

## Pastoral Report.

### October 2014 AGM.

The Lemon Larder has provided many opportunities to pray with people about personal issues. Customers come in and ask for prayer for certain issues, and for a “Christian” slant on certain matters. There have been many prayers said in the shop, or in the room at the back with people who I would not normally get the chance to pray with.

Also, there are referrals for the Need Project, which we are now a drop off point for food parcels, and I am being made aware of other needs within the community, which I can respond to.

Many of our church family also seek me there, and there have been prayer opportunities on the spot.

- . There are two new members of our Monday home group, one of whom renewed their Baptism vows at a service in September.
- . we are running a one to one nurture group, at least twice a month.
- . There are two remaining people receiving regular home communion
- . Good feedback from Lynn who regularly visits the elderly members of our church family.
- . Good links still being kept with the local school. The new Headteacher is keen to continue our input. We do Storytellers (Open the Book) every Wednesday, and recently had a whole morning with the children making Easter Gardens and telling the Easter Story. We also have been invited back to have an entire morning making Christingles in December, and run a Christingle Service for the children and their families in the school hall after the school day ends. I also will continue to attend Leavers Assemblies, where we present each child moving up to Middle School with a Bible. I have been invited to say prayers at the Harvest Assembly later this month, and to do the same at the Christmas concerts and end of term assemblies.
- . We continue to run the Lidlington Toddler group on a Monday in the Village Hall, and have met many new parents to the village.
- . The Welcome pack, with thanks to Jean, continues to be very well received. The Lemon Larder being a good source of information about new people moving into the area.
- . We have a revamped website (thanks Jeff), and actively encourage all our groups to regularly supply news and photographs to be entered on it.
- . We continue to work closely with Vale Community Church and Stewartby, joining together for worship and supporting each others events where possible.
- . Our youth and childrens work goes from strength to strength, with 20 on the books for SHELL club, 15 or so at Lighthouse, 20 or more at Thursday younger Youth group, and 6 at the later Youth Group.

. We have successfully run two Drop and Shops, one at Christmas and one at the end of Term.

36 children attended for the whole day where we had 4 craft stations doing Christian based crafts accompanied by open discussion with the table leaders, and in the afternoon a Christian film and popcorn.

We will be running another on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

. I have been invited to join the PTFA, and will be helping at the Fireworks event. They have encouraged us to work with them wherever possible, with the view of pulling the community together and pooling our resources.

. There are currently two evening weekly home groups, and one afternoon prayer and Bible study group running in the village.

. We have recently completed a "Round the Clock" prayer week, with 41 people taking turns at filling one hour slots for prayer in the specially constructed Prayer Tent, complete with "graffiti" wall, which has some amazing scripture quotes and artistry on .. Prayers continued for 24 hours a day through the week. 20 or so of those taking part were our young people, who held an all night prayer vigil on the last night.

. The Lord has blessed our little church, yes indeed!