

Spree 2019 was another scorching hot weekend! We took 58 young people to the new venue at Wespoint in Exeter. There were Fairground rides, Archery, Climbing, Cycling, Craft activities and lots more! There are various sessions that the young people can attend depending on their age and where they are on their faith journey and we had people in every session. We were also really excited to give out 6 Bibles to some of the young people who are leaving primary school this year and were asking lots of questions about Jesus and faith. A couple of the leaders are trying to meet with them on a regular basis as at present they don't attend any church. It was great to welcome Nathan & Kirsty Redstone and Charlotte Squires from Morchard Chapel to the team. The young people really enjoyed their weekend, the leaders were exhausted, we all came away blessed by

what we saw and heard amongst the young people.

God is Good!

Dates for Next Year: 26th—28th June 2020. Please put the date in your diary we always need help with set-up, take-down and of course during the weekend too!



Energize has had a busy term. We were delighted to take 4 boys and 3 girls with us to Spree, four of them

had never been before but were encouraged to go by those who had. We continue each week to play games and talk and we have built some really good relationships with this group. We ended on a high with 15 at our summer BBQ. We would love to have more leaders for this club so please do pray and speak with anyone from the committee if you feel called to come along and find out a bit more. Thank you to all our volunteers who have been with us this year, your help is much appreciated as are all your prayers for the youth we encounter each week.



The Summer term is always great at All Stars because we can all be outside and we have had some amazing weather. In the wind we have flown a Kite we purchased with money donated from Café. When it's been too hot we have retreated into the cool of the forest to play on the rope swings and build dens. We were also happy to join with Forest School for their last session and enjoyed toasting marshmallows around the fire.

We started a Running Club after the Easter break which has been well attended. On our first run the children managed to run up to Elston cottages, around to the garage and all the way back to school. The children enjoy running out on the road as well as being on the school field racing each other and the leaders! Thanks to Copplestone Running Club for lending us Jen to lead the group.

The next term is going to see some staffing changes at All Stars. Please pray that numbers would improve so that we can continue to provide this service which is essential to many. Please continue to pray for All Stars and Copplestone Primary.

Thank You to our regular volunteers, Anne, Colin, John, Mandi, Suzanne & Tris.



We have started using some new material in our Kidzone sessions. Please do let us know what the children think of the new material.



During May 1/2 term I was part of the team who led the Lighthouse holiday club. We had a great 3 days welcoming the children to come and explore great Bible stories "Down on the Farm". This holiday club allows us to provide a safe place for children to come and learn about God while showing people how churches want to work together to serve their communities.



We had an amazing week at Holiday Club this year! We welcomed over 40 children every day and over 30 to our messy church on the Sunday afternoon. We learnt about what it meant to be part of God's team; to follow God as our leader, to tell others about God's team, to look after one another and to forgive one another. We were able to take advantage of the good weather to play up at the

school field and a good time was had by all! Many thanks to all those who volunteered to make it possible! Please pray for those who came that they may come along to our Messy Church events next term.







The Summer term was a busy one but as a family we have been able to enjoy a good rest and time with friends and family.

As we enter this next term there are some changes ahead. We welcome Andrea Redstone to the All Stars team which will allow me to take on some of the work that Graham Harry has been doing.

We as a family are moving on too at the end of the year to a new and exciting challenge but still within the Ringsash Circuit so I can still keep in contact with all the children and young people through Holiday Clubs, Inter youth nights and of course Spree which will be great!

Please pray for the CFYP committee as they prepare to advertise my role and recruit someone new. Pray for the children and young people that they will feel secure despite all the changes and that we will have enough volunteers to allow Energize and all other activities to continue.

There is lots to look forward to for this term as we head towards Christmas (yes I said the word it will be here before we know it)! I appreciate all your prayers for the things we are planning and look forward to what God will do this term!



## September to December 2019

Our light parties on 31st October are always great fun and well attended by our church families. But this year I want to try and have more of a presence in the village. So I will be hosting a 'pop-up' light party on Sunnymead. Under a gazebo filled with bright fairy lights we will be serving hot chocolate to the girls and boys out trick-or-treating, along with love hearts and the message of Jesus. Literally bringing

boys out trick-or-treating, along with love hearts and the message of Jesus. Literally bringing Light to the Darkness! Any children who would like to come and volunteer to serve their friends are more than welcome!

If you find yourself locking the door and hiding behind the curtains on this night please can I encourage you to think about a different approach. Why not hang a sign saying 'Jesus is the Light' and having a basket of Love Hearts that the children can help themselves too? If you would like to do this please speak to me and I will supply you with what you need - together we can spread the light around Copplestone. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it!" John 1:5.

## Looking Forward...

- Cliff College Course, Certificate in Local Ministry; 18th to 19th Sept.
- Lighthouse Light Party; 23rd October
- Light in Copplestone; 31st October
- Messy Church / Energize / Play zone / Inter-youth nights / Pulse
- Spree Christmas Meal; 13th December
- Christmas Experience

If you would like to be involved in any of these activities please contact me.

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