



## St. John's Wednesday Weekly News

**The Church is now open for Private Prayer every morning between 9.00am and 12 noon.**



Very many thanks to everyone who took part. The Prossers won by a short head (we had to have a tie-break) from the Simmonds and Bartletts.

According to the Tearfund tally on the night 16,492 people took part from 453 different churches. About 38 people joined in via St John's (19 screens).

**So far St John's and friends has raised £610 for Tearfund. Thank you so much for your generosity.**

Sarah

### News from Richard and Kim

#### **Alpha Youth on Zoom:**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November witnessed the launch of Alpha Youth on Zoom. The team and I agreed that the best way to enable age relevant discussion effectively and safely was to create two individual Zoom groups thereby eliminating the need for break out rooms.

So, we launched Alpha Youth Group 1 (which starts at 09:45 – 10:45) for young people in school year 5 and 6 (there are eight young people in this group). And Alpha Youth Group 2 (which starts at 11:00 – 12:00) for young people in school year 7+, (there are three young people in this group).

In continued consultation with the team we decided to keep the content of the sessions the same as in-person delivery. Which is:

- Registration
- Welcome/Notices
- Game 1
- The video & discussion
- God space – an opportunity for the young people to encounter God for themselves
- Final challenge.

At 9:15am the team and I “signed in” so that we could have a briefing meeting and time of prayer before the week’s session: Cross: Why did Jesus die? For our first week on Zoom, the team and I were delighted, to see an almost full complement of young people: seven in the first, younger age group and three in the elder age group.

My fear was that the content may not fill the hour on Zoom, but the opposite transpired! In the first group we only managed to get through half of the session due to the depth and quality of questions and discussion.

Whilst we also ran out of time, and overran, for the second group and had to miss out God space and the final challenge. All in all, these two groups on Zoom were a great success and the team and I were delighted by the outcome of the sessions and are looking forward to this week.

This Sunday’s themes will be:

1. Group 1: concluding the session on the Cross: why did Jesus die?
2. Group 2: will be exploring the topic of Faith: How can I have faith?

This is what the parents of the delegates said this week:

*Thanks for zoom groups this morning Richard and everyone else.*

*My son really enjoyed it, he marched out the room and said ‘that was fun’ and went on to tell me about deep thinking! Thank you, Richard!*

*Yes, thank you very much. My daughter had a great time this morning. Made her get out of her pjs on a rainy Sunday too so thank you! 😊*

Thank you and God bless everyone,

Richard.



Sunday saw the first Zoom Family Service with 13 families 'attending' equating to 45 or so people. Through the screens, we played games, looked at the story of the Prodigal son, worshipped and prayed together, giving time for parents to reminisce with their children about a time when a child was lost and then found.

Here's a song, 'To You', that we used in Family Service as a take home time of reflection. Give it a go!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGrXctaw4Bw>

In other news we're all getting excited about Christmas and look out for our Follow The Star trail around the village ending up at church!

Kim

### **Face Masks**

If you would like a new Face Mask Julie Fair is still taking orders for Christian Aid

Please contact Julie on 01243 372070 or 07899077035 or email her on [julie58fair@btinternet.com](mailto:julie58fair@btinternet.com).





The Latest edition of Faith in Sussex is available online at

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/faith-in-sussex/>

### Afternoon Tea and catch up with friends on Zoom

This is every Wednesday at 4.00pm, where you can catch up on the news with other friends at St. Johns over a cup of tea and maybe a slice of cake!  
The details are as follows:



## Quiz Night Results



...and don't forget to keep our spirits up doing Lockdown, the Quiz is now going to be once a week, so it will be on this Friday at 7.15pm on the Website and Facebook.



**Emmanuel International** have now got their Christmas Catalogue out.

Please have a look at the link below to give yourself some Christmas Gift ideas.

<https://www.eiuk.org.uk/christmas-gift-ideas/>

Here are 3 photo's of Christmas cards that Sue Fallon is making as a fundraiser for Emmanuel International and she would be happy to make any combination of the cards to order for people, as they are all handmade the colours may vary a little. She can also adapt them slightly if people like a design but would like it in a different colour and also might even be able to do something completely different if you don't see anything you like.

All proceeds to go to Emmanuel International. Contact Sue at [sue.fallon@eiuk.org.uk](mailto:sue.fallon@eiuk.org.uk) or on 07757828008

