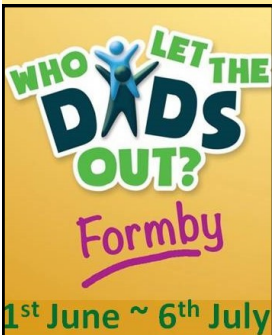


Children
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FOOTSTEPS



What would you do to help one of your friends? I'm sure we'd all say 'anything' - perhaps sharing our packed lunch if they had forgotten theirs or helping them with their homework. The story we heard at the last Footsteps saw friends going much further than this. A man was seriously ill - he was paralysed meaning that he couldn't walk

and had to be carried everywhere on his bed. His friends had heard that Jesus could help - he healed people and they hoped that he could make their friend better as well. The problem was that lots of people wanted to see Jesus and it wasn't possible to get close to the house where Je-



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sus was staying, especially if you were carrying a bed. So the friends tried something different - they climbed on to the roof of the house and lowered the bed down so that their paralysed friend was right in front of Jesus. Some versions of the story suggest that they actually took the roof off but it seems more likely that the design of the house had an opening in the roof to a courtyard below. Jesus told the man to get up from his bed - he did and went away skipping and jumping.



Like lots of people in the Bible we never know their names or what happened to them after their initial encounter with Jesus but the point is that they were ordinary people and something miraculous happened which

changed their life.

The afternoon started with drinks, biscuits, the quiz and games, including stacking dominoes on a pulley. Everyone was gathered together to sing and watch a DVD telling the story and demonstrating one of the crafts - joining 4 strips of card together to make a shape which could be stairs, a bed, an opening in a roof, the letter J for Jesus and a pair of legs running and jumping for joy. Then it was over to the Maple Leaf room for the junk challenge - lots of fantastic designs with real pulleys to lower stretchers up and down.

The models were



taken over into church so that everyone who comes on Sunday morning can see what we do at Footsteps. Everyone

sees the models and crafts that we do and then guess the Bible story that we heard about.

With models complete it was time to go into the hall for crafts and games. There was a wooden model to make



recreating the roof scene, buns to roll out, bake and share with a friend, a friend-

ship necklace which comes in two halves, a photo frame to decorate and a friend concertina. Plus the stairs/roof/J/legs shape and story card. There were also games if people preferred, including throwing bean bags up a ladder to score points.

The afternoon finished, as usual, with tea and prizes for the quiz and games winners. We had ice cream at the end which was really welcome on such a hot day. Our next Footsteps is on 22nd June - it would be good to see you.

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

Give mum some time off

Free play group for dads, granddads and male carers with children up to 7+

Meet other dads

Tea, coffee, toast

FIRST SATURDAY IN EVERY MONTH
2024 Jun 1st
Jul 6th
Aug 3rd
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10-11:30AM

Formby Methodist Church Hall
Elbow Lane, Formby L37 4AF

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Toddlers Thursday 9:30-11:30am

This year March had two special dates within the month. The first one being Mothering Sunday when the toddlers (with a little help)



made lovely posies at the craft table to give to their Mums. Three weeks later they made Easter cards. It was good to see that the children who came to our



Easter morning breakfast and Easter

Egg hunt had in earlier years attended our Thursday toddlers.

Following the Easter holidays our numbers have increased. We actually have 60 on the register but some only come occasionally whilst others are more regular attendees.

At 10:45 the book corner

along with the many puzzles, the mini kitchen, the ice cream trolley and not forgetting the fire station and railway track are all cleared away into the cupboards in the Circle room while the grown ups and children have refreshments in the hall before coming back into the Circle room for the singing, the notices, the prayer cube and celebrating birthdays.



We have missed several of our helpers who have been going through difficult times and look forward to seeing them again. We are very grateful to all those who come to help with getting the chairs, tables and toys out for our 9:30am start.

Thank You!



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

In the latest scoop from our Brownie troop, we've been having a blast with our unique spin on bingo - Brownie Bongo Bingo-Bingo! Picture this: every time a double number or a number ending in 5 or 0 is called, the lights dim, the disco lights flicker to life and the music pumps up. It's a dance-off extravaganza with prizes that are nothing short of mega!

Each girl was handed 100 Brownie bucks and the challenge of the night was all about mastering the art of budgeting. They had to decide how many tickets, drinks, snacks and props they wanted to purchase with their limited funds, adding an extra layer of excitement to the evening's festivities. We recently joined forces

with other local Brownies for a day filled with crafts, friendship and fun, celebrating Thinking Day in style. It was a heartwarming reminder of the power of unity and GirlGuiding as we laughed and crafted together.



Our girls had the opportunity to honour one of our own - a local leader who embodies bravery, happiness and boundless energy. The girls independently came up with words like proud, fun and enthusiastic to describe her, showcasing the impact she has on our troop.

For Mother's Day, our Brownies got their hands dirty painting terracotta pots and planting them with

bedding plants. Not only did it make for heartfelt gifts, but it also paved the way for many of our girls to earn their 'Grow your own' badge. Don't forget to check out their imaginative 'dream garden' designs on our notice board!

The interest badge scene has been buzzing with activity as our girls have been earning badges left, right and centre. Two brownies deserve a special mention for their exceptional initiative in raising £95 for Alder Hey Hospital by selling friendship bracelets. Their generosity is truly commendable. And let's not forget another, who soared to new heights by earning her aviation badge and snagging her Bronze award - a remarkable achievement indeed!



