



## Children and family's news and chat September 2021

Hello! Here is your back-to-school edition of News & Chat, with diary of events, check it out below.↓

We had a lovely holiday club last month, thankyou for joining us and making it a success. There are lots of exciting things coming up this month, the new art club for all ages; the new children's club "Faith Adventurers" for primary school aged children; Mustard Seeds toddler group restarts and the bumps and baby group. You also might like to join Sandy for an all-age worship service on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am.

It's the start of the Great Big Green Week on 18<sup>th</sup> September, and we're going to get involved because keeping our world green is very important to us. This will



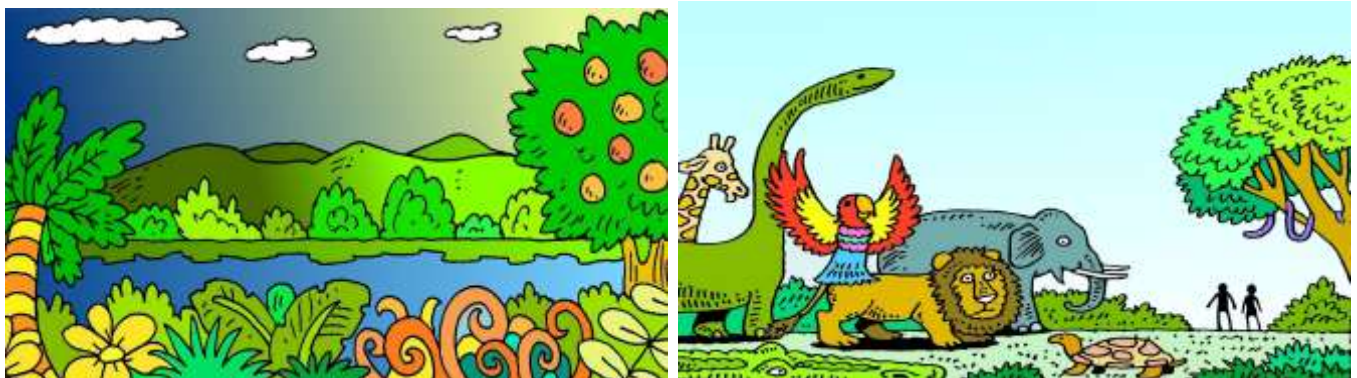
take the form of a litter pick in our local area and contacting our local MP to get them to push for more climate action in parliament on our behalf. The Rayleigh and Wickford MP is Mark Francois; The MP for Southend West which includes Eastwood is David Amess. You can find out who is your MP by searching online and putting in your postcode.

*A prayer: Creator God, who made everything, please help us to make the world better. It is sick from all the pollution and plastic, from things people have done, and it's not getting better. Help us to make things right in any way that we can. Amen.*

Christian Aid also want you to get involved by writing a letter, a poem, or even record a song, dance or rap! They'll be using the best letters to create an exhibition that will be shared with church leaders and politicians. Start working on your letter, either individually or as a group, and email it to [lettersforcreation@christian-aid.org](mailto:lettersforcreation@christian-aid.org) or post it to: Letters for Creation, Christian Aid Schools and Youth Team, PO Box 100, London SE1 7RT.

## ***“In the beginning God...”***

### ***Genesis 1 verse 1.***



freebibleimages.com Richard Gunther ([www.lambsongs.co.nz](http://www.lambsongs.co.nz))

The very first part of the Bible is all about ‘beginnings’ or ‘firsts’. Genesis gives us the story of the creation, the first man, the first woman, first marriage, first sin, first results of sin, first children, first murder and the first time God pointed out his plan to save people from themselves. But before all that, the writer of Genesis tells us, was God. God was first. And we should keep God first, because by doing that we are never the first in a new situation – God is there first, checking it out, making sure it’s ok and then helping us through it. It’s definitely worth putting God first in every situation you find yourself in – because God will protect you and just as a great friend should, will look out for you. And how do you do that? You talk to God, let him know your thoughts and fears. God will be there with you and ahead of you.

**Watch and Listen The creation Story (Godly Play Style) by Joelee Chamberlain** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRNkfi9PE\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRNkfi9PE_c)

**Modern parable:** The Dark by Lemony Snicket (Not suitable for VERY young children) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mml2KFQyyKw>


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### Diary:

<p><b>Sundays</b> <b>9am</b>  <b>10.30am</b></p>	<p>Uploaded children &amp; family talk via Facebook, the website or YouTube, except for the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept, see below.</p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> September:</b> Rev. Naomi will be leading the service at Christ Church.  <b>12<sup>th</sup> September:</b> Sandy will be leading an all-age worship service at Christ Church which will also be live on Facebook (tech permitting!) and music group will be playing. This will be followed by bring and share lunch and the auction of promises.  <b>19<sup>th</sup> September:</b> Service at Christ Church led by our minister Rev. Naomi including communion. Church meeting will follow this at 11.45am.  <b>26<sup>th</sup> September:</b> Service led by Faith in action with Music group.  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> October:</b> Harvest service led by Mr. Robert Dart and followed by Harvest lunch.</p> <p><b>Sundayclub will be open in Caley Hall for all the above Sundays except 12<sup>th</sup> Sept which is all-age. Let us know if you're coming!</b>  <b>No zoom until we can sort out the internet in Caley hall, but this is underway.</b></p>
<p><b>Mondays</b> <b>9.30am-11am</b> <b>10am-</b> <b>11.30am</b></p>	<p><b>6th September – Mustard seeds toddler group 9.30am and Babies and bumps 10am reopens, and continues each week during term time.</b></p>

<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Singing for joy is suspended until further notice.</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<p><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.</p> <p>TRialogue takes place every other Thursday at 7pm - see the URC Youth Triologue Facebook page for what is coming next.</p> <p> bit.ly/trialogueURC <a href="https://www.facebook.com/urcYouthTriologue">https://www.facebook.com/urcYouthTriologue</a></p>
<b>Saturdays</b> <b>10am – 12pm</b>	<p><b><u>4<sup>th</sup> September Art for all club!</u></b> This is open to all ages, there will be a separate area for children. Please bring your own art equipment if you have it, or we have some we can lend out for the session. Children's art activities will be fully supplied.</p>
<b>1pm – 5pm</b>	<p><b><u>18<sup>th</sup> September Faith Adventurers</u></b> – a monthly club for primary school aged children, with games, crafts and activities based around a bible story or truth. Please sign up with Sandy.</p> <p><b><u>18<sup>th</sup> September – More tea vicar!</u></b> Church open day – come along and find out what's happening with your church and chat to the minister.</p> <p><b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> October – Art for all</u></b> See above.</p>
<b>Future dates:</b>	<p><b><u>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> next Messy Church</p> <p><b><u>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October</u></b> – all-age café style light party service. (Alternative to Halloween).</p> <p>End of October is the last date to apply for secondary school places for next year – don't leave it too late!</p>

With love from Sandy, Children and family worker. xx