



## Guides

One evening we celebrated with the four Guides who recently gained their Baden-Powell Award. We had games and, of course, food and celebration cakes.

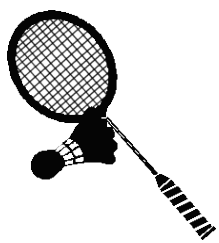
At the Parade Service our Division Commissioner, presented the Guides with their badges and certificates. The girls worked hard to gain these awards and we congratulate them.

This term saw the unit commence the new programme. There are 6 themes, with 6 stages in each. Every stage has unit activities, skills builder activities and interest badges for the girls to work on. To start with the Guides are having a go at all 6 themes, but then they will have to choose a theme and complete all the activities so that they can then gain the appropriate badges.

So far, after being given details of another Guide's hobbies and likes, the girls decorated a bag for that Guide. They have also built a zip wire. There was then a competition to see which was the fastest, for their teddies, to travel down. After learning about pressure groups each patrol made their own placard about an issue they cared about.



## Junior Badminton



The juniors are continually developing their court craft and have mastered the short serve. We are back after half term when preparations will begin for the club tournament. This will involve the youngsters playing singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

## Illumin8

Illumin8 got going again in February with regulars and some accompanying friends enjoying table football, table tennis and pool before sitting down for hot chocolate and (lots of) biscuits. The team challenge was a combination of quiz questions and Jenga with the option of either moving a brick or getting the opposition to move one if your team got the question right. I think it ended up as a 'draw' although there seemed to be quite a lot of hands keeping the tower up at various times. The evening finished with duster hockey. The next Illumin8 is 2nd March.



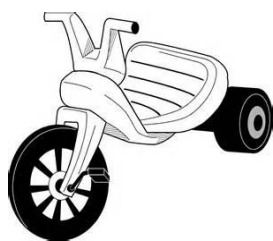
# Formby Methodist Church Barbeque

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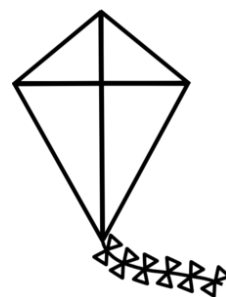
Fun for All Ages Games 😊 Sit & Chat 😊 Scavenger Hunt 😊 Rounders  
Zip Wire 😊 Woodland Assault Course

## Toddlers



Toddlers continues to flourish with an average of forty children arriving each Thursday morning. It is always a joy to see eager young faces all ready to play on the tricycles and the toy cars. Some, with their Mums, prefer the 'book corner' and others enjoy doing jigsaws.

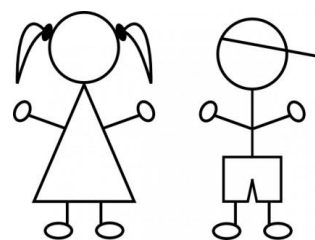
The craft table is always a highlight and this session we are doing the weather with pictures of kites, storm clouds and sunshine, which now all appear on the Toddlers display board.



It was lovely to see some toddlers at our Parade Service at the end of January.

## Footsteps

Do you ever get annoyed by your brother or sister? Fortunately, as an only child, I don't! Just imagine how bad it would be if you had 11 brothers or sisters to fall out with and



you managed to annoy all of them at once. Well this is what happened to Joseph (NOT the same one as in Mary and Joseph) in our story at Footsteps. He was the second youngest of 12 brothers but was considered 'special' by his father and given a multicoloured coat to wear. This didn't go down well with his brothers who sold him as a slave and he ended up being taken to Egypt. This I'm sure you'll agree is



slightly extreme compared to a bit of bedroom door slamming and suggestions that you shouldn't talk to them until at least tea time. Joseph worked hard in Egypt and was promoted to a prominent position within the household of Pharaoh (the Egyptian king). On Joseph's advice Egypt had made preparations in case of disaster and when a famine (food shortage) came they had plenty of food left and were able to sell it to people from other countries. Joseph's brothers came to buy grain but didn't realise that the man who was selling it to them was the brother they had sold to be a slave. He recognised them and they were reunited. It didn't go entirely smoothly but in the end they made up and Joseph met his father who had thought he was dead. It was a happy ending but shows the importance of when things do go wrong being able to say sorry and make-up.

