

Elders Report December 2020

Sprouts: Weekly activity sheets are still being done. These are going out to out Sprouts families, some church members and all of the Uniform Group Families which means over 70 people receive it. This will still continue but we will be not doing one on Sun 27th Dec. If anyone would like a copy emailed to them – please contact me.

Family quiz evening is still going and we are having fun – we have quizzes, challenges and much and we encouraging the families that attend to take part in planning the games. We had a Christmas online event this weekend. Again- it would be great to see more church members or Elders taking part – and we will have to seriously look at how we continue working with the families after the Covid situation as they need to have something to come to as soon as they possibly can that will continue the relationship!

I will be doorstep visiting the sprouts families and quiz families before Christmas with gifts and Merry Christmas wishes from the URC.

Holiday Club – It wasn't possible to do an online Christmas holiday club due to time and business with other church things.

Uniform groups – The groups are not able to meet but I am in contact with the leaders weekly. It was great to have 2 of the girls involved with our nativity – it was fun and I thanked them with a gift from the church and hope they will be able to be involved next year!

Nativity – This seemed to work well – thank you to all involved in it – especially to Rob who was able to edit it and put it together.

Sparklers :

Stories and songs is still going well – and we can have up to 16 children on zoom joining in -! (with childminders and parents and grandparents!) We have enjoyed doing Christmas songs and we will not be meeting week Mon 28th but will be back 4th Jan.

Outreach

Westfield Infant School –Assemblies have been well received. I have had an email with dates on for next term and these will be pre-recorded and played to the children in their classrooms. Amy Berry who plans them has moved to a church plant in St Francis Centre and another lady called Rev, Dawn Matthew from St Johns will be co-ordinating – so I have 4 to do next term.

Hinckley Council –

On Saturday 19th Dec – myself and Amy Casey from the council will be standing outside church with free children's craft bags. We aim to distribute 100. The council have provided crafts – I have given some items from the church.

Asda very kindly donated a trolley full of craft items to the church to also put in the bags .

The Christmas Car light Trail is on 16th December - there were very few replies to my elders email – thanks to those who did – but The Cobb family has been risk assessed by the council and we will re-

creating Mary, Joseph and an angel somewhere in town. It was easier and more covid safe to have minimum people involved – especially with the paperwork!

(By the elders meeting some of these things will have already happened)

Thanks to those who have decorated the church windows – they look brilliant – (thanks to Kara – who is one the Sparklers childminders who has done the tree)

Thank you for your prayers and support.