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Youth & Children's Church Newsletter

January 2023

Welcome to our January edition!

**UNDER 9'S CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON SUNDAYS
DURING THE 9.15 COMMUNION WILL BE EXPLORING**

SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY: EPIPHANY

**SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY:
JOHN PREPARES THE WAY**

**SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY:
THE DISCIPLES ARE CALLED**

SUNDAY 29TH JANUARY: JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE



Our Children & Families Workers

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Nikki:

**Children & Families
Worker**

**Sunday-Wednesday
Mornings**



Rachel:

**Children & Families
Assistant**

**Tuesday & Wednesday
Mornings**

1 Sunday a month

Term time only

We miss you all!

It has been wonderful to see so many of you over the Christmas and New Year period.

We had a great Nativity service, made 170 Christingles, spread the news of the most famous story that has ever been told, laughed, danced, worshiped, explored the woods in the rain, prayed, sang and enjoyed being together.

It's been fantastic to see new families and existing ones. We have really enjoyed seeing lots of you returning back to Church. It's really important that our Children and Young people meet, make connections, create & maintain friendships and explore faith together so we hope more of you will start to come on a regular basis so we can all flourish in faith & friendship together!

SF Francis

Welwyn Garden City



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BY USING THESE LINKS:**

WWW.ECOCHURCH.AROCHA.ORG.UK

We are proud to be an inclusive Church.
Find out more information by using these links:

<https://stfranciswgc.org.uk/inclusive-church/>



FAMILY ACTIVITIES TO TRY AT HOME:

TWELVE DISCIPLES: BLOW WIND BLOW!

1. SET UP CHAIRS IN A CIRCLE, FACING THE CENTRE
SET UP AS MANY CHAIRS AS THERE ARE PLAYERS MINUS 1.

2. ASSIGN EACH PLAYER ONE OF THE NAMES OF THE DISCIPLES.

3. ASK ONE PLAYER TO STAND IN THE CENTRE OF THE CIRCLE AND HAVE EVERYONE ELSE SIT ON THE CHAIRS.

4. TO START THE GAME, THE PLAYER IN THE CENTER SHOUTS, "BLOW WIND BLOW!" THE OTHER PLAYERS RESPOND BY SHOUTING, "BLOW WHAT?"

THE PLAYER IN THE CENTRE REPLIES, "BLOW WIND BLOW _____."

(ONE DISCIPLE'S NAME)

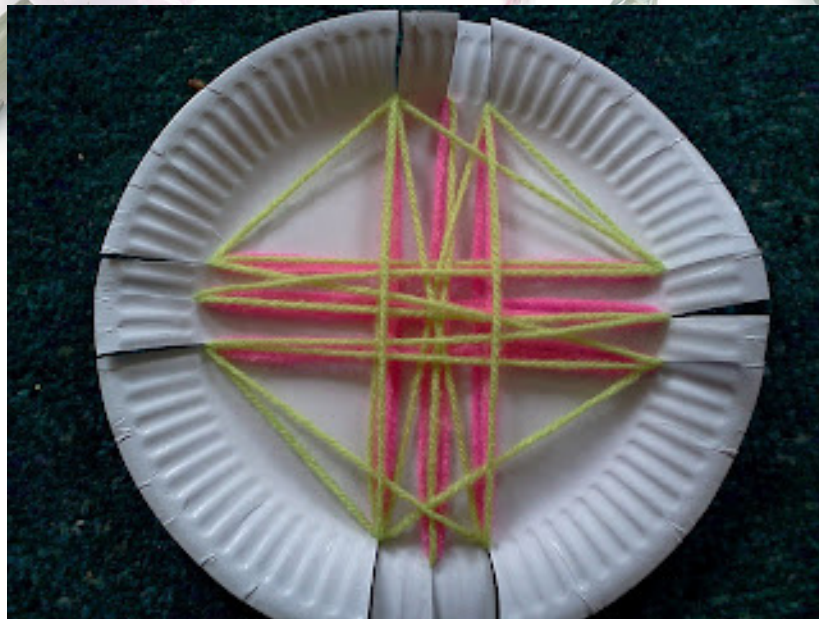
5. ALL THE PLAYERS WHO HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED THAT DISCIPLE'S NAME MUST QUICKLY GET UP AND MOVE TO A SEAT VACATED BY ANOTHER PLAYER; THE PLAYER IN THE CENTER TRIES TO GET A SEAT. ONE PLAYER WILL BE LEFT WITHOUT A SEAT. THIS PLAYER MUST NOW STAND IN THE CENTRE OF THE CIRCLE AND SHOUT, "BLOW WIND BLOW!"...

