



# Kate and Katie's Newspaper!

(Your Families, Children & Youth workers in Bishops Waltham & Upham)



Hi Everyone! Last Month we thoroughly enjoyed getting to know some more families as our regular groups and activities were able to open up a bit more. The new toddler group in Upham (Butterflies) is now open and has been enjoyed by a number of families on a Thursday morning. Do check it out if you are interested! The GWNN enjoyed a fantastic social event a few weeks ago with cod bites and chips in the Rectory Gardens: they melted marshmallows around the fire pit and played a Nerf Gun challenge in the graveyard. We are also taking a team to the 'Christian Youth Enterprise' centre, in Chichester, for a treat at the end of term where they will enjoy lots of water sports activities! We are excited to be taking a team into Bishops Waltham Junior School, over June and July, to dramatize a couple of bible stories. So if you have children at that school, do tell them to look out for us! This is in conjunction with the national scheme called 'Open the Book'. On May 17<sup>th</sup> we had a our first 'in person' Messy Church event in the Rectory gardens which was a great success and lots of fun was had by all! We are pleased to announce that the new kid's corner at Blessed Mary church is now open which is ideal for Butterflies and for use in the services. Do look out for the St Peter's Church Eye-Spy Family Town Trail which is currently running (May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 6<sup>th</sup>) so do pick up a sheet from the church entrance and have fun finding the landmarks from around our beautiful town and church. On June 19<sup>th</sup> we are really excited to be organising a family walk to raise funds for WATSAN which is a charity dedicated to the support of a water and sanitation programme in South West Uganda. The walk will take us around Exton and will include some stunning views for a picnic. If you would like to join us in the walk you would be very welcome or maybe you might consider sponsoring this valuable charity. Please see the separate flyer for more details. In the near future we are hoping to start an afterschool bible club in Upham called Upham Champions and we also hope to run some parenting courses in conjunction with the national organisation 'Care for the Family' so look out for further details!

## Groups on Sundays



**Sunday Club:** This is a group for children aged 2.5 to 10 years old. We usually meet in St Peter's Church Hall during term time 10.15am - 11.45am for games, play, bible stories, crafts and more. For more information, please contact Katie Harrison.



**Group with no Name (GWNN):** For older children. This runs weekly during term time 6pm – 7.15pm for year 6's to year 11's in St Peter's Church Hall for lots of fun, crazy games, movie nights and trips out. For more information, please contact Kate Smyth.

## Groups during the Week

**Teeny Tiniies:** This is a toddler group running in Bishops Waltham for babies to pre-schoolers. From the March 29<sup>th</sup> we have had some lovely sunny meet ups at the palace ruins on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We hope to be having some more regular indoor meet ups during June in the Hall and Stables. Please contact Katie Harrison for more details.



**Butterflies:** This is a new toddler group which has opened in Upham in Blessed Mary Church. If you have a baby or toddler up to preschool age, we would warmly welcome you to attend our group which runs every Thursday from 10am (please see separate poster).



**Messy Church:** This runs on the third Monday of every month. Our next event is again 'live' and 'in person' on June 21<sup>st</sup> outside in the rectory gardens. We welcome you to bring your own picnic tea this time! (Please see separate poster for details).



*We would love to welcome new members to any of our groups / activities. Maybe you are new to the area or just fancy trying something new for your children! To be in touch with either Kate or Katie please either telephone / email them on:*

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