

Christ Church URC Rayleigh

Children & Family News & Chat

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Children and family's news and chat October 2021

Hello! Here is your October edition of News & Chat, with diary of events.

We were very excited to start our new children's club – Faith Adventurers last month which was a fun time of games, art, craft and talking about looking after our environment. We had seven adventurers join us and if you couldn't but want to come this time, we're meeting again for more fun on 16th October at 10am at the church. Just book in with me, Sandy.

This month is when we celebrate Harvest at the beginning, 3rd October and have a special light party service at the end 31st Oct. October is when the evenings are getting darker, and so we like to think about God bringing light into the world. And there's even more going on so check out the diary of events. ↓



World Vision have produced a new Patch the pumpkin book, and if you'd like to get your hands on a copy, you can find it here:

[Pumpkin Heroes: Halloween alternative | World Vision UK](#)

A prayer: Dear Lord, who brings light and love into our world, help us to be a light in your world, and fill it with love and laughter, as we share the gifts you have given us. Amen.

Tuesday, 28 September 2021

Stop press: End of October is the last date to apply for secondary school places for next year – don't leave it too late!

“Then God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light”

Genesis 1 verse 3.



So, there GOD is, hovering over the water and, so far, empty earth, in total darkness, and the first thing GOD does is switch on the light. Well, you would wouldn't you. If you've ever gone into a dark room usually the first thing you do is switch on the light, so that you can see what you're doing. GOD was starting from scratch and needed some light to see. GOD wanted to be able to see everything that was created and so the first thing GOD did was say "Let there be light", a bit like commanding Alexis or Google, I guess. I wonder what it was like, that first light, was it blinding and brilliant bright? Or did it slowly brighten, allowing the eyes to adjust? Whichever it was, it allowed God to get on with creating and making our wonderful world. Of course, there are lots of scientific theories on how the world was created, but I believe, however it really started, that God was there in the beginning making it all happen. If you get a chance this month, maybe light some candles when it is dark, and then turn the lights out. You could watch the flame flicker and maybe take that chance to talk to God about who brightens up your life and helps you to create. It could be a special friend or a parent or grandparent. Give thanks to God for all the light you have in your life.

Photo by [Todd Trapani](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Watch and Listen The creation Story saddleback kids:

https://youtu.be/yZ1Fd_SPC18

What time of day was
Adam created? A little
before Eve 😊


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Diary:

<p>Sundays 9am</p> <p>10.30am</p>	<p>Uploaded children & family talk via Facebook, the website or YouTube.</p> <p>3rd October: Robert Dart will be leading the Harvest service at Christ Church, followed by Harvest lunch, book in if you're coming for lunch.</p> <p>10th October: Joyce will be leading an all-age worship service at Christ Church which will also be live on Facebook and music group will be playing.</p> <p>17th October: Service at Christ Church led by our minister Rev. Naomi.</p> <p>24th October: Service at Christ Church with Music group.</p> <p>31st October: All-age café style service with light party led by Rev. Naomi and Sandy.</p> <p>7th November: Rev. Naomi will lead the service at Christ Church.</p> <p>Sundayclub will be open in Caley Hall for all the above Sundays except the all-age services. Let us know if you're coming! Zoom is now available so if you'd like to join in Sundayclub this way please contact Sandy for the link, before Sunday!</p>
<p>Mondays 9.30am-11am 10am-11.30am</p>	<p>6th September – Mustard seeds toddler group 9.30am and Babies and bumps 10am continues each week during term time. Please let me know if you are coming.</p> <p>25th October – half term week begins. No clubs this week.</p> <p>1st November – Mustard seeds and Babies and Bumps resumes.</p>
<p>Tuesdays</p>	<p>26th October – 10am to 11am, litter pick in Rayleigh. Contact Sandy for more information.</p>
<p>Thursdays</p>	<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> bit.ly/trialogueURC https://www.facebook.com/urcYouthTriologue</p>

Fridays	29th October 10.30am -1pm, Messy Church! All welcome, includes games, crafts, and a meal, connected to a bible story. Book in with Sandy please.
Saturdays 10am – 12pm	<p>2nd October Art for all club! This is open to all ages, with 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. This month we are focusing on challenge poverty week.</p> <p>16th October Faith Adventurers – 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>6th November – Art for all See above.</p>
Future dates:	<p>Saturday 20th November 10-12pm Faith Adventurers continues.</p> <p>Sunday 12th December Sundayclub nativity service.</p> <p>Monday 13th December Mustard Seeds and Baby and Bumps Christmas party</p> <p>Saturday 18th December family Christmas/Messy Church/Adventurers party.</p> <p>Friday 24th December Christmas Eve! Christingle service.</p> <p>28 to 30 January 2022 Youth Assembly</p> <p>Calling all young people and young adults associated with the URC - the URC Youth Executive are delighted to announce that bookings are now open for Youth Assembly 2022 - Jubilee.</p> <p>Commemorate the past * Celebrate the now * Create the future</p> <p>At Whitemoor Lakes in Alrewas, Staffordshire, a fantastic venue for which we have sole use. Youth Assembly is a weekend of fun, friendship and fellowship including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Decides - discussions • Workshops and keynotes • Worship • Silent Disco <p>Age: Year 10 (England and Wales) to 26 years (inclusive)</p> <p>The age limit is extended for 2022 only due to the cancellation of YA 2021.</p> <p>A creche will be available for children between 0 and 5 years old.</p> <p>Cost - Early Bird price on or before 11 November 2021 is £115, standard price from 12 November 2021 onwards is £145. Click here for further information and booking form URCYA</p> <p>50% Subsidy available contact Nicola cydo@urceastern.org.uk</p>

With love from Sandy, Children and family worker. xx

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