The quiz was based on Egypt and colours. Some of the questions were really tricky - like how many pyramids are there in Egypt? Sources vary, but the official quiz adjudicator (Google, other search engines are available) suggested between 118 and 138.



The family challenge was to build a pyramid - there was much debate about whether a square or triangular base was best and if using a cardboard box or tubes would make it more stable. All the structures looked really good and they were moved over into church for the Sunday morning service.

After the challenge we moved through into the hall for crafts and games. There was a cake to decorate with

multicoloured icing, lots of colourful cards and hangers to make and a cross mounted on a wooden board to remind us that 'God forgives'. Skittles, bean bags and marbles provided alternative activities and things got quite competitive with people wanting 'one last go' to try and get better scores. A special congratulations to one of the girls, she managed to balance 25 sugar lumps on a lolly stick held between her teeth! Wow!

The afternoon finished with tea - no famine here - we enjoyed sandwiches, crisps, cheese squares, sausage rolls, cakes and ice cream (there were also cucumber, tomato and tangerine pieces for anyone who was interested!). It would be great to see you at the next Footsteps which is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Adventurers**

### Growing up with Jesus

Where were you born?

*Jesus was born in Bethlehem.*

Where did you grow up?

*Jesus grew up in Nazareth.*

What did you do to help your parents?

*Jesus helped in his father's carpenters shop.*

Do you have any brothers and sisters?

*Jesus had younger brothers and sisters.*

Who are your cousins?

*Jesus had a famous cousin called John the Baptist.*

When do you remember going to church for the first time?

*Jesus was so excited to travel to the temple in Jerusalem when he was 12 years old.*

After Christmas we had fun thinking about what it was like to live and play in Jesus' day. All the things he saw around him when he was growing up became examples of life that everyone in those days experienced and understood. This meant that when he was a grown man over 30 years old he could explain things in his teaching about how to live and treat other people in ways that his countrymen understood.

Were you baptised as a baby?

*Jesus was baptised as a man when he was ready to be seen as God's son, The Messiah.*

Who were your first friends?

*Just like us, Jesus had friends who were important to him. He chose 12 special friends to help him in his work, teaching others about God.*

What would you like to be when you grow up?

*Jesus' friends were fishermen, tax collectors, quiet thinkers and confident soldiers.*

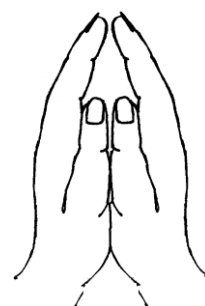
Do you go to visit your friends in their homes?

*Jesus did that too.....*

Mary and Martha welcomed Jesus to their home and enjoyed looking after him but when we acted out the story we realised how unfair it seemed to Martha when Mary left her to get all of the meal ready because she was listening to Jesus. When Martha asked Jesus to tell Mary to help her

Jesus said a surprising thing. It is an important thing for us all to think about! Jesus tells us not to be distracted and worried by so many things when there are more important things to do. Mary was enjoying Jesus' company and listening to his wisdom because he was not often there - and would not be there for long. We often feel sorry for Martha who was working hard to look after their guest so we need to ask God to help us to recognise the important things that we should spend time doing.

*Dear God, please help us not to be so busy that we do not see the important things we should be doing for you. Amen.*



## **Easter at Formby Methodist**

After enjoying half term Adventurers and Explorers will be looking forward to Shrove Tuesday and PANCAKES and counting down 40 days (not including Sundays) to EASTER!! We hope lots of friends, old and new, can come and join us for breakfast, games and an egg hunt on Easter Sunday. See you then!



# WHAT'S ON

## Sunday

Services at 10:30am and 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. At the same time as the morning service there are two children's groups.

*Adventurers* All children are welcome for Bible based games and activities.

*Explorers* All young people in year 5 and above are welcome for hot chocolate and chat.

## Thursday

*Toddlers*, 9:30am - 11:30am. All pre-school children with their parents or grandparents or carers are welcome. Term time only.