This term, a bunch of green-

thumb enthusiasts—more than 10 —have proudly snagged their 'Grow your own' badge. Watch out world! These budding gardeners might just sprout up in the gardening scene one day, armed with their watering cans and a whole lot of enthusiasm.

In a burst of creativity, our Brownies participated in a T-shirt design competition. With so many fantastic entries, judging was tough, but we've managed to combine all their designs to create custom T-shirts for every girl - wearable works of art!

Lastly, we're thrilled to welcome three new Brownies to our troop, bringing our total to an all-time high of 34! It's a testament to the growing spirit and strength of our Brownie family. Here's to many more adventures and memories together!



FOOTSTEPS

Bible-based family fun
and games with tea

Saturday 22nd June

3:30pm – 6pm

ADMISSION FREE

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult
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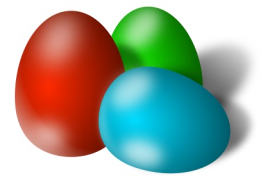
Adventurers Every Sunday 10:30-11:30am



On Easter Sunday we celebrated the Good News of the Easter story with an action packed morning. First we made an

Easter garden to tell the story of how the sad events of Good Friday turned into the happy news of Easter Sunday. As we planted the gardens with forget-me-knots we prayed that we would never forget the power of God's love. We had a

treasure hunt through the village which gave us clues to the Bible verse that we needed to read as the coded key to allow entry into the room where the Easter eggs were hidden! That was a celebration in chocolate!



Quiz time. Which disciple felt ashamed that he had said that he did not know Jesus?



Which disciple jumped out of the boat first when he saw Jesus cooking breakfast on the beach?

Which disciple did Jesus choose to develop his Church abroad?

Which disciple preached to the crowd at Pentecost?

Which disciple is the cathedral in Rome named after?

Yes... it is Peter. His story teaches us that Jesus will forgive us if we sometimes forget all that we want to do

for him and that he will send us help to do the things we are chosen to do.

To celebrate Eco Church Sunday we made a creation-themed storyboard and collage to think about God's wonderful world and how we want to look after it. Here is our poem which celebrates the story of creation.

Day one brought heaven, earth and light,

It must have been so very bright!

Day two God made the clear blue sky,

A place for many birds to fly.

Day three brought land apart from seas,

With all the plants, grass and trees.

Day four shone forth moon, stars and sun,

The work of God was not yet done.

Day five we see the fish and birds.

God did all of this with just His words.

Day six God formed all beasts and man

To finish His creation plan.

Day seven was especially blessed,

A day for worship and for rest.



Challenge: As you read each line see if you can think of an example of climate change that threatens to spoil God's creation plan. Now please have a think about what we can do about it.

Guides

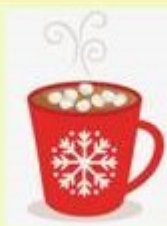
Thursdays, term time,
7:30-9pm

This spring term, the 6th Formby Methodist Guide unit has been getting creative, exploring different themes and working together in groups. The Guides have had lots of fun using different materials. Using clay, they have sculpted jewellery dishes, animal figures and tea sets. With just paper, they made tall, free-standing sculptures. And using recyclable items, they made a games course around the Church hall for all the Guides to play.

The Guides have also been working towards completing their 'Know Myself' theme award. This has included stepping back in time and earning their 'Guiding history' interest badge! For which they have even been singing the Guides Taps song in French!

We have also been able to enjoy the lighter evenings and better weather. We hope to be able to test our Guides' cooking skills again and make food outside!

Explorers



Aged 11 or over? Join us on Sundays at 10:30am for hot chocolate, games and chat.



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

The Rainbows have had a super start to the spring. Some of our older Rainbows have moved on to Brownies and we have welcomed some new Rainbows.

We have celebrated traditional occasions such as making gifts for Mother's Day, crafting Easter eggs and making dragons for St George's Day.

We have continued to work on our 'Be Well' theme and, as part of this the girls have learnt First Aid skills from a member of the St John's Ambulance which was educational and lots of fun.

The Rainbows have also been sharing and learning new mindfulness and breathing techniques and the girls spent a day at home without any digital devices to achieve their 'Healthy Mind' badge.

We have recently moved on to our 'Have Adventures' theme which so far has included tent building and kitchen-less cooking. The girls have learnt about the things they need to keep them dry come rain or shine and we are looking forward to more outside activities during the summer months.



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**FOOTSTEPS
SUMMER SPECIAL**
Thursday 15th August
10:30 – 1pm
Bible-based, family fun and
games with picnic lunch.
All children must be accompanied by
a responsible adult.

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The 2024 Shoebox Express[©] Bazaar

Saturday 12th October



10am to 4pm

Come and fill a Christmas shoebox for a child.
All welcome

Save the date *** Save the date *** Save the date *** Save the date

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

**Free play group for dads,
granddads & father figures
with children aged 0 to 7+**

We've had a fantastic 2024 so far at Who Let The Dads Out - it's been great to see some new faces and many familiar ones. The conversations have been so interesting and we can support each other as the dads and male carers navigate their way through bringing up children, which many of the helpers know is no easy task! Dads have commented how much they value the time with

their children and with other men at WLTDO. Of course it's not all about the dads - we have fun stuff for the children to do, with an egg hunt, cake decorating and painting with forks and potatoes already this year! What will the rest of the year bring? Come along and find out!