



Autumn 2018 Newsletter

Welcome back!

Many thanks to the volunteers who sorted and cleaned the toys and equipment during the summer holidays so that we start tidy and fresh.

New this term - two medieval (foam) swords in the dressing-up box and two additions to our box of books by the armchairs. Also a new Shining Stars banner (thank you Trisha) and a sign for the gate so that new visitors can find us easily.

In June the volunteers were invited to attend 'Toddle-on' - a gathering organised by the Diocese of Exeter to support and encourage those involved in church activities for the under 5s. The workshops included Story-telling and Bears & Prayers. Amongst the information we brought back were two websites that offer help and advice to anyone looking after young children. They are: www.1277.org.uk and www.careforthefamily.org.uk/playtime



What We Did Last Term

In May the children decorated leaves and fruit shapes. These were used to write prayers on, and were hung on prayer trees in the church.

Other crafts were lollies, paper chain snakes and funny faces. For more photos see our Facebook page.



Who:

For 0-4 year olds and their parents/carers.



When:

10am to 11:30am on Fridays in term time.



Where:

The Scout Hut, Rhode Lane, Uplyme, DT7 3TX. Parking available.



How much:

We suggest a donation of £1 per child.

Safety First

- 1) Adults are responsible, at all times, for all children and babies that they bring to the session.
- 2) Car park - the gate is open and there are moving vehicles whose drivers may not be able to see small children.
- 3) Hot drinks - when not drinking, please keep the lid closed and away from children.
- 4) Tiding up - please take care when lifting and moving heavy items.
- 5) Fire - there are two fire exits, the main entrance and the door from the storage/toilet area onto the car park. The assembly point is by the shed.

Data Protection - We ask you to sign in so that, in an emergency, we can account for everyone. The sheet is retained in case a safeguarding issue arises. The data is in paper format only.

Session Dates

14th Sept	Open - New term starts
21st Sept	Open
28th Sept	Open - Harvest
5th Oct	Open
12th Oct	Open - Poppies
19th Oct	Open - Poppies
26th Oct	Closed - Half term
2nd Nov	Open - Firework craft
9th Nov	Open
16th Nov	Open
23rd Nov	Open
30th Nov	Open
7th Dec	Open
14th Dec	Open - Christmas party
21st Dec to 4th Jan	Closed for Christmas
11th Jan	Open - New term starts

Congratulations to Anna on the birth of Tess (a sister to Phoebe & Bella) in May. Also to Louise on the birth of Ilsa
We wish both families all the best!



MEET THE VOLUNTEERS



Jo

When it come to Jos we are fortunate to have two. This one is Jo Clarke and joined Shining Stars in May last year.

Jo manages the DBS checks and data protection procedures at Uplyme Church (which includes Shining Stars) and is one of two Church Wardens. This job comes with much responsibility and involves a lot of work so we're very glad she can fit us in!

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