

Children's work report for the Ashby Parish Meeting - April 2017

Little Fish

Little Fish is a thriving group of under 5's!

Seven under fives all come regularly with two Mums, one Dad, one Granny and one Grandma!

We all meet at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall (in the small carpeted committee room) at 10.30am on alternate Wednesday mornings during term time.

On arrival the children choose a cuddly toy out of the bag and we have a short service specially designed for them with songs you can shake shakers to, a bible story, prayers and a craft activity.

Afterwards there's a drink and biscuit for everyone, toys to play with, chatting, sharing and colouring.

Explorers

We have fun at Explorers which is a fortnightly club for all 7 - 11 year olds, meeting on Friday evenings during term time from 7 - 8.15pm at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall.

We play games, have a Bible story which everyone wants to act out, and end with art and craft activities. It is a social time for the children where they can enjoy being with their friends, explore their thinking on important issues and just be themselves. In the lead up to the Easter holidays we worked with clay to create the stonework for the Easter garden for Thurton Church and made our own individual clay pebbles to place in the garden.

Holiday Club 2016 - 'Desert Detectives'

At our Holiday Club during the first week of August the Ashby and Thurton Village Hall was transformed into a desert and 33 children (aged 5 - 11) became detectives searching for a very important treasure.

The days were filled with activity sometimes altogether and sometimes in smaller age groups. There were exercises to wake us up, challenges to test us, different deserts to visit and a puzzle to solve that took us all week.

For the midweek outing we went by coach to the High Lodge Forest Centre at Thetford - a day out together that all ages can enjoy.

In the afternoons we had crafts, games and two visitors - Claire Barker who taught us First Aid and ceramic artist Lucy Edwards who showed everyone how to use clay to make some amazing desert animals.

The whole event was based on resource material by Scripture Union and was led by a committed team of adults including our group Youth Worker plus 7 teenagers. Our thanks to everyone who made Holiday Club possible and all who supported us with donations and prayer. We did have a great week.

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