

FYM PCC

Report

May 26

PRAYERS

- A mother of 3 who attends toddlers and the 4pm service is battling breast cancer.
- A mother of 2 who attends the 4pm service is also battling breast cancer.
- Two other families facing challenging times. Offering pastoral support.

TODDLERS ON THURSDAYS

Continuing to thrive. Thank you to all the bakers on the cake rota, we are spoiled! The slightly better weather has meant that the group has been a little less busy, which has meant there has been more time for conversations. We have welcomed a new addition of baby Lochlan to the group, born over the Easter Holidays. See Homestart feature.

FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Bishop Ruth recommended St John's to a Vicar on sabbatical wanting to explore reaching out to families outside of Sundays. Rev Annabel Copeland visited Friday Fellowship in April

- "The meal provided was amazing and uniquely inclusive for those in attendance" Rev Annabel Copeland.

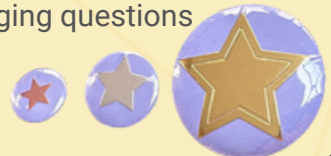
4PM SERVICE

- Looking at the Life of Paul between now and the Summer Holidays with interactive learning and stories brought to life.

4TOTS, 4K, 4YG

- 4YG are part way through an apologetics course, equipping them to be able to give an answer to their peers regarding challenging questions
- 4K TOP STARS

Gold awards are now



being achieved!

4YG+ AND HIGH TIDE

- 4YG+ continues to grow with two groups in one.
- High Tide has secured a mini bus and permit for the year which means there are spaces for up to 15 to attend this.
- Kim has joined the leadership team.
- The youth band have provided worship for 2 High Tide Gatherings with one leader commenting "it's exactly what we're looking for"

SCHOOLS WORK

- Monthly assemblies in Southbourne Infants and Southbourne Juniors are planned for the year. Thorney Primary completing visits to the church and input into RE lessons.
- Exploring how we might reach the YP who attend the Bourne.



HOME-START CHICHESTER AND DISTRICT IS A LOCAL CHARITY WHICH HAS PROVIDED INVALUABLE SUPPORT AND FRIENDSHIP TO FAMILIES IN THE AREA SINCE 2008 AND HAS ACHIEVED POSITIVE OUTCOMES FOR OVER A 1000 FAMILIES LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY.



Some think that Homestart provides volunteers to dysfunctional families where order, structure and discipline are needed. This is a misconception and Homestart came along to St John's Tots to share with local families what they are all about and what they can offer.

Homestart is there to support any family with young children through whatever challenge they may be facing. They have helped families affected by cancer, bereavement, social isolation, or medical conditions. They also support families with mutiple births.



Homestart has great connections with St John's! Sue, Lyn and Debbie are all Homestart volunteers and meet families in their homes supporting them through the precious early years.

Pictured here is the Carter family with Debbie, who was their Homestart volunteer when the children were small. "In the season where the children were aged 4, 2.5, 1 and a new born, we were having a tricky time and Debbie journeyed alongside us on some of our most crazy days. We didn't know it at the time, but 3 of the children had coeliac disease, which in hindsight explained why they were so poorly all the time, and later our eldest was diagnosed with Autism, which also explained some things we didn't understand at that time. Debbie, being a parent of 4 herself, but 10 years ahead of me, meant she had valuable insight and wisdom which she freely offered without judgement, just genuine care and support. She has become a friend for life and a significant person in the lives of our children and we are forever grateful for our Homestart introduction." Kim

