



The Ark Angel

Newsletter for The Ark, Crawcrook

Autumn at The Ark



We had a busy Autumn at The Ark with all our usual activities but also our Breakfast Church and extra events.

On 7th October we held an All Age Harvest event with an afternoon tea. Fun was had by all as we made bird feeders as our way of reflecting on nature and harvest and we also made sweet treat bags for children needing to access the Foodbank over half term.



Christmas

Our usual activities took on a seasonal theme over Christmas keeping us all very busy.

We also held our annual Carol service which was well attended. We re-told the Christmas story through shoes relating to each of the characters. It involved a lot of climbing on the playframe to find them. We also made Christingles together.



SNAP!



SNAP! is our fortnightly special needs play session. We meet every 2 weeks 4:30-6pm. The session is for children aged upto 16 and their siblings. This exclusive session allows children with a range of needs to play together and for the parents to support one another. No need to book just turn up. For next date check the Ark website.

Remembrance



Our Knit and Natter group joined other folk from Churches Together to knit hundreds of poppies in order to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1. Each poppy had the name of one local soldier on it. In the week running up to Remembrance Sunday the poppies were hidden around Crawcrook for children and local people to find. The event went down incredibly well with locals.

Children coming to The Ark in October helped us to make lots of paper plate poppies to display around the Play Centre.



New Group Get Crafty

In January a new group began at The Ark. "Common Threads" craftivism group is a group for those who like to be creative but also want to make a difference where they live. The group will make items which can be used to bless communities or specific groups and sometimes we will use craft to quietly protest about issues which we are concerned about.

The first two months we have made a number of felt hearts which we will be delivering to two local Care Homes for the residents as a blessing. In March we will be making some felt Easter eggs which we will be taking to a couple of hospital wards for children / babies.

The group usually meets on the 4th Thursday of each month 7-9pm and costs £1. Places are limited so booking is essential.



Breakfast Church

Breakfast Church continues each month (usually 3rd Sunday of the month) at 10am. After breakfast together we explore a theme together and create some exciting crafts. In February we took up the Living Lent challenge to give up single use plastics by decorating fabric tote bags and paper bags.