

# ST. DAVID'S CENTRE OF MISSION

Summer 2019

## News in brief

- Unfortunately the evangelism vision day to be held in June had to be moved to early next year. The angels are safely stored away ready for this and Val is now busy making more for our Christmas outreach.
- As a way to highlight all the good things happening in Merlins Bridge we are about to launch a search for 'Community Stars'
- Due to appalling weather we had to cancel this year's 'Party in the Park'. We were able to offer a junior disco in its place which was really well supported.
- Val has written a piece for the diocesan newspaper and is hoping that this will help get word out about the evangelism training course, she is also hoping that the support of the archdeacons will open some doors
- Val once again spent a week at the County Show. This year she was kept busy leading the activities for children and young people.
- Numbers attending the service at De Clare Ct remain steady, we have sadly lost a few regulars, but some new faces have also appeared.

## Spree

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to take some of our young people to Spree in July. Spree is a Christian youth camp held just outside Carmarthen, so is almost local! This year we took the young people just for the day to try it out. The day started and ended with worship including an evangelistic talk. In between there was lots of fun activities to keep us busy such as a giant inflatable obstacle course. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we hope to be able to take a group for the whole weekend next year.



## The Bridge Youth Drop-in

Following a busy term we were able to reward some of our young people for their good behaviour with a trip to an aqua park followed by a picnic. We then made the most of the summer weather enjoying a park clean, wide games on a nearby farm, tie-dying clothes and a water fight, which was a blast!

This September, at the request of the young people, we are dividing the group so that the younger ones will come on Wednesdays and the older ones on Thursdays. We are also going

to offer some of the older ones the opportunity to help out on Wednesdays, hopefully developing their skills and confidence. We had originally envisioned it working like this, so it is rewarding to now be able to give it a go. It also shows how we have been able to build up trusting relationships with the young people over the last couple of years.

### St Mark's School

It was another busy term with both Ruth and Val helping out on trips to St David's for various activities. Ruth hosted the 'It's your move' transition session with year 6. This year it was held at 'The Bridge' and the young people were then invited to start coming along. A number of them have kept coming over the summer which has been exciting

Towards the end of the summer term we held one of our now regular prayer spaces. This time we tied it in with the flower festival being held in St Mary's church and made flowers with prayers of thanks on them. Each class was then able to choose what was written on the jar for their class and the flowers were held upright with green popcorn!



Our thank you flowers in St Mary's church

With our new sign and the addition of balloons on Sunday morning, our monthly family service has shown signs of growing. A few teenagers who sometimes attend 'The Bridge' have come and joined us a couple of times and we have seen a few other new faces as well.

### Little Lions

Little Lions, our busy weekly parent & toddler group is a great way to get to know mum's from the estate and to build up relationships with them. Last term we enjoyed lots of Spring and Summer crafts such as cotton wool sheep and handprint ice-creams. We ended the term with a party with lots of food and songs. Many of the toddlers go on to attend St Mark's school, so it was great to see some of our former toddlers well settled into St Mark's and taking part in sports day. One of our regulars won his running race and had the biggest smile possible on his face!

### FROG club

We had some exciting news at the start of the summer term; the girl we had originally started the lunchtime group for was given permission to stay for the after school group. It was great to be able to welcome her into the bigger group. However, instead of the lunchtime group stopping, it actually continued and grew as more young people chose to be part of it. This shows how open the children are to learning about how much God loves them. Both groups learnt about the 'I am' sayings of Jesus, and how they start off addressing practical needs and end up with us having to make a decision whether we want to be attached to 'The Vine' or not. We also learnt Isaiah 58:11 as a memory verse by singing and doing the actions.



Prayer activity linked to Jesus the light of the world

This coming term we are going to be looking at some of God's heroes in the Old Testament.



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# Prayers

## Thank you God...

- for year 7 pupils who are engaging with us through 'The Bridge'.
- for the opportunities to share your love with the staff and pupils at St Mark's School through FROG, prayer space and assemblies
- for the chance to build relationships through all the summer fun activities at The Bridge
- for the small signs of growth in our various acts of worship, especially our All Age service.
- for the openness of De Clare Ct residents to talking about faith issues.

## Please...

- pray that Ruth will be able to establish a lunchtime drop-in in the High School soon.
- pray for the young people who attend The Bridge that their hearts and minds may be open to God's love
- pray for more opportunities to share the gospel in a relevant way with the parents and carers at Little Lions
- pray that the good relationships which have been built up will see more people open to the gospel and coming to faith.
- pray for FROG club, that the children will realise they are special To God and come to accept His love for themselves.
- pray that our Family Service will continue to grow and that we can continue to disciple people through it.

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Thank you!

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