

Noah's Ark Report

Thursday mornings at the church rooms continue to heave at the seams! We have around 40 mums and carers plus their children attending each week, enjoying the time and space to chat together, play, do crafts, singing and not forgetting breakfast!

We have a very dedicated team who put a lot of time and effort into the group. We raised £1,200 for Ryan last month with a pampering evening and we also raised £300 for the Children's Society by hosting a big coffee morning, and at the end of the summer we did a sponsored 'toddle' to raise £447 for Barnardos.

We continue to run termly fun services for Noah's Ark, where we close the usual session in the rooms and do a session in the church. Not only do we feel it gives the opportunity for people to come into the church, some for the first time, but it also shows them how welcoming and child friendly church is. We always do a Bible story with props and dressing up, singing time and crafts relating to the story. Our last one was at Easter and involved an Easter egg hunt and papier maché; we had over 40 children there! We also have a day each term where we invite the morning and afternoon nursery from Cooper & Jordan School to have a special fun service in church. We really feel this builds bridges between church and the school.

So it has been a very busy year. One exciting thing being two of our mums attending the Alpha course and really enjoying it!

So thanks to the wonderful Noah's Ark team: Annette Cook, Emma Friar, Liz Smith, Pauline Stanford, Rachel Topham and Rachel Vause. Noah's Ark couldn't function without them and their gifts and talents they bring to the group.

God Bless, and keep praying for all those who come through the door each Thursday.

Thanks

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