

SWANBANK



June's Newsletter

Message from the Ministers...

Dear Church Family,

Over the last week or so, I have been incredibly inspired by what I've seen and heard of the Jubilee Celebrations – not because of any deeply-held convictions about the monarchy, but simply because of the heart and character of our Queen.

I heard someone speak over the weekend about the Queen being the best evangelist of our time, and I think there's a lot of truth in that. The Queen, throughout her reign, has been overt about her Christian belief – sometimes even more so than some of the prominent Christian leaders that are present in our society.

She demonstrates a way to share faith from a place of deep love and compassion for others, even those of other faiths, whilst standing firm in what she knows to be true of Jesus. She said in 2000, "For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life."

There is a challenge for us, to consider how we might follow the example set for us by the Queen. We have this great gospel story to share, and a world that needs to hear it! So, I wonder where there might be opportunities for you to introduce others to this story, to take the Queen's example of how to share your faith from a place of deep love and compassion for others.

As we celebrated Pentecost, we were reminded that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is never selfish, never self-promoting, never about us. The Day of Pentecost sees the Holy Spirit enabling people to speak in other languages, so that all might come to understand the gospel story the disciples were sharing.

Over the summer, we've got loads of great activities and events that are designed to be easy to invite friends along to, and our prayer is that these events and activities might become the catalyst for faith conversations and ultimately people being invited to know the gospel story for themselves.

You can find more information about all that via swanbank.org.uk/summer, or pick up one of the flyers at the Information Point on a Sunday.

We trust in the power of the Holy Spirit to help us play our part in the faith-sharing that God is calling us to.

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SwanBank Summer

You can find all the details of events at
swanbank.org.uk/summer.

Coming up in June;

Saturday 11th June

Messy Church - 10am-12.30pm

Thursday 23rd June

Men's Ministry BBQ (more details to follow)

Prayer list

Our prayer newsletter is back!

We would love as many members as possible to join with us in praying for individuals, our Church and for wider issues.

It will come fortnightly via email and also in written form (for those not on email).

Please contact Rob in the office if you would like to be included.

Colour Splash

Colour Splash is our summer holiday club for kids who have just finished in school years Reception - Year 6. It's a brilliant week of fun, crafts, games, worship and learning more about Jesus, each day and runs from 9am-1pm.

It costs just £25 for the week, or you can book in for a few days at £5 per day.

If you want to know any more information, then please speak to Alice Mashanga. You can book your kids in by visiting

www.swanbank.org.uk/coloursplash.

Get Lost

Get Lost 2022 is three days of day trips and activities for young people in Year 6-9, from Monday 1st to Wednesday 3rd August (daytime only).

Only £20 pp to include a day at Formby beach, a trip to Lud's Church, an afternoon at Ninja Warrior UK, and Nerf Wars!

To book a place go to swanbank.org.uk/getlost or contact Rachel Cooper for more details.

Monthly Prayer Focus

This month's focus is children and families. It is nearly a year since opening the church after Covid, & I have seen since then how many families and children have benefited. I am so excited about the potential of growth within this ministry and sense that God is really moving in this area. I ask you to pray in the following areas:

- Our SwanBank Kids and their continued commitment. We would also benefit from some more volunteers. I would strongly urge anyone who is thinking of volunteering to pray about this and if you feel led to working with children I would be more than happy to have a chat with you.
- Our baby and toddler group "Little Treasures" has seen incredible growth, with new families attending each week. Please pray for our committed volunteers who serve faithfully & that the members of the group continue to grow in friendships, offer support to each other and feel safe.
- Messy Church is an exciting ministry, Please pray for the team of volunteers who make Messy Church possible and also for the families - who all join together in fellowship, exploring stories from the bible and engaging in worship.

Thank you!

God bless

Alice

Digital Inclusion

**Are you struggling to use your I -pad?
Would you like to know more about useful
gadgets that could make your life easier?**

Join Carelink Connect Club with a morning session to learn new things that will help you become more confident when using technology.

In the Coffee lounge on Tuesday 14th June from 10.30 - 12.30pm