



St Luke's Genesis, Holmes Chapel Newsletter - January 2020

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Genesis. We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and the feedback from both the Nativity and Christingle services has been great. Thank you to everyone that helped prepare for and take part in these services.

So let's now look towards Easter and explore what is coming up over the next few months. Our focus will be 'service' and we shall be exploring how Jesus showed service to others and how we too, following His example, can serve others. This will be based on Matthew 20 verse 28 'I did not come to be served but to serve.'

- 12th January Genesis- Epiphany: Jesus as the greatest gift seen through the eyes of the Magi. He came to serve.
- 19th January **All age family worship**
- 26th January Genesis- Jesus serves others: healing of the tax collector Zacchaeus.
- 2nd February Genesis - Candlemas: Presentation of Jesus in the temple to Simeon and Anna.
- 9th February Genesis- Jesus serves others: healing of the paralysed man.
- 16th February **All age family worship with pulpit swap**
- 23rd February Genesis- Serving above and beyond. Parable of the talents Matthew 5 v38-48
- 1st March Genesis- Using our talents to serve others as the hands and feet of God. Let our light shine.
- 8th March Genesis- Mothering Sunday preparations.
- 15th March **All age family worship**
- 22nd March Genesis and Mothering Sunday. Genesis contribution to church service.
- 29th March Genesis- Service in communities: The work of Mother Teresa.
- 5th April Genesis- Palm Sunday and events of holy week where Jesus serves with no strings attached.
- 12th April **Easter Sunday - All age worship**
- 19th April **APCM (Annual Parochial Church meeting)- no Genesis.**
- 26th April Genesis- 'Serving' through music (St Luke's music weekend). Inspired by the music from Rend Collective and Chris Tomlin.

Can we just remind everyone that we do have a Church collection plate in Genesis which we leave on a table at the entrance to the Church Hall. If you would like to make a donation to the Church it can be placed in the offering plate which is then taken across to Church. Alternatively, you might like to gift aid your offering by placing your donation in a Church envelope. I have these envelopes available in Genesis and leave them by the collection plate for your convenience.

Hope all this information is useful.

If you know of anyone who is thinking about coming to Genesis and would appreciate a newsletter or phone call, please do let us know.

Also, as part of the wider Church network group each class teacher takes responsibility for praying for the children in their group and their families. If there is anyone you would like us to include in our prayers please also do let us know if we can be of any help or support.

With many thanks,

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