YOU CAN END THE GAME ANYTIME.

12 DISCIPLES:

- SIMON PETER - JAMES
- JOHN - ANDREW
- BARTHOLOMEW
- JAMES - JUDAS - THADDEUS
- MATTHEW - PHILIP
- SIMON THE ZEALOT - THOMAS

PRAYER WEAVING



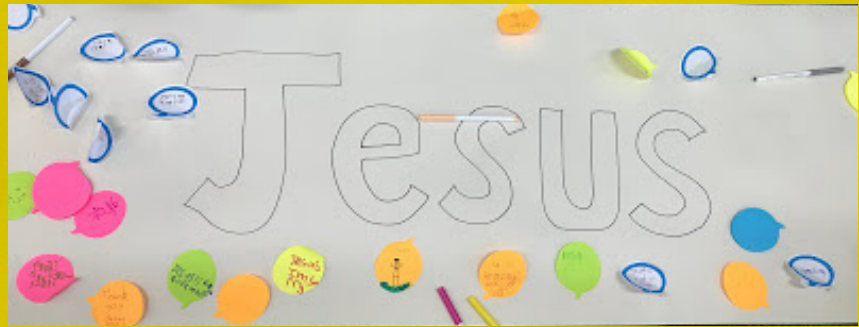
CUT SLITS IN A PAPER PLATE, SEE ABOVE.

CHILDREN CAN WIND THE WOOL SLOWLY AS THEY TAKE TIME TO THINK ABOUT GOD AND WHAT HE MIGHT BE SAYING TO THEM. THIS ACTIVITY MIGHT ALSO LEAD TO DISCUSSION ABOUT THE COLOURFUL, INTRICATE NATURE OF GOD AND HOW HE CAN SOMETIMES FEEL LIKE SOMEBODY WE WILL NEVER FULLY UNTANGLE AND UNDERSTAND!

AFTERWARDS, THE PLATE CAN BE USED TO WEAVE PRAYERS FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES, EITHER DRAWN OR WRITTEN ON PIECES OF COLOURED PAPER. SYMBOLICALLY CHILDREN WILL BE BRINGING THESE PRAYERS TO THE CROSS AND LEAVING THEM CAUGHT IN GOD'S HANDS.

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POST IT NOTE PRAYER



YOU WILL NEED: FELT TIP PENS, A LARGE SHEET OF PAPER (E.G. WALLPAPER BACKING) WITH 'JESUS' WRITTEN ON IT IN BIG LETTERS, POST IT NOTES, FINGER PAINTS

ASK CHILDREN TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY WOULD SAY IF THEY WERE TELLING SOMEONE ABOUT THEIR AMAZING FRIEND JESUS AND TO WRITE OR DRAW IT ON A POST IT NOTE. STICK ALL OF THE POST IT NOTES ONTO THE BIG POSTER

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Gave
the date

&

join us!

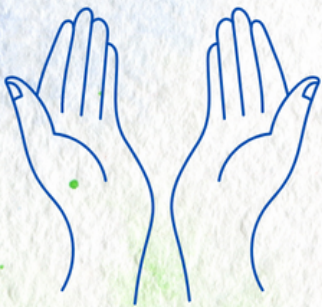


YOU'RE INVITED TO A NEW MONTHLY SERVICE.
IT'LL BE DIFFERENT EACH TIME, COULD BE INSIDE,
COULD BE OUTSIDE... COME AND SEE...!

