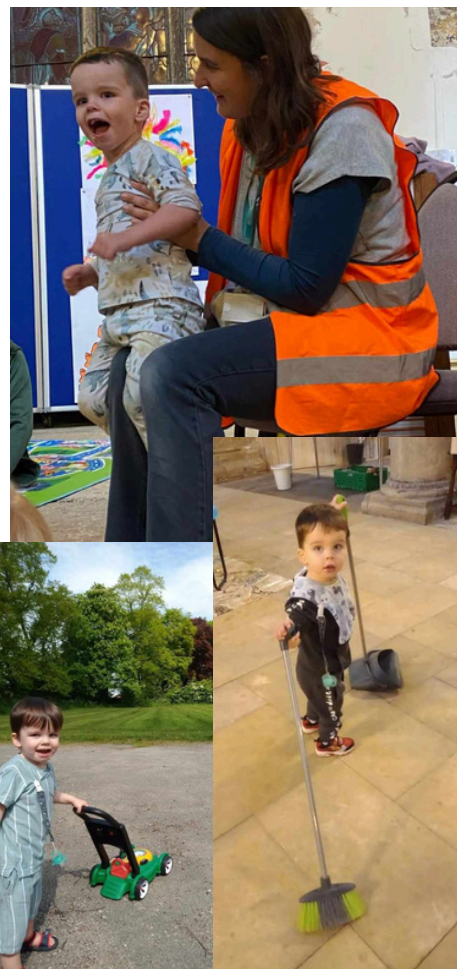


# ISAAC LEAVES LITTLE LIONS

*our longest members moves up to big school*

We were very sad to wave goodbye to one of our longest attending Little Lions, Isaac, this July. Isaac starts big school but has been with us since we met on the field after COVID. We prayed for all the little lions moving up to big school or onto other adventures with some bubble prayers at our last session, and they were also gifted with a sticker bible.

Please join us in praying for new families to connect with Little Lions. This is getting increasingly hard with more funding available to families so many opting to put them in nursery full time. Other local toddler groups have closed down or are struggling for volunteers, and we really hope that Little Lions can continue to be there for our youngest children of all.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*for next half term*

- **Backpack Blessing Roadshow** - begins Thursday 5th September around our local Primary Schools
- **Wild Away Day YOUTH** - Saturday 19th October @ Kingswood
- **Cuppa in the Churchyard** - Wednesday 4th September 8-9:15am - a chance to pray for and bless our church school parents on the first day back at school.

## PRAYER POINTS

*for the next half term*

- for new Year 6's moving up to our youth group, that they will settle in.
- for new families to come along to Little Lions in September
- for our youth group as we take a deeper look at prayer this year

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