

Genesis, St Luke's, Holmes Chapel

Sunday 9th September 2018

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to Genesis- a place for young people, 2-11 years, to explore faith through craft, music, drama and friendship. We trust you have had an enjoyable summer and it certainly feels that Autumn is upon us already!

We are approaching one of our busiest times of the year and as the lead up to Christmas beckons, it brings with it Harvest, Operation Christmas Child and Mary's meals, Remembrance and an all singing and dancing nativity! Our diary of events below may help you keep track.

Sept 9th- Genesis: Preparations for our harvest service on 30th September where Genesis will be presenting a drama, song and prayers.

Sept 16th- Family worship.

Sept 24th- No Genesis as it is a parade service involving all those children in uniformed groups in Holmes Chapel

Sept 30th- Harvest Service in which Genesis are taking part. Please meet in the Church hall for 9.45am for a brief rehearsal before we go across to Church.

Oct 7th- Genesis: Launch of Operation Christmas Child 2018 and introduction to Mary's meals a new charity for children which we shall be supporting this year. ***Please also bring your donations of cake which we can sell after the service to raise money to buy items in short supply for the boxes and back packs.*** Thank you.

Oct 14th- Genesis: Jesus and his early life (part 1).

Oct 21st - Family Worship,

Oct 28th- Genesis: Jesus and his early life (part 2).

Nov 4th - Genesis: Finale of Operation Christmas Child and Mary's meals. Please bring your filled shoe boxes, back packs or items to go into either of these. Last year we were short of little games i.e. small balls, skipping ropes and small teddies. For more details and additional leaflets please see Sally Corrigan.

Nov 11th - Remembrance Sunday marking 100 years since the end of WW1. Genesis joins the uniformed children's groups in Holmes Chapel for Remembrance activities and reflections. This year we hope to have some drama presentations from children in Mrs Goulding's drama club at HCCS. This will be a very busy and thought provoking morning. We wind up our activities by 10.45am to enable us to cross the road to the Cenotaph for the 1 minute silence at 11am. Please also note that there will be displays and activities

from U3A History society in the Church hall over the weekend as 'Holmes Chapel Remembers'. Light refreshments will be served.

Nov 18th - Family worship.

Nov 25th - Genesis: Introduction to the Nativity. Could you please let us know your availability for the 3 practice sessions and final performance on 16th December? It would be really helpful if your child could attend all the rehearsals. We shall be handing out Nativity parts and organising costumes during this first rehearsal.

Dec 2nd - Genesis Nativity: Second practice followed by Christmas markets in Holmes Chapel 4-7pm.

Dec 9th - Genesis Nativity: Third practice.

Dec 16th - Genesis Nativity performance in the Church Hall.

Monday Dec 24th - Christmas Eve Christingle and Crib services at both 3pm and 5pm. This is a very popular service for families. The first part of the service involves building the crib scene and then the Christingle oranges are distributed and lit. If you would like to order a Christingle and collecting candle please add your name and number of Christingles required on the form available from Genesis from the end of November.

You will also find attached a contact/allergy document and GDPR form. Can these please be completed and returned to a member of the Genesis team as soon as possible.

Let's now look forward to a great year ahead, making Christ known in the community of Holmes Chapel, so that we can all share in the joy of God's love.

Fiona Pullé, Karen Cragg and Jayne Cawood
The Genesis team

Name:

I am/ am not available for the Genesis Nativity on 16th Dec.

Available/ not available- Please confirm which dates you are available in Nov/Dec