



## Sawtry All Saints Church

### **“ADVENTURERS”**

### **Spring 2014 Newsletter**

Welcome to our second Newsletter, aiming to keep parents and carers up to date with our activities at *“Adventurers”*, news from All Saints’ and a look ahead at future events.

#### **Autumn and spring terms**

We are thrilled to be welcoming around 15 children to our monthly Adventurer’s sessions at the Infant School. We share a Bible story, songs, games and prayers as one group, then split into smaller groups for crafts and our opening activity. In the autumn term we enjoyed hearing about God’s love for us; the mystery and beauty of the created world; the story of Jonah (deciding he knew better than God!) and finished with a re-telling of the Nativity story in a bag! We hope the children shared this with you at home.

This spring we have thought about the cleansing power of water and heard about Jesus’ baptism. We’ve also had two sessions on some of the miracles that Jesus’ performed – and thought about how special and powerful He is.

Craft time gives us all a chance to be creative and we also use this time to chat about the story. This time together helps to let the children express their thoughts and views on what they’ve heard.

#### **Prayer**

We encourage all to join in or respond to prayer led by one of our adult helpers but we also try and provide a “space” with a prayer activity that children can visit at any stage and get closer to God. If this is something that is new to you and you’d like to find out more or revive a “lapsed” prayer life, you might like to try the following website [www.trypraying.co.uk](http://www.trypraying.co.uk).

#### **Other events**

On 18<sup>th</sup> April we had a wonderful Good Friday Special at All Saints with between 80 and 100 children and families taking part in crafts and activities as well as enjoying some chat and refreshments – a lovely afternoon!

#### **What next?**

Last autumn we recognised that we needed something for children who were moving up to Junior School and in November 13 our “Discoverers’ Group was born! This is held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday evening from 6-7.30pm at All Saints Church and is for Junior School aged children. Our Bible focused theme for the evening takes in games, competitions and sketches as well as singing, “Bible Bit”, prayer and generally making a lot of noise! If you have a child

moving up to Junior school in September please do ask for more information and give us a go!

**Looking ahead.....**

A bit late for this year, but if any of you are interested in residential Holiday Camps for your young people and children next summer, Scripture Union run some excellent ones around the country. See the link below to find out more.

[http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/739.id?gclid=CLSW\\_9HWwb4CFcLitAodVmYAPQ](http://www.scriptureunion.org.uk/739.id?gclid=CLSW_9HWwb4CFcLitAodVmYAPQ)

Our own Holiday Club – which is co-ordinated by Sawtry Churches Together - takes place from 4-8<sup>th</sup> August. This is a brilliant week of fun and making new friends in a Christian context. Sawtry Eye for June/July will have more details or please just ask!

**Registration, contact and safety**

Parents are asked to register all new children. This helps us to understand any special needs they may have as well as an emergency contact should we need to get hold of you. Leaders are all members of All Saints' Church congregation and have a wide experience between them of caring for and inspiring children! It is our policy that all leaders are DBS checked and our child protection guidelines follow the Ely Diocese Child Protection Policy. Please ask if you'd like a copy.

**Finally.....**

Our new website is now on-line and has details of all our activities. Please see [www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk](http://www.allsaintssawtry.org.uk) and please let us have any feedback. If you have any questions about what we do or need any more information please feel free to chat with any of us at the end of "Adventurers" or contact Revd. Rosie Ward, 830215, [wardrosie@btinternet.com](mailto:wardrosie@btinternet.com) or Ali Scott 832478, 07506411507, [ali@scottfamily.plus.com](mailto:ali@scottfamily.plus.com).

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