

Cross-Links News

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Welcome to our latest Newsletter I'm sorry that it's been a while since our last one. So much has been happening as we continue to 'keep the show on the road'. In particular Becky and I would like to thank our fantastic team of volunteers who do a great job in helping provide activities for you in the community.

My role as Cross-Links Lay Minister has recently seen me playing a fuller part in the life of the churches in our town as Cross-Links is part of the new Dover Town Group Ministry¹. More recently we have welcomed Revd Josias de Souza Jr and his lovely family – who have come from Brazil to serve the Dover community as Mission Priest. Josias has special responsibility for Buckland (and Charlton) so you should see much more of him as he settles in (here is a picture of us).



This Newsletter contains details of our regular activities and a few reports back on some of the things we've been doing.

With Every Blessing Nigel

Regular activities

Parent & Toddlers takes place on Tuesdays from 10am-12noon in the Buckland Community



Centre. Each week we have lots of toys, games, activities, refreshments and have a craft table (with a food activity every other week). Sometimes we are joined by Lee-Anne from the Children's Centre who brings an activity. Sessions usually end with a song-time and the parachute! All pre-school children and their families are welcome. The photo shows my grandson Dylan waiting for everyone to turn up!

Youth Work is coordinated by Becky with 2 main clubs from 7-9pm on a Wednesday (at Cross-Links) and Thursday evening (Buckland Community Centre). On a Thursday she is also supported by Ben and Tina as well as her trusty volunteers. Our Youth Staff are trained in Sexual Health advice and can complete new C-Card registrations and issue condoms to eligible young people. We can also help with CV writing and job applications – in fact loads of things – so just ask if you need some help with something. Becky has also been supporting the Folkestone Road Community Hub with the sexual health service.



Children's Work continues to take place on a

Thursday from 3.30-5pm with Rachael Meredith. This is a craft focussed session for mixed ages and Becky is normally available for any young person who wants a chat.

¹ The Parishes of Buckland, Charlton, St Mary's (town centre), St Martin's (Elms Vale area) and Guston.



Study Support is offered in support of secondary school and college coursework/study projects on a **Wednesday** – although we can help at other times too (just ask).

Messy Church takes place at **St Nicholas Church on a Friday from 3.15-5.30pm (term time only)**. It is suitable for people of all ages, each week we explore Christian discipleship through colouring, puzzles, crafts, story and prayer always ending with a sandwich tea.

Other Support we offer support to anyone who comes and asks. The sorts of things we do include: verifying passport applications; help with forms and letters; help with CV writing, job applications and searches. We have photocopier and laminator facilities; and can help provide access to the internet. Just ask and we will see what we can do.

Pre-Loved Charity Sale

Back in April we set up a 5-day 'Charity shop' at Cross-Links to raise funds for ourselves and the Barking Mad Dog Rescue Charity. We were overwhelmed by the donations of pre-loved items for sale (and still have some so we can repeat it later in the year); and with the help we received from our volunteers throughout the week (over 300 hours were clocked up by at least 15 volunteers). We lost count of the number of people who popped in each day and we raised almost £500 in total (which was split between our 2 charities). **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING IT SUCH A RAGING SUCCESS.**



Photos

Some of our photos on our website, publicity and facebook are a little old now; so during June we will be taking some new photos at our activities – please let us know if you prefer not to have your photo taken for this purpose. Photos we use will never be named except where we have your express permission to do so.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 3rd July, 2.30-5pm Pre- Church Camp session at Margate Union Church

Saturday 9th July 10-11.30am Messy Summer at St Mary's Parish Centre

23rd- 30th July Church Camp at Kearsney (no Parent & Toddlers that week)

Saturday 20th August 11am-3pm Cross-Links Summer Fayre at Buckland Community Centre

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