

## Holiday Bible Club News

At our February team meeting we looked at the theme of 'Be kind and compassionate' (Ephesians 4:32) through the story of the Boy who Shared his Lunch (John 6: 1-12). We shared out some chocolate (there was plenty to go around). We also learnt the memory verse song and had a hilarious time copying Mark Gartside's newly created aerobic moves to go with it (in the Waldrens' living room). We sang along to Bob Marley's 'Don't worry about a thing'.

The new Holiday Club material is published by Barnabas (part of Bible Reading Fellowship) and is called Junior Heroes. Six heroic children of the Bible are introduced as the week progresses: Samuel, the Boy who Shared his Lunch, David, Naaman's servant girl, King Josiah and Miriam.

One focus of our meeting was looking in detail at the Bible passage about the boy who shared his lunch. We shared some of our own thoughts and questions e.g. *How did it (the feeding miracle) happen? Does it matter how it happened? How does this story of generous sharing challenge us today in a world where people don't have enough to eat? The child was central to the act of generosity. Jesus thanked God. No food was wasted. Jesus tested Philip – does God test us, too?* Then we began to think of the kinds of open questions we could use to encourage the children to think about the story: *How does the story make you feel? What did you notice about Jesus in the story?*

I will be hosting Bible and Prayer Fridays at 53 Stonebridge Park in order to develop these questions and our response to the Bible passages further. Please see the advertisement for dates and times.

I would like to extend a warm welcome not only to the team itself but also to any of you to join us and enrich our reflections. I hope the meetings will provide an opportunity for some of you to get involved in the Holiday Club preparations – even if you cannot take part in the week itself. We will also use this time to pray for Holiday Bible Club and the people involved. (And there will be afternoon tea and cake!)

Look out for more Holiday Club News on the noticeboards in church. And do speak to me to find out more or to get involved.

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# HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

## *Bible and Prayer Fridays*

***ALL ARE WELCOME !***



***1.30-3.00pm at 53 Stonebridge Park  
(with tea and cake!)***

26 February	1 Samuel 3:1-21 SAMUEL
12 March	John 6:1-12 BOY WHO SHARED HIS LUNCH
26 March	1 Samuel 17: 12-50 DAVID
23 April	2 Kings 5: 1-27 NAAMAN'S SERVANT GIRL
7 May	2 Chronicles 34:1-33 JOSIAH
21 May	Exodus 2:1-10 and 15:19-21 MIRIAM
18 June	group choice
2 July	group choice
16 July	group choice



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