

NEWSLETTER

TEAM NEWS

We have become a team of 3!

Jo Le Page joined the team in January from Fort Chrisitan Fellowship who meet at St Saviours Community Centre. Jo says ‘I was drawn to PACE as I feel it is so important and special to be able to tell children that they are important and to allow them to learn about the Bible in such an imaginative and vivid way.’ Jo has been getting involved in all aspects of PACE’s work from puppet assemblies, Easter Lessons to Secondary lunch clubs as well as all the admin that goes on behind the scenes! We have really enjoyed having Jo on the team and are looking forward to what is to come in this new season for PACE.



SWYM TRAINING DAY

Paul Friend - Director of SWYM (South West Youth Ministries) came to Guernsey recently and alongside Eleanor White put together a wonderful SWYM Training day for all youth and children’s workers from across the island at St Peters Church.

The day started with pastries and refreshments, followed by prayer and worship and an encouraging word from Paul. There was a choice of workshops in the morning which were led by various youth and children’s leaders from churches across Guernsey.

PACE were asked to hold a workshop for those who were interested in connecting their church work with schools work. The team led an interactive session with reflection time and interviews. Out of this we have seen some new relationships formed and potential oppotunities for volunteers and work with churches.

The day was a great time of fellowship, opportunity to grow and a reminder that we are not alone in what we do for the children and youth of Guernsey.



PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Our primary school assemblies this term have been about The Lost Sheep and Easter. During the first half of this term we visited primary schools and delivered the story of The Lost Sheep, which included a quick, fun game of pin the tail on the sheep! We then watched an animated video of the story and retold the story afterwards. The message of the assembly was to encourage the children that God loves them and thinks they are special. We challenged the children to include other people, perhaps in school or at home and help them feel loved and special too.

Our second assembly of the term included Roxy the puppet! Roxy learnt about why there is a cross on a hot cross bun, why Good Friday is not called Sad Friday and that Jesus died on the cross and rose again for each one of us.

It is always a lot of fun delivering puppet assemblies. The children love them and always comment on how fun they are and how much they enjoy them. The team also has a lot of fun when writing the scripts and practising!



EASTER IN A BOX



The team and our wonderful volunteers have been leading Easter in a Box at Blanchelande, Melrose, St Mary and St Michael, La Mare, Hautes Capelles, Forest, Notre Dame and Vale. Easter in a Box is led in the format of 'Easter the Movie'. There are six boxes unpacked including a movie trailer and then scenes 1-5, which contain props so that the children can come to the front of the class to act out the Easter Story scene by scene.

This movie approach brings the story to life and helps the children to understand it. They each have a scene map which helps them to remember what they have learnt as well as being a great tool to be able to retell the story to others at a later date. The children also have an egg box each to decorate and inside are the crafts and items that they collect along the way which will also help them to retell the story and remember what they have learnt. The children have the opportunity to express their feelings and emotions after watching each scene which opens up interesting discussions and gives them time to pause and reflect. Some of the comments from the children have been:

"This has been the best Wednesday ever!", "I would say to Jesus - I thought you had died! Don't scare me like that!" (when writing down what they would say to Jesus after the resurrection).

One teacher commented that the style and format of Easter in a Box really brought the story to life. This has inspired her when she is teaching not just to read or talk from the front, but to get the students involved in acting out parts of the story.



SECONDARY LESSONS

This term we have led lessons on 'Christian views on War', 'Was Jesus Mad, Bad or God?' and 'Christian views on Evil and Suffering' at Blanchelande College to over 170 students. As well as leading sessions at Le Murier school as part of their ASDAN qualification, we have worked with a group of students to put together an assembly on the theme of forgiveness. The students explored the story of the 'Prodigal Son' and how the Dad chooses to forgive his son. They have enjoyed working out how to perform the story and thinking about the message they want to share with the younger year groups.

PACE
"Vision Night"
PAST PRESENT - FUTURE +AGM

7pm - 9pm Tuesday 2nd July Vale Mission

PRAYER POINTS

- Thanks to God for our wonderful new worker Jo.
- Thanks to God for all the activities we have been able to do in schools this term.
- Pray for a restful Easter break for teachers, school staff and children.
- Pray for continued growth in relationships with staff.

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