Christ Church Rayleigh



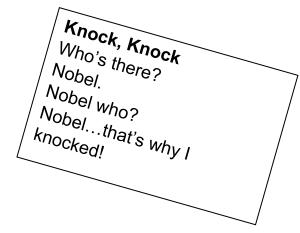
## **Children & Families**

## Children and family's news and chat: 7th February 2021

Hello and welcome to our newsletter and the month of February! Did you know that February comes from the Latin word Februs which means 'to cleanse'? The month was named after the Roman Festival, Februalia, a month-long festival of purification and atonement. Perhaps we can use some of this month to have a sort of clean out ourselves? Get rid of any bad feelings and work on making each day the best it can be. It's also the month we celebrate pancake day, February 16<sup>th</sup> or Shrove Tuesday as it should be called! And we also have ST. Valentine's day on February 14<sup>th</sup>! The Chinese have their new year to celebrate on 12<sup>th</sup> February, (the year of the Ox) a good excuse to have some yummy

Did you know... every day is a special day? People have found reasons to celebrate all sorts of things, here are a few from this week; 4<sup>th</sup> Feb — Harry Potter book night; 5<sup>th</sup> Feb — world Nutella day — a good reason to have chocolate spread sandwiches! 6<sup>th</sup> have chocolate spread sandwiches! 6<sup>th</sup> reb Waitangi day, New Zealand's Feb Waitangi day, New Zealand's national day; 7<sup>th</sup> Feb Charles Dickens day, on his birthday, one of Britain's greatest writers.

Chinese food! More about Shrove Tuesday next week, as we're getting ahead of ourselves.



https://youtu.be/rb O1Hf1Oyk - All Age Reflection Candlemas Simeon and Anna

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if working for the Lord, not for men" Colossians 3 verse 23

Paul was giving instructions to the Christians in this letter, about how to work within the household. If everything we do, we do as if we were doing it for God, we will put in our best effort, and do it to the best of our ability. In this way we use the time that God has given us in the best way possible and don't waste time either.

Activity: A valentine's day card for someone you love: cut out a heart shape and use as a mask on your paper. Use your fingers to finger paint around the shape and over it to create a heart relief picture when you remove the heart mask. This is an easy activity for all ages. It looks great when you frame it onto your card!

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## **Diary:**

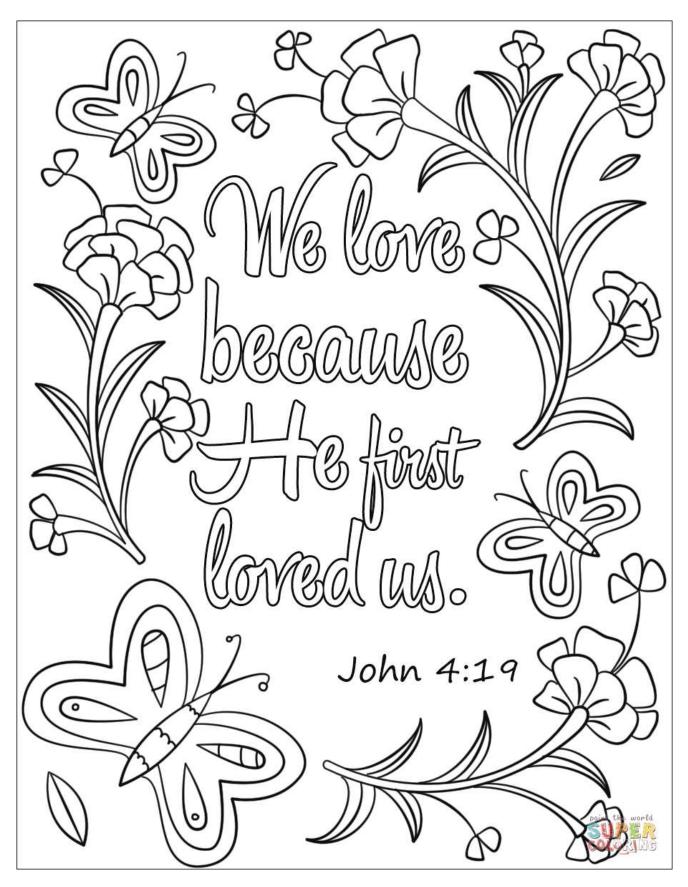
Sunday 9am	Children and family slot uploaded to Facebook, the website and YouTube channel.
10am	Naomi's service is live on Facebook or via the Website.
11.15am –	Sundayclub zoom, contact Sandy for the link.
Mondays — 10am	The parenting group if enough people can make it! Zoom link available from Sandy.
11am	Zoom story and song session for young children. Please contact me for the link! (about 20 minutes)
Wednesday –	Singing on zoom, for all ages! Contact me for the link.
1.45pm	
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	- Messy Church in a bag given out Please let Sandy know if you
February, start of	would like to pick up a messy church in a bag, these will be given
half term.	out from the church.

With Love, Sandy, Children and Family worker. Xxx

PS. here's a picture for you to colour:

We Love Because He First Loved Us coloring page | Free Printable Coloring Pages (supercoloring.com) Author:

Lena London Permission:



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