**Tea & Toys**

 **Summer Term Newsletter**

Welcome back to Tea and Toys for the Summer Term. We hope that you have enjoyed the Easter break.

Tea and Toys is run solely by volunteers who are members of Christ Church. We are open term time only from 1pm to 3pm and ask for a donation of just £1.50 per family, per week. You might be interested to know what we do with this money, beyond maintaining toys and providing tea and coffee. Please see details below.

Can we remind all parents/carers that children remain their responsibility and must be supervised at all times. We are situated in a large hall where they may not always be visible – for their safety, please keep a close eye on them. During story time, we would very much appreciate your support in encouraging the children to remain quiet so that they can hear. However, we welcome lots of noise during song time!

You are invited to join us on a Saturday

afternoon between 4-6pm for some Messy Fun -

creative activities, craft, games, stories,

puppets, songs and food!

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Everyone is welcome, there will be a play area for little ones and activities and

games for children and young people. An adult must accompany children.

Refreshments will be available for parents and carers, with a meal for everyone at

the end of the session.

Donations of £1 per adult and 50p per child would be gratefully received.

For further information please contact Jo Gavin jo@ccorpington.org

Any help clearing chairs and toys away at the end of the session is always welcome and very much appreciated.

Messy Church

You are invited to join us on Saturday afternoons, once a month, for some messy fun! All ages are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. As well as craft, games, stories and puppets, a meal will be provided for everyone and a play area is available for very small children. Donations of £1.50 per adult and 50p per child would be gratefully received. The dates for this term are 11th May, 8th June and 6th July 4 – 6 pm.

Water Play

We have recently purchased a water tray for the children to enjoy on some weeks. There will be aprons available for the children to wear but please be vigilant and ensure that you watch them at all times.

Café Mosaic

Café Mosaic is now open on a Wednesday for home-made cakes, coffee and tea (10am – 2pm). There are no fixed prices but donations are welcome! The café is open as normal on a Friday with a wider menu.

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Refreshments and Rubbish

We serve Tea and Coffee from the hatch at the end of the hall and it would be helpful if you could place your cups back there when you have finished with them as this helps us greatly when clearing up. Please also dispose of any rubbish you have – there are bins at both ends of the hall. There is a bin in the ladies toilet for nappies.

Support for Mupenzi

Tea and Toys sponsor a child through an organisation called Compassion UK. Mupenzi lives in Rwanda and our sponsorship enables him to participate in a church-based programme to help him grow physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually and we very much appreciate your weekly donations of £1.50 which enable us to do this.

Prayer Requests

If there is anything that you would like the team to pray for you about then please do take a prayer

slip from the desk as you come in and drop it into our prayer box. You can use your name or leave it as anonymous! Members of the team will take your slips and pray for you during the week.

Childminders

If you are a childminder we will now require the names and phone numbers of your children's parents or guardians. We will have an adapted form for you to complete when you come in the New Year. You can just add new children to it as you get them. Sorry for the inconvenience, but please support us in this safeguarding matter.

Dates for your diary

Below are our term dates. If you would like to attend our Sunday services at 10.30 am, you would be very welcome. We have a crèche available for very young children (3 and under), as well as Explorers and Climbers for those a little older. This is a fun session with bible stories, craft and games. However, we have also listed details of activities and services that may be of particular interest to families.

Summer Term 2024 dates for your diary:-

**Wednesday 17th April – first Tea and Toys Summer Term**

**Half Term – no Tea and Toys – 29th May**

**Wednesday 17th July- last Tea and Toys Summer Term**

**All Age Service for Father’s Day – 16th June 10.30 am**

**Messy Church – 11th May, 8th June, 6th July 4 – 6 pm**

Future date for your diary – Christ Church Holiday Club to be confirmed as 24th to 26th July. Please note this is a possible change from the previous date of 30th July to 1st August. For information regarding this or Messy Church, please contact Pip Allen at messychurch@ccorpington.org.

We welcome any suggestions/comments you may have regarding our sessions – please let one of our volunteers know.

For further information on what is happening at the Church, please see our website <https://www.ccorpington.org/> or FaceBook page https://www.facebook.com/CCOrpington/

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