

Dear all those who have enquired about confirmation (and parents),

Thanks for enquiring about Confirmation.

Below is a proposed programme for the confirmation for this Autumn. We will I think have a really good, fun and creative time.

I would appreciate it if you would read it through and see if it sounds appropriate and realistic. My hope is that the Wednesday sessions will be the core programme and the additional items will contextualise our reflection and place them in an artistic setting which many of our young people may well enjoy. At this point I have secured kindly funding for nearly all of the programme so you will bear no costs. However I do appreciate not all dates will be possible and so would appreciate if you would let me know which dates are not possible please asap.

The sessions @ no 11 will be at my home and probably around the kitchen table where we will eat fruit and cake, drink tea and juice and look at bible stories related to our themes. We will also pray together. Parents will be invited to as appropriate for family/school arrangements drop children off five minutes beforehand and collect at 5.35pm so that we get a full hour. If children will come straight from school /travel home alone please let me know.

Attendance at places of worship is part of the programme and often the children will help lead the worship in some way, for which they will be prepared. It would be good if a parent is in attendance for this and also at the evening concerts if your child comes (I will ensure that an adult ticket is available for you that is free to you).

Wednesday 1st Sep: Launch tea for parents and participants-4.30-5.30pm @ no 11 Vicars Close Fishponds BS 16 3TH.

Sunday 5th Sep: 4-7.15pm Taize workshop and service at All Saints to include light tea. (Theme: Worship)

Saturday 18th Sep, 10-11.30am Dr Bell's (rear entrance) Community Choir (Theme: Body of Christ) with reflection
Wed 22nd Sep 4.30-5.30pm @ no 11.

Sun 26th 9.45-11.30am @ S Mary's (Harvest) and Wed 29th 4.30-5.30pm @ no 11-(Theme: God in creation and living sustainably)

Sat Oct 2nd Colston Hall 7.30pm Mozart Requiem concert (optional) and Wed Oct 6th @ no 11 4.30-5.30 (Theme: Death and Resurrection)

Friday 15th October -evening-leisure activity eg Bowling (Theme: Sabbath rest)

Wed 20th Oct 4.30-5.30pm @ no 11 and Sunday 31st October All Saints 9am-lunch (Theme: Leading Worship and partnership)

Wed Nov 3rd 4.30-5.30 @ no 11 (Theme: Baptism)

Wed 10th Nov 4.30-5.30@ no 11 (Theme: Eucharist 'Do this in remembrance of me..')

Sun 14th Evening S Alban's Westbury Park Durufle Requiem concert (optional) Theme: Remembering

Friday 19th Confirmation at S Mary's Fishponds. 6pm rehearsal and preparation, light tea, 7.30pm service.

Party at a later date to celebrate and reflect.

best Keith

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