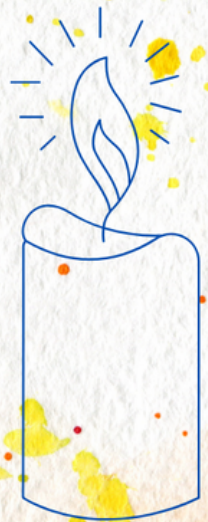
FRANKIE'S AT 5

AT 5PM ON
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH (DEFINITELY INSIDE!)
SUNDAY MARCH 5TH (WAIT AND SEE!)

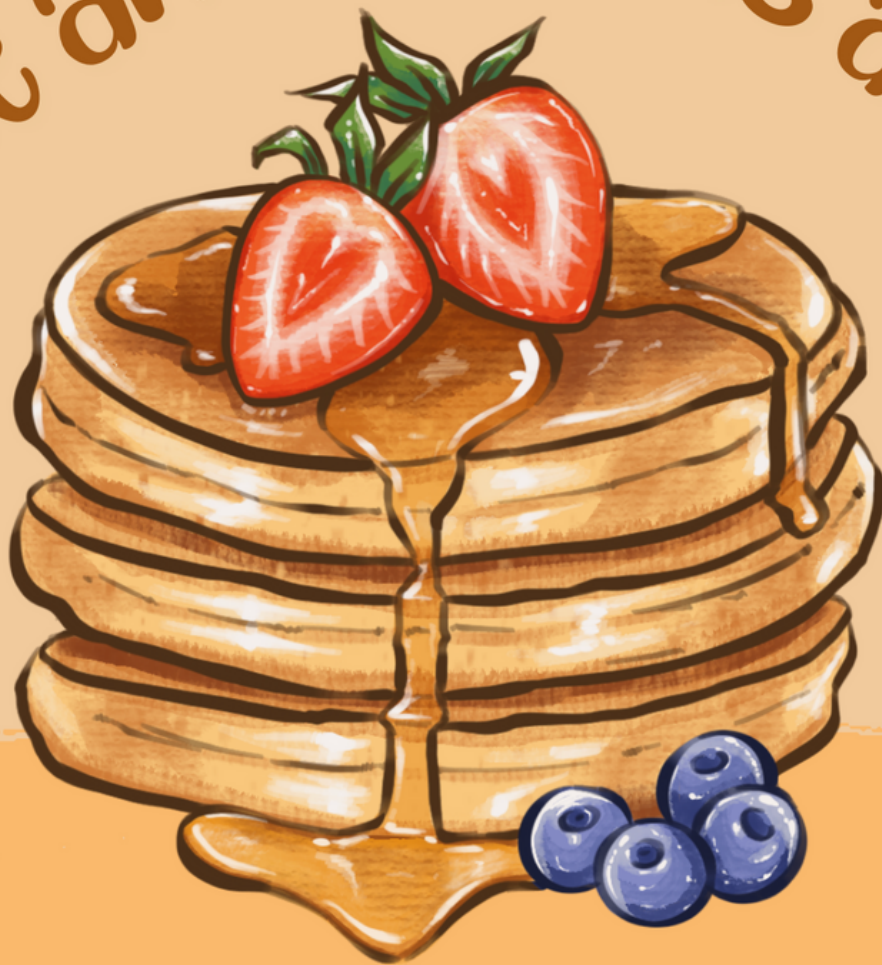
EVERYONE IS WELCOME



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Come and Join us at our



PANCAKE PARTY

Tuesday 21st February 4.15-5.15

Games, Pancakes & Fellowship together

Email Nikki, children@stfranciswgc.org.uk

if you would like to join us for this fun family social
and let us know of any dietary requirements.



Join us for Wild Church
Explore the woods with us through
Prayer, Activities, Discussion, Exploration &
Fellowship.
Everybody Welcome. Suitable for All Ages

Sunday 8th January @3pm
Sunday 12th February @3pm
Sunday 12th March @3pm

Meet outside Sherrardspark Wood
Roundwood Drive entrance. AL8 7JZ
Please bring your own drink &
dress for the weather.
No need to pre-book
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*termtime only sessions



Toddletime

WEDNESDAYS 10-11.30*
Come & Join in the fun!