*Rainbows, Brownies and Guides* meet from 5pm onwards. Term time only.

*Toddlers Little Church (TLC)* 11<sup>th</sup> April, 9:30am-11:30am. An active Bible story time for pre School children with their parents/carers. Older siblings are welcome.

## Friday

*Junior Badminton*, from 6:30pm. Term time only.

## Saturday

*Who let the Dads out?* 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 6<sup>th</sup> April and 4<sup>th</sup> May 10am-11:30am. A group for Dads and their children age 0-7. Come along for a morning of play.

*Illumin8* 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 30<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> May 6:30pm-8pm. Games evening for young people in year 5 or above who are members of Explorers or Footsteps.

*Footsteps*, 9<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm - 6:00pm, join us for an afternoon of Bible based family fun and games with tea.





# TODDLERS LITTLE CHURCH

Our next session is on:  
**11<sup>th</sup> April**  
**9:30am to 11:30am**

An active Bible story time for you and your toddlers, with refreshments.

For more information email:  
[toddlers\\_little\\_church@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:toddlers_little_church@yahoo.co.uk)




**Play group for dads, grandads & father figures  
with children aged 0 to 7**  
**-FREE ENTRY-**

Give mum some time off

Meet other dads

Tea, coffee, bacon baps and toast

Toys for the children to play with

**10-11:30AM  
FIRST SATURDAY  
IN EVERY MONTH**

**Upcoming  
2019 Dates**

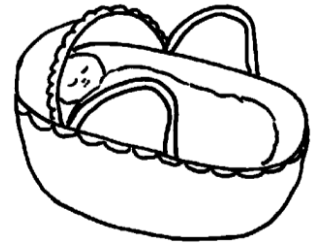
<b>Mar 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Apr 6<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>May 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jun 1<sup>st</sup></b>

At: **Formby Methodist Church Hall**  
Elbow Lane, Formby L37 4AF

Find us on  **WLTDOfmby**  
Or contact Tristan 07752 612775

## TLC (Toddlers Little Church)

When you were a very small baby you might have slept in a Moses basket but who was Moses and why is a baby's cot named after him?



There are lots of stories about Moses in the Bible but the one we heard at TLC was when he was a baby.

His mum wanted a safe place to hide him from the King and so she made him a basket to sleep in and hid him in the bulrushes ... sort of long grass ... by the river. That might not seem very safe but she made sure the basket was waterproof AND big sister Miriam kept watch so he was quite safe.

One day a princess and her maid came by and found the baby. She was going to take him to the palace. Miriam was very worried but she had a good idea.

She came out of hiding and said she knew someone who could take care of the baby for the princess. That someone was Moses' mummy. Wasn't that a great idea?



You can find some of the other exciting things Moses did when he grew up. They're in the book of Exodus in the Bible.

If you're free in the Easter holidays come along to our next TLC. It's on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30am. All toddlers with their parents, grandparents or carers and any older siblings are welcome.

## **WLTD0**

After a gap of two months numbers were a bit down when the Dads met on the first Saturday in January but on Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup> we had 12 Dads and 15 youngsters. And a very happy time was had by all.

The bacon and sausage baps were in great demand and toast and marmalade was also available, together with healthy snacks for those who wanted them.

On the craft table there were some amazing headbands and bangles to make. The boys constructed some splendid devices, using the plastic Meccano kits and strange vehicles were produced which ran the length of the hall. We finished with a game of indoor cricket and parachute games and closed with our 'going home' song.

## **Church barbeque**

Who likes barbeques? Okay, it's not even spring yet but we're planning a barbeque for June, 22<sup>nd</sup> June actually. The whole Church, that's everyone who goes to Church on a Sunday or comes to a Church group (Footsteps, TLC, WLTD0, Toddlers plus all the other groups), is invited.

We have booked the camp site and the hall at Scarisbrick Guide campsite for the whole afternoon. There will be games and activities for all ages: a scavenger hunt, assault course and rounders as well as a chance to sit and chat if people prefer. The afternoon will finish with a big barbeque.



