



MegaMakers! 2014

MegaMakers! Was the first time St James had ever undertaken to put on a week long Holiday Club for children.

After several months of planning the big day dawned and five mornings of fun and faith got under way. Nearly forty children aged from scarcely three to ten signed up to come and were kept busy each morning with drama, craft and Bible Study led by a twenty-five strong team of junior and adult leaders.

The mornings were led by Boffin & Brainwave (Wendy Thomson and Ben Madeley) and each day's

theme was based on a story from St Matthew's Gospel. There was Jesus calming the storm, one of Jesus healing miracles and the Crucifixion and



herself well known to the children at Hanslope School!

Resurrection. Our aim was to see how God's love includes all sorts of people, including ourselves!

After a song and the daily drama the children were fed and watered at the Mega Café run each day by Cassie Parsons,



After refreshments a series of workshops were offered. Anne & Alex Adams presented a series of daily drama sessions, Maria Madeley & Diane Gordon organised a series of thematic Craft sessions and Fr Gary's "Daley

Bible Baffle" allowed the children to *dive* into the scriptures (he thought this was a good pun...).

After sharing the day's workshops with the whole group the day concluded with fifteen minutes of interactive prayer stations which Fr Gary & Rhian Ainscough had devised. The engagement of even the youngest children with the prayer activities was profoundly moving. Kaylee Moore headed up a crèche for the very youngest children and devised an age appropriate scheme of work for each day to ensure they were kept engaged, which they certainly were!



The Junior Leaders were a great blessing and as a church we can be very proud of the huge commitment and dedication shown to the week by our Secondary School aged young people.



On the final day we invited parents to join the end of the session and enjoyed a video highlights package of the week put together by Peter Adams. A number of parents were quite moved by both seeing and hearing about their child's participation. New friendships have been made along the way, shy children did amazing things and leaders and children alike gained a deeper insight into God being at work in their life. The final day picnic took us to Home Farm courtesy of Luke & Chrissy Stacey. A wonderful time was had by all!

Scripture Union's Simon Barker joined us Day Five, he we-mailed to say: "It was a real joy to spend the morning with you, and the team had done a fantastic job in preparing and delivering a terrific programme which was clearly a wonderful experience for the children and so good to



hear that several may well come along of a Sunday morning. Well done to all!". Looks like we shall have to do it next year

too.



