

We (Dave Casson, Associate Minister & Lucy Slavin, Family & Children's Worker) work for St Peter's Church, Rock Ferry and this is our latest update of how things are going.

St Peter's @ The Barn

Our new congregation held its first service at the Barn (Rock Ferry Primary School) in September. This is the core team, after things had been set up on the first Sunday. The aim is to reach out to that part of Rock Ferry that we don't really have much contact with at the moment.

We have been getting 20 to 25 at our services including three families who live very close to

the school, one of which used to come occasionally to St Peter's Church on a Sunday. I (Dave) have responsibility for the services each week and preach most Sundays, so my role has changed to allow time to do this. I still oversee the youth work and am involved in the schools work, but have handed over more responsibility for the weekly children's work to Lucy.

We are so grateful to God for the way things have come together and for the encouragement we see week by week. Our core team continues to meet regularly, please pray for wisdom as we review how things are going and plan further outreach in the area.



Rock Ferry Primary

Our partnership with Rock Ferry Primary School continues to develop. We are now planning, preparing and delivering lessons three afternoons a week up until Christmas, with most lessons focusing on the Christmas story. Please pray that we will be able to get across the real message of Christmas and God's love as we teach within the curriculum guidelines. We will also be doing a Christmas assembly at the end of term.

Youthy

Our youth group on Sunday evenings has seen a slight increase in numbers recently and the regulars are just that! There are encouragements as we see the young people grow in their faith and love of Jesus.

Please pray for a couple more leaders, we have lost four recently and we (Dave and Lucy) are preparing studies almost every week, and for wisdom as we prepare material for a wide age range (11-17 years).

Little Stars

Our baby and toddler group has restarted and with lots of advertising on local social media and by word of mouth, we have seen many new families coming along this term. There seems to be one or two each week.

Please pray for a core group to develop who we can get to know well, and that as we invite the families to upcoming events and Christmas services, there will be a positive response.

KidZone

We run a KidZone at the church and one at a community centre opposite the school. Both are going well and there are a core of regulars at both groups. We are getting to know some parents, please pray we would be able to continue this and have opportunities to invite them to upcoming events/services.

On a more personal note, please pray for us both as we seek to make the most of the opportunities God has so graciously given us, while maintaining a good balance of work, family and rest. Specifically when Lucy is visiting families or meeting mums who need support that she will be able to show Christ's love and have meaningful conversations. Pray for two of the Salvadorian families who say they are Christians that they will feel comfortable enough to join the service at the Barn on Sundays.