

## Dave & Lucy's Update

October 2022

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.

### The summer

We are now well into a new term, but we have much to be thankful for looking back.

At the end of September we held a holiday club at the Barn, with around 30 children each morning. We had great fun looking at the story of Joseph, and gave out invites for the Sunday holiday club service, to be followed by a barbecue.



We were amazed (our lack of faith?) when 74 people turned up on the Sunday morning, and we were scrabbling round for extra chairs. We pray we'll be able to build on contacts made, and invite people to other services and events.

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### Families & Children

All our groups have started up again, with increased numbers coming along to our two kidzones that run in the Barn and in the church. Of course the need for leaders is always present, but we praise God for a new leader to one of the kidzones and a previous leader who has been unwell being able to rejoin us.

Little Stars has had a slow start to the term but is picking up each week with a core of 5 regular families and another 5-10 irregular. Conversations with parents has meant that some of our growth in kidzone was from other family members of this group which has been very encouraging.

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### Young people

Youth group has become smaller as older ones have gone to uni or moved on to other groups, this has meant that youth group meets in a smaller room and leads to better conversations in the bible study time. Again we are struggling for leaders at the moment, but trust God will provide more as the group grows in number.

Several of the group have just moved to secondary school, so please pray they would settle in well and continue to be keen to follow Jesus.



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### Rock Ferry Primary

Our schools work is always very encouraging. Our relationship with the school continues to grow stronger as we serve the school each week in delivering lessons and a team of volunteer readers go in for each year group. KidZone at the Barn

is effectively an after school club with one of the teachers walking the children from their classes.

Please pray we will get the right balance of allowing the children let off steam after school, while also teaching them about Jesus, and also that we will make the most of the limited time we have to speak to parents as they pick their children up at the end.

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### Personally...

We are both very busy, with extra tasks while we go through our interregnum. Please pray we will be wise in what we take on, use our time well and make the most of the opportunities God is giving us.