

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Following the unexpected resignation of the Children's Activities Coordinator due to ill health after 5 years of creative, imaginative leadership, Christian CARE is looking for a successor with a real understanding of vulnerable children and their needs. We are in close touch with almost 100 children from babies to sixth form students, among whom are a significant number with disabilities.

This Project has a strong, established team of 4 with responsibilities for outings, birthday gifts, activity camp placements and transport. We hope soon to add someone to cover school issues such as uniform provision and special needs placements.

Before Covid we held annually a New Year party and a day outing to Littlehampton for children and parents. We send one family each year to Butlins at Bognor for a week's holiday and about 20 youngsters attend Falcon Camps. The new Coordinator will be able to build on our present links with the Polka Theatre and innovate, for example a farm outing is being considered for this summer for younger children.

The new Coordinator will be working closely in a team with the other 5 Project Coordinators under the leadership of the CARE Coordinator and will have administrative support from the Office team. Everyone in Christian CARE is a volunteer.

From its foundation in 1967, Christian CARE has always focused on families and children. You would be joining us at an exciting time when the children are our key focus.

## ABOUT YOU

### *Are you...*

- able both to lead a team and to participate well as a team member?
- someone experienced in working with children?
- keen to explore and deliver activities that can enrich the lives of deprived children and their families?
- a person with good organisational skills?
- willing to attend 6 committee meetings a year?
- aware of the importance of issues of safeguarding, and confidentiality?
- in sympathy with the ethos and aims of the charity?

## ABOUT US

### *Our commitment to you is ...*

- to arrange induction and ongoing training
- to offer you the support of working as part of a team of committed Coordinators
- to encourage you in the building of a team to share your work
- to arrange your DBS check *[if required]*
- to invite you to social events with other volunteers
- to pay your expenses

## A FAIRYTALE MORNING

The Polka Theatre offered to provide a workshop for children with their parents. Twenty-one very excited children and their parents were either brought by drivers or made their own way to Martin Way Methodist Church hall. Olivia and Katrina arrived from the Polka Theatre with paper, pens and interesting craft bits and pieces. Initially the children were asked to draw lots of branches and leaves on a very, very long piece of paper. It was lovely to see all the children, helped by their parents, using their imagination to draw and colour an amazing beanstalk. Next the children were given pictures of leaves to colour and decorate with feathers and sequins before cutting them out. The very long piece of paper was hung vertically from the ceiling and the children brought their leaves and stuck them on the beanstalk. The result was an amazing collage and was the backdrop to the story. Olivia told the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, using an array of sound effects. All the children were riveted on the storyteller and it was a treat to watch their wide-eyed expressions as Jack climbed up the beanstalk and saw the giant and his family. After the story had finished, there was a lunch of sandwiches and followed by yummy cakes. This provided a great opportunity for parents and children to catch up on previous acquaintances or to get to know others for the first time. All in all, this exciting venture was a huge success.

Julia Evans

Children's Team - Birthdays

## Who we are

We are a group of about 60 volunteers, many from different churches in Merton, who want to show care and concern for our neighbours as Jesus did. We are supported by more churches, by schools, women's groups as well as many individuals in the Borough and across the UK.

## What we do

- Our Befrienders give time to listen when people are feeling lonely and isolated
- Through our Family Support scheme we help with regular and emergency food deliveries
- Our Furniture Project delivers recycled furniture, bedding and kitchen items
- Our Baby and Children's Project provides clothes for children and items for newborn babies
- Through our Children's Activities we address our concerns that youngsters should not miss out on things that their friends enjoy like birthday gifts, parties, camps, workshops and outings

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