

Dave & Lucy's Update

January 2023

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.

Christmas

As you might expect we had a busy but good Christmas period. In addition to the Carol Service at St Peter's Parish church we held two Crib Services, one at the Barn and one at the parish church. It was encouraging to have some families there who we have got to know through our contact with the local school.

The school also asked for our help in having an afternoon sing-a-long for KS2 the last week of term. Several people from the church went along and provided support to the singing as well as serving hot chocolate. Lots of parents came along and the feedback was very positive, with hopes to do something bigger and better in future.

We also had a Christmas craft morning for families at the Barn with several KidZone contacts coming along and enjoying a morning making various Christmas related crafts and chatting.



Families & Children

KidZone at the Barn regularly has about 20 children and we were praying and seeking help to run this group. Praise God we now have two more leaders. We have also changed the day of the group at church which was struggling for numbers on a Thursday. This week (Tuesday) we had 7 children (we were getting 4 or 5 most weeks), and others have told us they will be coming.

Little Stars has a good group of mums who enjoy getting involved in our story-time from the Bible as well as meeting up for support outside the group. At Christmas we had a special visitor from a family member of one of the group which we hope scared the children into following Jesus.

Young people

Our youth group is relatively small (we have 7 regulars with a couple of infrequent visitors), but this allows more opportunity to get to know them better and have good conversations. It was great to hold our first Youth Together evening before Christmas with other churches (including yourselves) and we have another evening planned for 10th of February. Please be praying that the youth and leaders who plan to attend will come and be encouraged and feel able to build friendships with fellow Christians from around the Wirral.

Personally...

In the second week of January, both of us went to the Growing Young Disciples conference for four days. We had great teaching on the theme *Setting their hearts on Eternity* as well as a wide range of seminars and information available. Please pray we would have time to process what we came away with and wisdom in putting things into practice in our own lives and our ministry.

