



## Dads and Tots Group Needs Help!

Would you be able to help at this lovely group once a month on a Saturday morning? Are you able to make drinks and snacks for the dads and their children, and to help them feel welcome? We urgently need at least one, but preferably more, new volunteers to enable this group to keep meeting regularly and serving the dads in this way. The group currently meets on the first 3 Saturdays of the month in the lounge of No.6, from 10.00 till 11.30 am. Please email Tony Higgs at - [anthonyruthhiggs@btinternet.com](mailto:anthonyruthhiggs@btinternet.com) if you can help. Thank you!

## Adult Confirmation

A date has been booked for the Bishop to take a confirmation service on July 7th. Any adult interested in being confirmed, Lisa will be leading a series of 6 classes. Please contact Lisa for more information [lisabattye@stjamesandemmanuel.org](mailto:lisabattye@stjamesandemmanuel.org)

## Mission Partner Reselection

We are in the final year of our contract of support with our Mission Partners. During this year the Mission Team will be selecting new partners for the period 2020, 2021 & 2022.

We would like the congregations in both churches to be aware of this and to engage with the process. If anyone has a special interest in a particular organisation, or individual's work and would like them considered, please note the following guidelines:

1. Do not tell the Mission Team! – We must remain impartial and objective and cannot invite individuals to apply for partnership if there is a possibility they may not be selected.
2. Personally (it must not be on behalf of the church) inform the individual or organisation that we are recruiting new partners for a 3 year period starting in 2020.

Suggest they visit the church website where they will find an introductory letter and an application form which are self-explanatory. All forms must be returned to us by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.

Selection criteria will be the same as in 2016 as detailed in the Mission Policy

Thanks Helen Denham – Mission Team Leader

## Women's Walk on April 20

We will meet in the church car park at 9.00 am, walk to the tram stop, and go from there to Piccadilly. We will get the 10.19 train to Marple. If you want to travel differently then we will meet you on the train platform at Piccadilly [probably platform 1 or 2]. From Marple station we will walk along the canal and over the aqueduct. We will pause at Chadkirk gardens, and then walk on along the river to Vernon park, Stockport. We may stop for tea and cakes there before going into Stockport town and getting a bus back to Didsbury. A walk of five and a half miles, and mostly flat. Please contact me if you are planning to come.

[annhillier@uwclub.net](mailto:annhillier@uwclub.net), or 07762 958657



## Youth Weekend Away

The deadline for the initial deposit of £30 for the weekend away has been extended to the 29<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for the interest shown. Places are filling up so please fill in the form and get it back to Lexy asap to ensure your child is guaranteed a place.

## RNCM Bernstein & Friends Charity Concert

Monday April 1st 7pm  
Emmanuel Church  
All proceeds to Alzheimer's Society

Featuring Bernstein's Clarinet Sonata, songs from West Side Story, On the Town and a new Bernstein-inspired composition by Matthew Eden

## Heading for Extinction - and what to do about it!

Thursday 4th April 8 pm - 9.30 pm

In this free and public talk speakers from Extinction Rebellion will share the latest science on where our planet is heading, discuss some of the current psychology around climate change, and offer solutions through the study of social movements. All welcome!

## Safeguarding

In case you have missed me, Lisa Headley, speaking in the church services, I have just been explaining that as part of my role as Safeguarding Officer, I am responsible for making sure that you, the congregation are aware of your role in safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in our church. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

If you are not an approved, DBS checked volunteer, or member of staff please make sure you do not go into any areas where children's activities are taking place.

If you are a parent collecting your child please make sure no-one follows you through the doors, that are locked, unless you are certain they are going to the same place as you.

As responsible adults we are accountable to each other. This means if you have concerns about a child's safety or well-being, that child must ALWAYS come first, before any friendships or working relationships.

There are safeguarding posters around the church buildings with useful and emergency numbers, should you need any advice or have a concern.

Many thanks Lisa Headley

## Mission Prayers

This month we pray for our mission partners who work to respond to human need by loving service and/or seek to transform unjust structures of society.

- Potters Village Child Crisis and Medical Centre in Uganda
- Protem Counselling- working to support people experiencing difficulties in their lives.
- Samara's Appeal – providing humanitarian aid to refugees and internally displaced people in the Middle East