

Report from FIZZ ... Faith is – April 2009

For those of you who are still wondering ! ' FIZZ... Faith is' is a worship and fellowship time for adults 19+ with learning disabilities. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at Tynings Lane Church from 12 – 2pm and include worship with instruments and flags, drama and puppets, craft, video, Bible teaching and prayer as well as time to share lunch and build friendships. The group is affiliated to Causeway Prospects, a Christian organisation which values and supports people with learning disabilities.

Launched in October 2006 the group now has a 'core' of about 10 regular attendees most of whom come with their carers. Other people come on a more occasional basis – much depends on the availability of carers and/or minibuses, especially for those who live in residential homes! Catering continues to be a challenge as far as numbers are concerned but God (and Pauline!) always make sure we have enough food to go round! With this in mind we would love to have more people join us so please do spread the word!

The group is run by a dedicated team drawn from across the parish as a whole – we have one planning meeting each month in addition to the Saturday meeting and it is so amazing to see how the Holy Spirit draws our thoughts and ideas together to create a pattern of worship, teaching and fellowship that is incredibly special.

This past year has seen the group attend a joint meeting with other groups at Sutton United Reformed Church. Entitled "The Father Heart of God" we were able to assist our friends in experiencing dance, drama, crafts and prayer in new ways before sharing an incredibly special time of worship and fellowship. In November the Team took part in leading worship Fizz style at the parish church including all the elements of our usual meetings. As a group we endeavor to learn together more ways of sharing and communicating Gods love. Prayer times are often very special and we are learning the Lords Prayer in Makaton, phrase by phrase, month by month. We pray that more doors may open up not only in the sense of opportunities to minister God's love but also in terms of the lives of individuals (we do have something of a 'captive audience' in terms of the carers who come along!)

We have welcomed more helpers on board and I would like to thank the whole team of David and Carrie, Pauline, Andy, Dave, Katie, Peter and Pat, Amanda and Lydia Orr and Carole Gregory for their commitment and enthusiasm.

If you would like to find out more about FIZZ and perhaps come along to a meeting please contact Glennys Davis on 01922 447527 or Carrie Newell on 01922 865802. Don't forget to let us know of anyone with a learning disability who might be interested and whom we could invite along. *Glennys*