Greetings from The Church at the Barn October 2026

Thank you for your continued support for our ministry in Rock Ferry. This newsletter is being written just after we have celebrated five years since our first service at the Barn, and looking back we have much to be thankful for.

We praise God…

- that The Church at the Barn continues to meet each Sunday and has seen a slow increase in numbers coming along.
- for our affiliation to the Anglican Diocese of Europe (within the GAFCON network), which is a great encouragement and support
- for the continued generosity of Rock Ferry Primary School. We continue to use the Barn (Sports Hall) each Sunday as well as at other times during the week for regular and one-off events.
- for the establishment of Barnyard Kids (the wraparound care for the school in which we meet), Lucy Slavin and Mal Price continue to run this and it is slowing attracting more children.



Church Family

We tend to get 30 or slightly more most Sundays, and we have three home groups meeting weekly. We have just started a weekly prayer meeting on Sunday evenings and have been encouraged with numbers coming along. Three of our members were confirmed in September this year.

Youthy

Youthy has recently attracted a group of unchurched young people, encouraged to come along by two of our church members. We pray they will keep coming and be attracted by all they hear of the Lord Jesus. Wisdom is required in planning the teaching that encourages and builds up the Christian members of the group while catering for these newcomers, but it is a real joy to have them coming along.



KidZone & Holiday Club

KidZone meets on Wednesday afternoons and generally has 15 or so children, with most coming every week. Many came along to our summer holiday club. Although we had fewer children at this than in previous years, nearly all of them, with family members came along to our holiday club service and BBQ (over 70 attended this service). We work hard to build good relationships with these families and invite them along to church and other activities.

Other news

Dave continues to be employed full-time and following a discernment process by the diocese of which we are a part, was ordained as a deacon early this year, then ordained as presbyter in September.

Looking to the Future

We are not looking to do anything particularly innovative or original, but to faithfully keep on doing what God has called us to do in growing his church in Rock Ferry.

We love meeting together each Sunday and pray that this will continue to be a time of hearing from God's word, being built up in the faith and encouraging and caring for one another. As we continue to build relationships with people in our community we pray they will accept our invitations to join us.

We pray more members will join home groups and grow in their faith and love. We pray for KidZone and Youthy to be places where young people encounter the risen Lord Jesus and come to trust him. We want to be praying more as a church and hope our weekly prayer meeting will become a priority for many.

We want to become increasingly self-financing, but know this is a challenge for a church in a community like ours. We are still reliant on funding and support from other churches and are very grateful for your generosity.

Thank you again for all your prayers and encouragement.