CRAFT TOYS STORY SONGTIME SNACKS PLAYTIME



Suggested donation: £2 for 1 adult & child 50p extra child.

Card payment only please

St Francis Church, Church Road WGC

Please bring a lidded travel mug & your Child's water beaker



*St Francis
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Church Road
WGC*



*£2 suggested donation
via card payment*

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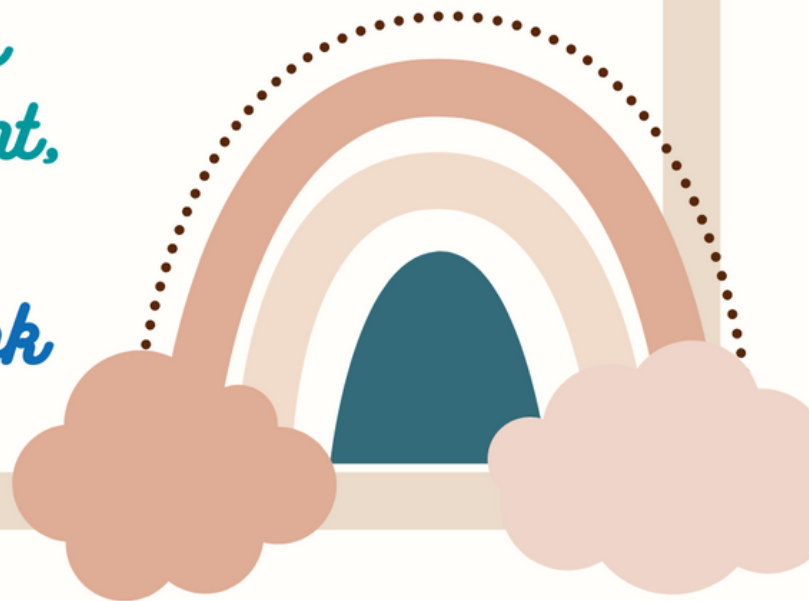
Join us for Baby group

Tuesday's at 10am -11.30

*Starting back Tuesday 17th
January*

*Suitable for bumps, bundles and
non walkers*

*hot drinks, various
baby toys & equipment,
baby snacks,
no need to pre book*



Bring along a lidded travel mug for a hot drink

Wednesday coffee for all



St Francis Church, Church Road, AL8 6QJ



Everyone is
welcomed.
Wednesdays
10.30-12

Join us for a hot drink, biscuits and great conversation in
the Parish room, back right handside of Church
through the double doors.



St Francis Church, Church Road, AL8 6QJ

Thursday Lunches

Everyone is welcome!

Join us every Thursday 12-1pm

For a homemade soup, bread & cheese,
with a hot cup of tea.

A great space to chat & meet new people



A spiritual hub for the community, making God's love known to all.

Churches In Welwyn Garden City

WARM HUBS IN WGC

Looking for warmth and company this winter?
Why not join us? It's free and you are welcome.

The Lounge - Tuesdays 1.30-3pm.
Christchurch Peartree, Tewin Road

Mary and Isabel's Compassionate Cafe, Tuesdays, 11-1pm, St Mary Magdalene's Parish Centre, Hall Grove

Teapot Tuesdays, 2-4pm, United Reformed Church
Parkway

Coffee For All, Every Wednesday 10.30am- 12 noon
St Francis Church, Parkway

Body and Soul Cafe - Weds & Thurs anytime
11-2pm Christchurch Parkway, 110 Parkway

Thursday Lunches, 12 noon-1pm, St Francis Church
Parkway

Coffee Pot at St John the Evangelist Digswell
every Friday morning 9:00am - 12 noon

The Hub Cafe at CtKHub, Haldens
every Saturday morning 9:00am - 12 noon

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Check out our
YACC webpage
& keep up to
date with all the
Sunday Church
materials to do
at home :

<https://stfranciswgc.org.uk/youth-and-children/>

Join our Zoom Prayers
on Wednesdays at 8pm
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