If you'd like to come along, it'd be great to see you. So that we can make sure there's enough food you'll need to buy a ticket - they're £5 each for anyone over the age of 4 or £3 for those aged 4 and under.

## Explorers

At the start of the new year adults, and sometimes children, make what are called new year's resolutions. These are promises to do things better. In Explorers we tried to guess what the most popular promises are.

Can you guess? What do you think adults want to do better? Here are some of them:

- Eat more healthy food
- Exercise more
- Spend less money
- Learn something new
- Read more



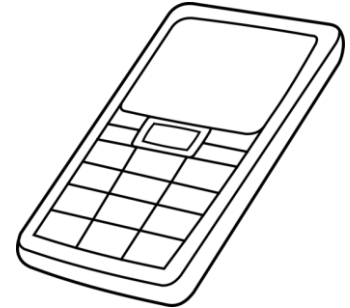
Do you think anyone ever makes a promise to talk more?! Before we think a bit more about that, do you know which of the following statements are true?

- Both men and women say around 16,000 words a day.
- British people spend about 5 months of their life talking about the weather.
- People spend over half of their time talking about themselves.

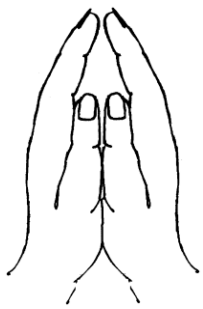
Do you know what? They're all true!

Okay, final questions, what do you use a mobile phone for?  
The top five things we use them for are as follows:

- Texting
- Emailing
- Checking facebook
- Taking photos
- Reading the news



It's surprising isn't it? Talking to people isn't on there.  
Perhaps talking more would be a good idea.



We could also talk more to God. Praying is a good thing. God is there, all the time, waiting to listen. You don't need to be in Church, you can pray anywhere, to say thank you, to say sorry or just let God know what is bothering you.

## Rainbows

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Formby Rainbows have been busy getting used to the new Guiding programme and working towards our skills badges.

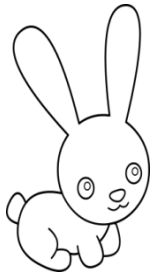
We had great fun doing a section called 'Tied up in knots' where the girls practised tying shoe laces and knots. We also had three legged races and wrapped parcels.



Our next section was Time Travel where we learnt about Guiding in the past. Our young leaders led an evening where



we played Kim's game which is a memory game used in Guiding over the years .We talked about the first Rainbows in Northern Ireland who were called Bunnies and played a game called Bunnies.



We also talked about traditions and our favourite seasons.

We ended this half term talking about Guiding around the World, writing postcards to Rainbows in another country and also had 3 girls jump over the rainbow.

## **Brownies**

New year, new programme and everything has changed!

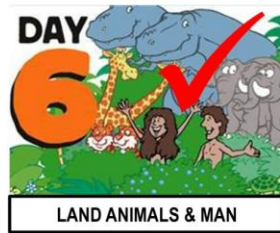
We've switched things to create new Sixes. There were lots of promotions in our first meeting of the year. It was a very exciting start indeed. Unfortunately though, we had to say goodbye to two Brownies who had been with us for four years. We hope they have a great time at Guides.

The following two weeks saw a trip to the theatre and a trip to the cinema. We had the best time at Jack and the Beanstalk panto. There was then an early start the following Saturday as we got the train into Liverpool to watch Mary Poppins returns. This cinema showing was just for girl guiding members. We absolutely loved it, thank you to girl guiding for organising it.

The rest of the half term was spent working on activities from the new programme, taking part in a quiz on Burns night and making dragons to celebrate Chinese New Year.

# FOOTSTEPS

Bible based family fun and games with tea at Formby Methodist Church.



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm – 6pm**

**ADMISSION FREE**

**All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

**Email: [footsteps\\_fmc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:footsteps_fmc@yahoo.co.uk)**

## GAMES EVENING

ILLUMIN



2nd March  
30th March  
4th May  
8th June

**6:30pm – 8:00pm**

**Refreshments • Pool • Table Football • Table Tennis •  
And more!**

**All young people in year 5 or above who are members of Explorers or  
Footsteps are welcome to join us!**