



Junior Church Leaders

Meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2007 at 7pm

Present: Joan Anthony, Helen Pearce, Ann Reeves, Joyce Royle, Gwen Sherratt, Stephen Edwards

1. DVD/Cinema Afternoon

Next DVD afternoon on Saturday 24th February 2007, 2pm-4pm. Film: Over the hedge

2. Football

Ardwick Sports Hall costs either £28 for large hall or £5.90 for small hall. Agreed to go ahead with competition and find out from Mark which days best for him to referee and then Stephen to book the hall. Preferred date: April during the Easter holidays?

3. Talent Show

To celebrate the gifts of the Spirit this event to be held on the eve of Pentecost: Saturday 26th May 2007. Time? Ask Social Committee to arrange a joint party for this. A raffle will be held in aid of Junior Church funds. Finale of the show to be 'My God'. All participants to receive a prize for entering.

4. Younger Children/Crèche

The new crèche idea is not working properly because the screen is not set up, although mothers are now staying in with the younger children. Stephen to ensure a screen is available from this Sunday.

5. Older teenagers

Confirmation preparation will take place this year and hopefully this will provide the older children with a chance to make themselves heard and get involved. Confirmation list and leaflets available in church by the end of the month.

5. Child Protection Issues

Registration forms nearly complete - now to be kept in the document safe in the vestry (to comply with the Parish Child Protection and Data Protection policies). The weekly register is working well and will be renewed in March: Stephen to email Helen the template.

5. Leaders

To encourage more people to think about becoming Leaders we need a brief job description/advert/article about what Leaders actually do. This will be published on the Newsletter or in the magazine. We should also encourage those interested to spend time in Junior Church to see for themselves.

6. Christmas

It was noted that the children weren't present at the Carol Service because they hadn't been invited to take part. Make sure next year they are involved. A discussion about the merit of using battery/LED candles instead of real flames followed - Gwen to find the web address of the company who made the ones used at the Pantomime.

7. Holy Week activity

It was decided to hold an afternoon of activities on Tuesday of Holy Week (3rd April) from 11am - 3pm. With a picnic lunch, making Easter garden, making candles and biscuits - all for use in church on Easter Sunday. to be arranged at the next meeting.

8. Name of Junior Church

Stephen asked whether Junior Church was the best or most appropriate name for the children's work. Members to give some thought to this/ask around.

9. Junior Church 'Book'

Ann mentioned a book entitled 'Letters to God' in which children wrote letters asking God for what they wanted. She will be using this idea during January with the children. Perhaps later in the year these letters and more - including pictures drawn by the children - could be compiled in to a booklet to be sold in aid of Junior Church.

10. Rota

January	Ann	Letters to God
February	Helen	Lent
March	Joan	Mothering Sunday (first two Sundays, then children in church for 18 th) Introduction to Easter on the fourth Sunday of March (25 th)

Next meetings: Wednesday 21st March 2007, 7pm in the Rectory