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22nd March



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It's been a busy and exciting time for our Brownie unit, and we're thrilled to share some of the highlights with you all. From creative crafts to carol singing, the girls have been making memories (and a lot of noise!).

Last term, we wrapped up the year with a flurry of paint

and creativity. The Brownies completed their painting badge by making beautiful gingerbread doormats - each one a festive masterpiece. These were a massive hit, not just with the girls but with their proud parents, who couldn't wait to show them off at home.

We ended the term on a high note with

Thursdays, term time, 6:15-7:45pm

some festive carol singing at Tesco. Thank you to all the church members who came along to support us! The girls sang their hearts out, spreading Christmas cheer to shoppers and raising an incredible £748 for our unit. This will help fund some exciting upcoming activities. We're so proud of the girls for their hard work and enthusiasm - they were truly amazing!

This term kicked off with a bang at our games night; while we planned for an evening of friendly competition, things took a surprising (and delightful) turn with an impromptu sing-along. The room was soon filled with laughter and music, setting the tone for another fantastic term. One of the most memorable evenings so far was our 'dress to impress night'. This modern take on a children's game saw the girls diving into

giant bags of fancy dress items. Each team had a theme - like dream job - and used their creativity to design fabulous outfits. The evening culminated in a catwalk extravaganza, complete with dance moves that earned bonus points. The outfits were as outrageous as they were brilliant and the girls loved every second.

Our creative streak continued with a macramé workshop. The girls worked with colourful string, knot tying techniques and a lot of determination to create stunning macramé leaves. It was a challenging task, but the end results were beautiful and the girls couldn't wait to take their creations home.

Of course, no Brownie term would be complete without a campfire night - indoors, of course! This time, we added a twist: alongside the traditional and modern Brownie

songs, there was dancing, laughter and a joyful atmosphere that brought a little bit of the outdoors inside. And who could forget s'mores night? This evening was all about marshmallow magic.

The girls designed their own unique s'mores, toasted them to perfection, and even sang songs about their delicious creations. It was a sticky, sugary success that left everyone grinning.

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Next one ... 22nd
March, 3:30-6pm

It was great to see lots of familiar faces at the first Footsteps of 2025. Fittingly for the start of the year our theme was Creation - taking the story from Genesis at the very start of the Bible where God created the earth and the heavens, land and sea and filled them with creatures. The afternoon started with bag and badge making,

the quiz and games. For example, how many noses does a slug have or how many feet does a Bombay duck have? (I couldn't wait until the end of the afternoon (and didn't enter the quiz) so had a quick google on my phone - it's 4 and 0, a Bombay duck is a fish!). Everyone then gathered together to sing and hear the story of creation.

There was an interactive collage with the land and sea gradually being populated with flying things, swimming things and things walking on land - it looked really impressive - take a look.



We were also reminded how important it is to look after the planet - remember to recycle this newsletter once you've finished reading it! The challenge was to make something from creation - so it could literally be anything. There was a flower, a camel and a donkey to name a few. Then it was on into the hall for crafts and games. There were biscuits with marbled icing, a bird model and an eco rosette. You could also make a rocket and try firing it by stamping on a lemonade bot-

tle attached to a piece of pipe on which the rocket sat - don't think anyone hit the ceiling - which is just as well as it is a very long way up to go and get the rocket if it got stuck on a beam! And at the woodwork bench there was a wall hanger with a rotating band telling the creation story.



The afternoon finished, as always, with tea and prizes for the winners of the quiz and various games. Did anyone get the slug nose question right?

The next Footsteps is on Saturday 22nd March - see you there. Why not bring a friend?



Easter Sunday - 20th April

Come and celebrate with us,
please see the back page for
more details.



WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Who Let The Dads Out? has continued into 2025, with a buzzing, fun atmosphere on the Saturday mornings. We've had a good time; all the dads, father figures,

their children and of course the helpers. It's great to have seen some regulars, as well as new faces, and to have chatted over tea, coffee and toast. Watch this space for more information about future events or call Tristan on the number shown below.

