

Summer Edition Newsletter 2019



Charity Day

I woke up on Monday 13th May to a beautiful sunny morning. The sight and the feel of sunshine immediately gives you a feeling of hope and positivity for the day ahead. As a trustee for the V.Y.M. my day ahead was already organised, the V.Y.M. charity day at the Gateway Coffee Shop. The thing I enjoy the most is being a waitress for the day. All of my working life I was a teacher and I just love the experience of a completely different job. All the regular staff made me feel so welcome and needed, even though I was very much the "new girl" for the day and consequently required help at times to carry out the tasks I was given. During the day there was a lovely community atmosphere as we welcomed both old and new friends into the coffee shop. Many already knew about the important work Daniel does in our local schools through the V.Y.M. but to some it was something new that they were eager to learn more about. During the day I also had time to observe and find out more about all the good work going on at The Gateway. A lot of the work involves supporting some of our most vulnerable families, adults and young people, in order to give them a feeling of hope and greater self esteem. Thank you to everybody who came and gave so generously during the day, so that we can continue to support Daniel with the valuable work he does with both children and staff in our local schools.



Thank you to everyone who came along!

Schools Update

What a great time I've had with the young people over the past couple of months. After Easter I started the 'What Happened Next Part 1' Mini Mix assembly where I asked the children to imagine that I was an alien from outer space (not too difficult I hear you say!). I told them that I had just landed on planet earth & had heard this word "Easter' & I wondered if they could explain what it was. As you might imagine, it heavily featured chocolate eggs, egg hunts & the Easter bunny, but in most cases I was able to tease out the main elements of the Easter story. Then I asked them questions like; What had Jesus done wrong? Why did He have to die on the cross? What did it do for us? Was that the end of the story? Hearing from them that He had come back to life & them asking them but 'What Happened Next?'. I then shared with them the story of 'Breakfast in Galilee', or as I prefer to call it 'Barbecue on the beach'! I then explained that Jesus was preparing His disciples for the work they had ahead of them, & then encouraging the children to find a bible and find out 'What Happened Next'.

The following months assembly was 'What Happened Next Part II' where we looked at the story of ascension & I asked the children if they knew what Jesus had asked the disciples to do before He ascended into heaven. How He had promised to be with them always & to wait for the help He was going to send them. We then moved into Pentecost and had a great time imagining how the disciples might have felt when they saw the tongues of fire landing on their heads. Singing the songs 'Jesus love is very wonderful' getting faster & faster & then teaching them 'We are marching in the light of God' in English, Zimbabwe & Spanish! giving the children an idea of how the disciples might have felt when they could suddenly speak in different languages. Ending my assembly in the same way as always with 'Lettuce Pray' thanking God for the fun we had just had & asking for the courage to pick up a bible & find out 'What Happened Next'

I'm now thinking about next months theme & I look forward to getting the young people excited about Jesus.



Daniel (Founder and Youth Pastor)

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About the newsletter

We are very conscious of the cost of printing & posting the newsletter and several of you have said that they would prefer to receive it electronically instead of in print. If you like me to email future editions to you instead of posting them then please drop me an email at daniel@vym.org.uk & I will then take you off the mailing list & add you to the digital list. Equally, if you need additional copies or sponsor forms then please let me know. We are also hoping to add a page to our website where you can download the newsletter & sponsor forms - vym.org.uk



Activities & crafts aimed at preschool and primary aged children All ages welcome but must be accompanied by an adult

A Journey with God

Monday 12th - Friday 16th August

10:30am - 12:30pm

Monday 12th – Wincanton Methodist Church

Noah

Tuesday 13th – Preston Road Methodist Church, Yeovil

Abraham

Wednesday 14th - St. Marks Methodist Church, Yeovil

Moses

Thursday 15th – Vicarage Street Methodist Church, Yeovil

Ruth

Friday 16th - Cheap Street United Church, Sherborne

Jonah

Crafts, Messy Play, Stories, Songs & Snacks

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