

Genesis, St Luke's, Holmes Chapel September 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Genesis after the summer break. We hope you have all enjoyed some time away from the usual routines and deadlines and are feeling refreshed.

Just to remind you, Genesis starts at 10am in the Church Hall and continues until 10.45am. Genesis will then join mid-way through the Church service in time to share our learning with the congregation, for prayers, a short sermon and for singing. The service will finish by 11.15am so we may all leave together and enjoy fellowship over a drink and biscuit back in the recently decorated Church Hall.

Holy communion will now be offered at the 4th Sunday in the month but at every 9am Sunday service. Family services are usually on the 3rd Sunday of each month, but this will be subject to change when special festivals like harvest and Remembrance occur so, please refer to the dates below.

As usual the Autumn term for us at Genesis is one of our busiest and this year will be no exception. Activities will include harvest, Operation Christmas Child, Remembrance, Christingle, and our nativity. Most of our teaching up to Christmas will focus on the Lord's Prayer.

Sept 11th- 10am Genesis: Welcome back to Genesis and focus on the Lord's Prayer 'Our Father who art in heaven'

Sept 18th- 10am Genesis- 'Hallowed be thy name'

Sept 25th – 10am Genesis: Launch of Operation Christmas Child. Plus Lord's Prayer focus on 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as in heaven'. Followed by cake sale raising funds to buy items for the charities. Please bring some baking for the cake/biscuit sale. Not in Church today as it is the Civic Service.

Oct 2nd – *10.30am: All age Harvest Service. No Genesis*

Oct 9th- 10am Genesis. 'Give us today our daily bread'

Please also note that Bishop Sam will be confirming 5 young people who attended Genesis in the past at 6.30pm. Consider coming along and supporting them and their families on such a special evening.

Oct 16th - 10am Genesis. We welcome a special speaker from Christian Solidarity Worldwide into our session. Plus focus on 'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil'.

Oct 23rd - ***No Genesis for beginning of half term holiday.***

Oct 30th - 10am Genesis: Finale of Operation Christmas Child. Please bring your filled shoe boxes and back packs to the Church Hall before we pack extra boxes /bags from donated gifts.

Nov 6th - 10am Genesis: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Nov 13th - ***10am: Remembrance Sunday. No Genesis.***

Nov 20th - ***10.30am All Age worship. No Genesis.***

Nov 27th - 10am Genesis: Nativity launch.

Dec 4th - 10am Genesis: Nativity practice 2.

Dec 11th - 10am Genesis: Nativity practice 3.

Dec 18th - ***10.30am Genesis nativity shared during our Church service.***

Saturday Dec 24th- ***Christmas Eve Christingle and Crib services at 3pm and 5pm.***

Christmas Day - ***10.30am All Age service***

Now we can be back together let's make the most of the opportunities we have to share, worship, and grow together. A great year ahead where we can 'Come to Christ, Love to Learn and Learn to Love.'

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The Genesis Team