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Free playgroup for dads and male carers
with children up to 7 yrs old

Give mum
some time
off

Meet other
dads

Baby corner,
toys and
games

Free snacks
and drinks

Craft activity



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Did you have a great Christmas? Lots of presents, lots of food and lots of family time together? The Shoebox Express elves have been busy transporting the Christmas shoebox gifts that you filled to displaced and orphaned children in Ukraine. These children might not have had lots of presents, they might not have had lots of food and they may not have lots of family, because of Russia's war. The elves in Ukraine

have been very busy matching up the right gift to the right child and you can be sure all the children loved receiving your gifts this Christmas. If they could, they would all want to say thank you for their gifts, so the Trustees will say it for them:

'Thank you'

1,150 Christmas shoebox gifts that you packed were sent. Can you imagine how big 'Our News' would need to be to show you all 1,150 with the children who got them? You'd need a wheelbarrow to move it, or maybe even a crane!

A Sunday morning
group for teenagers –
join us for games and
chat at 10:30.

Explorers



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Bible-based family fun and games with tea

Saturday 22nd March & 10th May

3:30pm – 6pm



Toddlers Thursday 9:30-11:30am

A lot has happened since the last newsletter but we still meet at the same time and have the same range of toys. To mention a few we have a kitchen area, book corner, dolls houses, lots of puzzles and ride on bikes and buses. On the craft table we completed our nursery rhyme theme and have moved on to zoo animals.



In the weeks leading up to Christmas we made decorations to go on the Church tree and some to take home,

as well as a Christmas card and a crown to wear at our Christmas party. Although a very busy time of the year for Father Christmas he made a surprise visit to our party.

Some of the older children have now started nursery and preschool but we have been delighted to welcome new babies, including some little brothers and sisters of children who already come.

After snack time, the children love the sing-a-long when we celebrate birthdays, roll the prayer cube and finish with the 'Hokey Cokey'.

Adventurers Every Sunday 10:30-11:30am

What is your name? Do you know why you were given that name?



It was really interesting to hear how our group got their names!

Some were named after



members of their family, members of the royal family, people in the Bible

or even the flowers in bloom when they were born, but not by an angel! That was what happened to Jesus and his cousin John.



At Christmas we realised that each stage of the Nativity

was directed by angels.

The angel appeared to Mary, to Joseph, to the shepherds, the wise men and then directed the Holy Family home

via Egypt. Only Herod seemed to miss out on a visit from the angels but he probably wouldn't have listened anyway as he was too afraid of losing his kingdom! It was the angel Gabriel who told Mary that her surprise



baby would be called JESUS and the same angel who told her cousin

Elizabeth that her surprise baby would be called JOHN. The angel was God's own messenger and God had lead roles for both boys when they grew up to be central to God's Big Plan.

Many years later, John was busy preaching and baptising people in the river Jordon when Jesus turned up and asked to be baptised too. John did as Jesus asked and as he did so God's voice was

heard announcing that Jesus was his own son... a sign that Jesus' important work of teaching and healing was about to begin. Perhaps the watching crowd also saw the heavens open and the Holy Spirit descend as a dove. We had fun spray painting our dove templates and painting a poster which you might have seen in the Maple Leaf

room. You will see a calendar on the board too. It is not full of birthdays and holidays but charts the events in the church year.

We enjoyed pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and are looking forward to an egg hunt for Easter!

Happy Spring everyone!



**Thursdays, term
time, 5-6pm**

The Rainbows have had a super start to 2025. We have welcomed several new Rainbows who have settled well and have been learning all about what it means to be a Rainbow and our song:

*Look at the world around.
Learn everything you can.
Laugh as you go along.
Love this world of ours.*

This term our theme is 'Express Myself' and we have

been learning about various ways to do this.

The Rainbows have all worked on their drawing badges and have explored ways to express themselves through art. They have drawn some

amazing self portraits and impressed the leaders with how



they have drawn their emotions.

They have learned some Makaton signs and done lots of singing.

The Rainbows have also done some beautiful artwork

based on birds. They started the year making owls from dried leaves and ended the half term by making gorgeous Valentines peacocks to give to loved ones.

Easter Sunday at Formby Methodist

Come and help us celebrate...



This Easter join us to celebrate, Jesus is Risen. Feel free to come along to some or all of the following:

Easter Sunday - 20th April

8:30am - Early morning communion

9:00am - Easter breakfast, no need to book, just turn up

10:30am - Easter Sunday communion service. During the service Adventurers and Explorers will leave for their Easter celebrations, including taking part in an Easter Egg hunt.

If you'd like to come to Maundy Thursday or Good Friday services please look at our website www.formbymethodist.church