

Dear all at Barnston, let me start off by saying a huge thank you for your continued support in prayer. This is really the most important support you can give us and so thank you to Cecelia for asking for updates because of this you can pray more specifically and personally for us as a parish in Rock Ferry.

This year at the end of August we had our yearly Holiday club for children who are primary school age. God was very generous with the leaders and other provision he gave this year, not only were we able to provide lunches for each child we were able to study Revelation for the four days we ran. Praying to set eternity in the hearts of all those who attended, with the themes of God is always in control and Jesus wins. We had 53 children on the first day with numbers not dropping below 45 each day. On the Sunday following we held a BBQ for families of those who has attended and had quite a few come who had never come to a church service before. This was very encouraging for St Peter's especially for all the leaders who were involved in the week of the holiday club.

We have started the new term off with some changes to our schedule, as Rock Ferry Primary school informed us at the end of the summer term that we wouldn't be able to teach the Christianity part of their R.E. curriculum. This came as shocking news to us but the school assured us it was not a reflection on all out efforts but more because of guidelines from Osted. This left things up in the air slightly but again the school wanted to assure us that they want to keep our strong relationship going and not ruin any connections we have with the families from the area to attend their school.

A meeting was set up and they have asked Dave and I to go in to do assemblies with every year group for each half term. They also asked for workshops to be done with every class in the school every term Based on harvest, Christmas and kindness in the community. Whilst this is going to be new and challenging for us we are very much excited about the new opportunities it is going to give.

Kidzone and youth group are running the same as they have been with some shifts in who attends as children have gotten older and moved from the midweek Kidzone to youth group on a Sunday. The same for Kidzone some children who had siblings in the Kidzone are now older enough to attend themselves. We have just begun to use Mustard Seeds Doctrine sessions for both groups which has been very interesting and encouraging for us as leaders as it has given the children time to process their faith for themselves and to learn more about the God they want to love and serve.

Please do be continuing to pray for Dave and I as we write material and try to form relationships with the families of those who attend our groups. Pray for how we support our families who are already committed to Christ and come regularly giving just as much time to them and their growth as a family. Pray that God would make it clear where he wants us and how we can glorify him most in what we do in the name of his kingdom.

Thank you again,
Lucy and Dave
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