

AGM report for Noah's Ark -April 2009

If you happen to drop in on a Thurs morning to the church rooms, you would either be greeted with a pushchair rammed into you ankles or a child or two clinging to your trousers! Not only that but a lovely waft of fresh coffee and buttered crumpets would welcome you!

Noah's Ark is still bursting at the seams, praise God! We have well over 40 parents /Nannies plus children turning up each week. We have a very dedicated team of helpers who are invaluable, each person bringing their own strengths and gifts to Noah's Ark which I'm sure helps make the group so popular and different from many other parent and toddler groups.

Even though we don't overtly witness to our parents we do encourage them to attend church, Alpha or any special events coming up. We also still do our 'Fun services' at Christmas, Easter and the end of the summer term where we close the session at the rooms and do a special service in church. In this service we plan our session incorporating a bible story or theme, craft, singing, free play, prayer and food of course! Even though these services are noisy and sometimes chaotic, we really feel it is such a wonderful opportunity for parents to come into church, many of which haven't done so before. The children love it!

Annette Cook and I also do a 'Fun Service' every term for the morning and afternoon Nursery at Cooper and Jordan. The children love coming into church and we have lots of fun with them and their teachers.

A special mention to Emma Fryer who left us in September to work in Cooper and Jordan, we appreciate all the hard work and commitment you gave us over many years. We now have her sister Natalie replacing her! [keep it in the family I say!] Thanks Nat for stepping into Emma's shoes and to Jo Yarnall too who joined us in Sept, at last someone else to do the singing time! Well done Jo! Please keep us in your prayers.

Our team is ; me, Irene Standerwick, Annette Cook, Pauline Stanford, Rachel Vause, Liz Smith, Jo Yarnall and Natalie Andrews. We also have Eliza helping us at the moment [Little Fishes helper]

Irene Standerwick
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