

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH LIVEWIRE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School continues to be a place where adults and children learn about God and grow in faith together. We always seem to be busy and this last year is no exception. Thanks to certain congregations members' generosity towards the children of our church we had another "big day out" in the summer. The formula of success has not changed much - if it ain't broken don't fix it!

The day started at Splashworld in Southport, followed by a picnic on the grass outside McDonalds. It is always funny walking into McDonalds ordering for 30 people at once. Once we had been fed and watered, we worked off those calories with a few games of ten pin bowling. Each of our children and some leaders love the day out and always have a good time. The Livewire sessions run every Sunday except, 2nd Sunday and of course school holidays. During this year we have encouraged every leader to plan and lead a session using the Roots books as our primary resource. We have seen really good results – sometimes you don't know what you have until you step aside – something we are all learning during interregnum.

We have also continued to go into the main service every 4th Sunday to sing a chorus or hymn and share what we have done in Livewires as you're never too old to learn.

The big part of any year at Sunday School is the Nativity. This year was no different even if we did go slightly French. "Away with the manger" was very different to previous nativities but still carried the same message - that the birth of Jesus is for everyone. Even to robbers that thought the Bobby Jesus went in a mangle!!! As always we received a lot of positive feedback from the congregation and we always end up asking ourselves the same question. How do we top that?

Operation Takeover was launched early in 2017. We are empowering our older Livewires (high school aged) to lead sessions or "take over". It is early days but the children are learning and developing at a rapid rate. We have also decided this year to have a nominated charity of the year which was voted for by the children. After presentations by the Operation Takeover team on 3 charities it was decided that Tearfund will be the charity for 2017. Look out during the coming year for fundraising events that we will be organizing.

Collision has also continued over the last year which is supported by the Church and us as leaders. There will be another 3 meetings this year which are aimed at children in years 3 to 6. It is safe to say Collision is something different to anything we have ever done before and real effort is given by each church involved to deliver the 2 hour action packed session. Take a look at Crash Test Teddy on Facebook to see what we have been up to!!

God Bless.

Martin Doran on behalf of the Livewire Leaders