

## Greetings from The Church at the Barn

May 2025

Thank you for your continued support for our ministry in Rock Ferry. It's been all change here over the last few months and its time we brought you up to date with what's happening.



### The Church at the Barn

Over the last few months we have been thinking, discussing and praying about how we should move forward in our mission of reaching the community of Rock Ferry with the Gospel. We reached the decision to separate from St Peter's Church, the Diocese and the Church of England and seek alternative oversight while still remaining Anglican. This has been a difficult and painful move, but we believe it is the right way forward.

We had our last joint service with St Peter's Church at the end of March and are now formally known as The Church at the Barn, Rock Ferry. This is both exciting and daunting as we seek to get various things in place to enable us to move forward.

We should be registered as a charity very soon, and hope to be affiliated to ACE (Anglican Convocation in Europe) which comes under the ANiE umbrella (Anglican Mission in Europe).

In the meantime activities progress as usual. We are still meeting in the Rock Ferry Primary School Sports Hall (The Barn), and we are able to use the premises for other activities.

### Easter activities

Over the Easter period we had services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, remembering Jesus' sacrifice for us at Calvary and celebrating his victory over sin and death. We also held an Easter trail and craft morning on the Saturday, attended by some of the families we have got to know through KidZone, and others.



### Youth and Children's activities

#### **KidZone**

This children's group continues to meet weekly on Wednesday afternoons. Since Easter numbers have been increasing and we are now getting over 20 children attending, and getting to know more families in the area. Six children have signed up for the Buzz (Sound) Holiday at the end of May, with Dave and Lucy both going as Leaders and Ruth (Dave's wife) on the catering team.

### Youthy

Youthy now meets in the Barn on Sunday evenings, and with the change in location we hope to attract more young people from the area of Rock Ferry around the school. Three members are signed up for the Quinta Summer Venture.

### Update on Dave

On resigning from St Peter's where Dave had been employed for almost 22 years, Dave is now employed full-time by the Church at the Barn, to lead the church as it enters the next stage of its mission. There are lots of practical things to sort out, and we are also developing plans to run activities over the summer and in to the autumn.

### Update on Lucy

Lucy, having also resigned from St Peter's, has now joined the church family at the Barn. She is currently nannying two days a week. It is hoped that she will soon be running the school's wraparound care provision. Details are still being worked out, but the school are keen for Lucy to provide this care and Lucy is currently working out the best way to do this moving forward.

Thank you again for all your prayers and encouragement.

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