

Children and family's news and chat: 16th May 2021

Hello everyone!

This week is Christian aid week. (10-16th May) This year Christian Aid Week will focus on the plight of drought, which means there is no rain for sometimes months and which many countries around the world face. It recognises that droughts have become more common because of the changing climate.

The impact on the world population is great,

as it means that millions of people around the world struggle to get the food and water that they need. If you'd like to help, you can find out more here: [Christian Aid Week 2021 - Christian Aid](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week)

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In our Sundayclub this week we talked about our friends and that Jesus is our friend, and we made prayer springs to remind us to pray for our friends.

"I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with joy." John 17 verse 13

This is part of Jesus' prayer to God his Father before he is arrested. Jesus knows what is about to happen to him and his prayer here is 26 verses long, full of concern for his disciples and all who will ever believe through their message. I chose this verse to highlight because I think it is so wonderful that Jesus wanted his disciples to **be filled with joy**. It is such a simple thing, but not one we necessarily see when we read the bible stories. The word joy appears 430 times in the bible. Jesus wants us to be full of joy! Not sad, or serious, or cross, or even bored, but full of joy! And this joy comes from being filled up with God's Holy Spirit. I hope you are all filled with joy this week.

All age Activity: Continuing our eco-warrior activities.

Here are six more ways we can all become eco-warriors at home, and help to look after God's wonderful world:

- Make do and mend! This is not a new idea, but definitely worth bringing back. Instead of throwing things away, can you mend or repair them to use again?
- Cut down how much paper you use. Do you really need to print things off? Can you reuse the paper for craft items?
- If you haven't already, consider using a bamboo toothbrush instead of a plastic one, and change your toothpaste for eco-friendly dent tabs or paste, and don't forget to turn the tap off between brushing.
- If you can, walk or cycle instead of using the car. This month is national walking month!
- If you are messy when you cook or eat, try wearing an apron, this will cut down on washing clothes and save water too!
- Make sure you know what items can be recycled and which waste bin to put them in at home and see how much more you can recycle or reuse, see picture for some ideas! Photo by [Bernard Hermant](#) on [Unsplash](#)



If you do any of our activities, I'd love to see your pictures and include them in this newsletter!

Watch and Listen: https://youtu.be/rYVyaDh0N_0 Storytime for the under-fives – Love.

Dance and Sing: *Feels good* <https://youtu.be/LJxVHzARMmE>

Families on Faith adventures: [Families on Faith Adventures \(urc.org.uk\)](https://www.familiesonfaithadventures.org.uk)

If you need to get in touch with me my number is: **Tel: 07511950633**

How can you tell the ocean is friendly?
Because it waves!

YouTube channel: [Sandy Brown - YouTube](#)

Instagram: [Sandy Brown \(@childrenandfamilies\)](#) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)

Diary:

Sunday 9am	Sandy uploads a short family and children's worship service.
10am	Live adult service on Facebook and via the website.
11.00am	Sundayclub zoom, our chance to keep in touch and continue our Sundayclub virtually! Contact Sandy for the zoom link.
Mondays 11am	Story and song time for young children via zoom. Contact Sandy for the link.
Wednesday -1.45pm	Singing on zoom, for all ages! Contact me for the link.
Every other week on Thursdays	<p><u>Triologue – online YouTube broadcasts for 16 to 25 year olds</u></p> <p>URC Youth invite you to join their regular online live YouTube broadcast called 'Triologue' which will also be broadcast simultaneously on the URC Youth Triologue Facebook page and the URC Children's and Youth Work Facebook page.</p> <p>Aimed at 16 to 25 year olds, each session explores a theme alongside a Bible passage, providing a springboard for further discussion and reflection.</p> <p>TRialogue takes place every other Thursday at 7pm - see the URC Youth Triologue Facebook page for what is coming next.</p> <p>PANEL DISCUSSION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE! 🗨️ bit.ly/trialogueURC</p>
Saturday 22nd May	<p><u>Wilderness 2021</u> is a virtual retreat day for young people aged 12+.</p> <p>Saturday 22nd May will feature a day of digital content to help explore faith by looking at the account of Jesus in the wilderness. Content will be delivered online including guided prayer, meditation, craft and worship.</p> <p>Book online before the 12th May to receive your box of resources (£3.95 P&P).</p>

Summer
2021

Watch this space for exciting news about the summer holiday club and a new children's club coming your way soon.

ONE AMAZING DAY

Stubbers Adventure Centre, RM14 2TY
10-9pm 3/7/21

Eleven amazing hours for children, young people,
children's and youth workers and family groups

Adventure Activities // Live Worship
Sports // Art & Craft // Inflatables
Talks // Challenges // Prizes // Food
and so much more...



EARLYBIRD to 27th May
£42 Per Person
£99 Family Group

www.solidfestival.org.uk

. Here is a picture of some praying hands. Can you write or draw what you would like to pray for on the picture? Add lots of colour to remind you to talk God.

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Wth Love, Sandy, Children and Family worker. Xxx

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