



St George's Dagenham

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Little Fishes (4-7s) This club has been full to capacity since September with some children still on a waiting list. We're thankful that attendance has been consistent meaning these children hear teaching from God's Word every week. We're grateful to God for a strong team with 4 adults and 3 teenagers helping most weeks. This term the Bible talks have been from the early chapters of Genesis, our prayer is that these young children will have an understanding of the God who made them and why the world they live in is broken. B who had on occasions put her fingers in her ears during the talk seems to be more engaged.

Thank God for each of the families we are connected with through this club.

Please pray for B and others from non-Christian homes to have their hearts warmed to the gospel.

Wednesday club (8-11s) Numbers attending this club had dropped in the summer term. Over the holidays we advertised and have welcomed some new children this term. It's been great to have a slightly larger team of leaders allowing for more opportunities to build relationships rather than just keep a club running. These children often ask great questions after the Bible talk. It's been encouraging to welcome T back to club. He didn't make the transition from Little Fishes back in in May but returned in October. We have also welcomed M, T and D this term who seem to have no previous contact with Christians.

Thank God for bringing along new children this term.

Please pray leaders will work hard at teaching God's Word in ways these children can grasp.

Light Party Once again we were able to run a 'Light Party' as an alternative to Halloween on Oct 31st. It was very encouraging to have a team of 20 leaders for the event including some of our church teenagers. Lots of the children who attend mid-week clubs came along and heard about Jesus the light of the world.

Please pray for these children to know God better.

TGI's (11-18s)

Thank God for regular members who seem to really be building good friendships, give thanks for how well the group get on with each other both in the club and outside.

Praise God that 3 young people who come on Friday evenings have started attending on Sunday mornings.

The teaching series in Exodus has been well received and good questions have been asked in discussion groups.

Praise God for a steady number of about 12 youth each week, we'd love to see more youth from the community.

A highlight is sharing a meal together once a fortnight, with good conversations at the table.

Praise God for 9 youths attending sorted youth conference in Central London a couple of weeks ago.

Pray for some new faces.

Pray that what is being taught God will use for building His kingdom.

Praise God for providing regular leaders, please pray for another female leader to join the team.

Pray for the new teaching plan, that leaders will continue to sit humbly under God's Word to study and teach.

St George's ADVENT-ure trail This was a new initiative in lockdown when a carol service wasn't possible. It proved popular and we have now included it in our regular programme of Christmas activities. The pictures tell of God's promises in the Old Testament fulfilled in the Christmas story. For some members of the congregation, displaying pictures in their windows has prompted conversations with their neighbours. We are opening the building for hot chocolate and snacks on Wed 14th December to encourage local families to follow the trail.

Praise God for those willing to be identified on their street as Christians and connected to St George's.

Please pray for families following the trail to get talking about Jesus.

Schools The relationships with our local schools have been re-established and visits are happening weekly. Class teachers in both schools have been welcoming. We are very thankful for these opportunities, aware that not all schools or head teachers are so friendly towards local churches. Last week 90 children from year 4 at Hunters Hall School came in for a lesson about the church building. On Dec 20th children from Richard Alibon School are due to come for their Christmas Carol Service.

Thank God that A and S the local headteachers are open to Christians visiting their schools.

Please pray for children who do not attend church to be curious and want to know more.

Eastern Europeans This year a few from the Romanian community approached us to ask if they might be able to use our building for a Christmas Carol Event. This has been arranged for Dec 21st. We have been praying for some years about how we can reach this community and are really encouraged by this opportunity.

Thank God for growing friendships with these families.

Please pray for one of these families to be converted.

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