

## **Summer Holiday Club**

Hello

Over the last 3 years it's been our privilege to invite you all to Warwick Methodist Church for crafts, bread making, bible stories, lunch and friendship at the Summer Holiday Club. Unfortunately this year, due to Covid 19, at the present time we are unable to open the Church for these activities.

We hope that during these unusual times that you and your family have stayed well and safe. Being a grandfather I fully appreciate the many demands and stresses that many young families have been facing during this difficult period.

## **Virtual Holiday Club**

As we cannot welcome you to the Holiday Club and Bread Church as usual this summer, we have organised a (mostly) virtual Club for you to partake in as you wish.

We have based the activities around the story of Noah in the Old Testament (Genesis Chapter 6 verse 1 to Chapter 9 verse 7). There are many parallels to our current situation which seemed to make it appropriate - a period of enforced lockdown, enduring time at close quarters with immediate family, working out how best to come out of lockdown, rainbows, and a promise to make the world a better place. We hope that you will see the relevance in the story.

Each week we will post an activity sheet on the church website and Facebook page. We hope you will take the opportunity to:

1. Read or listen to the story of Noah's Ark.
2. Make some bread for yourself and to share with a friend, family member, neighbour.
3. Make some delicious scones, which you are also welcome to share!
4. Make an animal, which may have been included in Noahs' Ark.
5. Make a print of your hands in the colour of the week.
6. Share your food in a family meal, using the Bread Church prayer.

We are sorry that we cannot provide the craft materials and lunch as we would normally do, but we have chosen activities that can be done with things we think you will have at home.

The food and craft are yours to do with as you wish. We will have an Ark in the window at church and pairs of animals will be added each week. We ask that you post your handprints through the letter box at church. Our aim is to build a rainbow of hands in the window over the period of the school holidays, as a symbol of our church community beyond the building.

## **Food Hampers**

I have attached a letter from Graeme Russell, who explains his new role in the Church and gives details of a free food hamper that is available to families in the Warwick area who need help during the school holidays. If you would like a hamper, please contact Graeme, or if you know of a family who would appreciate help in this way, please do give them Graeme's contact details.

I hope you don't mind me contacting you this way, but as a Church we have been looking for ways in which we can offer practical help to families in the local Warwick community.

We pray and hope that maybe in the New Year we will again be able to invite families to join us once more for fun, food and friendship at Warwick Methodist Church

May the Lord bless and keep you

Trevor Blades