

## Holiday Club 2024

This year's St George's Holiday Club was themed as 'Trailblazers' following the innovative new ideas and behaviours introduced by Jesus.

Almost 60 young children gathered at 'Basecamp' on Monday morning on 29<sup>th</sup> July for a week of fun based on blazing new trails. After a smooth registration process, they gathered in their 'Log Cabins' before all coming together for some singing, dancing and stories back at 'Basecamp'. Numbers of children steadily grew during the week as others heard of the fun being enjoyed.



The youngest group, the *Chirpy Chipmunks*, based in the church, were usually the first to march into the Hall. They were followed by the *Busy Bears*, the *Happy Hikers*, the *Epic Explorers* and finally the *Eager Eagles*, the oldest group.

They began the day by singing our theme song for the week – '*We are going on a journey*' – before dancing with the 'The G.O.A.T's' to the tune of 'On top of the World'. Once again, the church teenagers formed the 'G.O.A.T's', (Greatest Of All Time) who as well as helping in all the Log Cabins,



also performed our drama about the 'Giggling Goats Gang' – a mountain rescue team led by Bear Griddle with Trapper, Hunter, Gumshoe, Solly and Roddy. Their drama through the week mirrored the daily themes and stories – God's love for the lost, Love your Neighbour, Forgive One Another, Serve One Another and Positive Change.

Starting on Monday we covered the stories of the Lost Sheep, the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, Feeding the 5000 and Saul on the Damascus Road.

And of course, it would not be Holiday Club without 'The Plank'! – the perennial favourite; a simple but highly effective way of creating excitement, fun and a general soaking for all involved. Each year 'The Plank' transforms into something new – this year it was the '*Slippery Slope*', but children are not fooled and they all wanted a go on 'walking the plank'!

A Celebration Service was held in the Hall on the Sunday and over 30 young children and their parents attended. This gave the adults a good taste of what we had been doing through the week. A number of the children presented their crafts they had made, some read Bible readings and others short prayers.



Our sincere thanks to the 'G.O.A.T's, all leaders and helpers, including our wonderful technical support! The 'G.O.A.T's' spent a number of Sunday evenings constructing the decorations, as well as practicing the drama and helping out in the groups. Leaders and helpers spent weeks preparing materials for the craft activities, and we know many a

partner was dragged in to help!

And a thank you to the children who made the week so enjoyable, and all those who donated cakes to keep the children and us going!

Thank you and see you all next year!

Ruck and Zack (aka Terry & Kathy Winrow)

