

## Children & Family News & Chat



### Children and family's news and chat: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Hello everyone!

Last week things started to open up again following the Covid-19 restrictions, and more shops and inside entertainment are now open. Our church reopens this Sunday, but with lots of special rules to keep us all safe. I am hoping this will be the beginning of getting back to some sort of normal! I will be at the church this weekend to welcome you back into Sundayclub if you would like to come, but you will need to book in with Pat Botfield. Her number is: 01245 320212.

Also, I am starting a new babies and bumps group for new and expectant parents. It starts this Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May and will be limited to just 6 family groups, so book in with me early if you want to come! News about the Mustard Seeds Toddler group reopening will be coming soon.

In our Sundayclub this week we had a lot of trouble with the zoom not working, but eventually got there! We talked about how Jesus asked his Father God to look after his special friends, and how God looks after us, and we made a bird and chick reminder of the verse from Psalm 91 verse 4 where it says God will protect us like a bird spreading its wings over its young. Photo by [Gary Bendig](#) on [Unsplash](#)



We've been renewing our children and youth friendly award and it has been good to get some of your views on how we're doing. If I haven't asked you yet for your views, please do get in touch if you would like to and let me know what you think about our church and the activities we do for children and youth. I'm particularly interested if there are things you want to see done differently, or if you have new ideas for any aspect of church life. This is particularly for people aged up to 25 years old. My telephone number is below.

***“On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.” Acts 2 verse 1.***

Pentecost is when the Holy Spirit comes to Jesus’ special friends, the ones who believed! I chose this verse to highlight because it struck me that ALL of them were meeting together. This is something we haven’t been able to do properly for some time now, but we are just starting to meet again now. Unfortunately, we won’t ALL be able to meet together because there are still restrictions on numbers. But those of us that can meet either in person or via the internet, will be praising God this Sunday and during the week in any way we can. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if the Holy Spirit was to come to us 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:

- Do you have packed lunch at school? How much of it is wrapped in plastic? See if you can cut down the plastic wrapping this week by using reusable containers or foil.
- Consider your lunch time drinks too, can you use a reusable bottle?
- Look after your clothes and shoes. By looking after the things we wear we can cut down on buying new things and help the planet.
- Spend less time on screens and don’t forget to switch them off. Maybe you could find a new hobby that doesn’t involve screen time, such as outdoor sports, or indoor crafts.
- Spend time reconnecting to nature, by going for a cycle ride or walk in the country, or down by the sea, it will help to remind you why we it is important to look after our lovely planet.
- Encourage your friends to recycle, maybe you could start your own ‘look after the planet’ club? Photo by [Robert Collins](#) on [Unsplash](#)



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

Wednesday, 19 May 2021

**Watch and Listen:** <https://youtu.be/Bz3q63KqTi4> Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

**Dance and Sing:** *Holy Spirit to the rescue* <https://youtu.be/RDlodImwO64>

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

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


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

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

*What time is it when an elephant sits on your bed?  
Time to get a new one!*

### Diary:

<b>Sunday 9am</b>	Sandy uploads a short family and children's worship service.
<b>10am</b>	Live adult service on Facebook and via the website. Church is open but you need to book in. Sundayclub will be open in Caley hall, let Sandy know if you're coming! <b>No zoom this week, but hopefully returning soon.</b>
<b>Mondays 10am</b>	<b>New Bumps and Baby group starts – book in with Sandy, limited numbers!</b> <b>No Story and songtime on zoom now.</b>
<b>Wednesday –1.45pm</b>	Singing on zoom, for all ages! Contact me for the link.
Every other week on Thursdays	<b><u>Triologue – online YouTube broadcasts for 16 to 25 year olds</u></b> 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. Aimed at 16 to 25 year olds, each session explores a theme alongside a Bible passage, providing a springboard for further discussion and reflection.  TRIologue takes place every other Thursday at 7pm - see the URC Youth Triologue Facebook page for what is coming next. <b>PANEL DISCUSSION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!</b> 🙋 bit.ly/trialogueURC

<p><b>Future dates:</b> Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p>Messy Church bags given out at the church, it's our 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Please let Sandy know if you'd like to pick up a bag for Messy Church.</p> <p>Mustard Seeds toddler group reopens – please book in with Sandy as there are limited spaces.</p>
<p>Summer 2021</p>	<p>Watch this space for exciting news about the summer holiday club and a new children's club coming your way soon.</p>  <p><b>ONE AMAZING DAY</b></p> <p>Stubbers Adventure Centre, RM14 2TY 10-9pm 3/7/21</p> <p>Eleven amazing hours for children, young people, children's and youth workers and family groups</p> <p>Adventure Activities // Live Worship Sports // Art &amp; Craft // Inflatables Talks // Challenges // Prizes // Food and so much more...</p> <p><b>EARLYBIRD to 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>£42 Per Person</b> <b>£99 Family Group</b></p> <p><b>SOLID</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.solidfestival.org.uk">www.solidfestival.org.uk</a></p>



*. Here is a picture of some of Jesus' special friends as they received the Holy Spirit for you to colour.*



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Wth Love, Sandy, Children and Family worker. Xxx