

# Photos from Year 11!!



Eleven Years of  
The Mission Church

# Our eleventh year!!

As July comes to a close once again, we at The Mission Church reflect on the past year. A year that has seen another lockdown start and come to an end, the church move from meeting on zoom to meeting in person. Groups start back up, new groups starting and exciting activities take place. We have seen GOD move amongst us and people grow spiritually and we thank GOD for all that he has done for us and amongst us in the past year.

# Preaching and Teaching

As ever the preaching and teaching of GOD's Word remains central to all that we do at The Mission Church. During year 11 the Lord allowed the preaching through the Book of Matthew to come to an end over 3 years since it started. In the time since Mark has led us through the book of Philippians—The unifying power of the Gospel, 2 Timothy—Finishing the Race, Colossians—The Supremacy and sole sufficiency of CHRIST!, and we finished our year with the book of Philemon.



# Fantasy Football

This year we had another season of Fantasy Football involving people from the church as well as some friends from outside. It was a competitive season all the way with Caleb Skinner leading for all but to weeks when he was pipped at the post by Michael Keely. It has been a great way for those who love football to have fun together and encourage each other throughout the football season. We look forward to next season!



# "Grate" Mission Bake Off

Inspired by the British television staple the Mission Church got in on the act! Encouraging our younger ones and their families to take part in a different recipe each week and reap the rewards of taste! We spent seven weeks baking these different dishes, Lemonade Scones, Hedgehog Rolls, Blueberry muffins, Super shortcrust pastry, Very Victoria Sponge, M+M's Cookie Cake bars, and cheesecake. You'll find the photos of the challenge on the back page!

# Involved Together

One of the effects of the pandemic for some was an increase in loneliness, some found themselves more isolated through lockdown and isolation. To combat this and to help people adapt to life after the pandemic we started Involved Together shortly before we started meeting as a church in person. This time around we have focussed mainly on people from the church and providing a space once a week to meet together. This has been at Mark and Mary's house and has included a quiz from Dave, a who am I challenge from Ian, soup from Mark and Mary. As well as this we have had an outing for a meal at the end of every half term.



# Zoom and Returning Together

As we entered our 11th year the COVID Pandemic was still having a global impact not just on the local church here at The Mission. Plans to return to the Memorial Hall in November were held back as the UK entered another lockdown. We are thankful to the Lord still for the provision of zoom that allowed us to continue to meet for Sunday mornings, Connect Groups, sermon prep and Kidz Connect as well as periodic meetings such as COG, Elders, Nepal and Read and relate.

We were just as thankful during this time that as we moved towards April plans were starting to take shape for us to return fully to the Memorial Hall. To prepare for this as restrictions lessened Connect meetings were held in person and on Zoom at Mark and Mary's along with Involved Together on a Thursday lunchtime. And so it was on Resurrection Sunday April 17th that we returned to meeting in person at The Memorial Hall.

Since that time we have met on every Sunday as we end our eleventh year.

# Read and Relate

This year on Saturday mornings during every other month our Read and Relate group has met to read through a book together. Originally it was men from the church reading GOD's New Community by Graham Beynon before being joined by some of the ladies to go through Gentle and Lowly by Dane Ortlund. What a refreshing time with the Lord and each other!



# Kidz Connect

Our Kidz Connect group continued through our 11th year as an awesome way for our under 18's and the young at heart to continue to connect with each other, with GOD and to learn more about our heavenly Father through the Scriptures. We explored the book of Genesis before starting Nehemiah. We normally have an icebreaker with Ian, before a song with Kerri and teaching from Mark. Alongside this we have a badge for each term which you can see some of the children choose to collect!!



# Beginnings

As we returned to meeting together and life at the church settled into the routine of the post-pandemic world we felt that the Lord was calling us to restart the Beginnings ministry. This year we had a bigger team with 7 from the church helping to facilitate a morning for babies and toddlers along with their mothers/fathers/grandparents/carers to come along and have a morning filled with food, toys and fun.

We are thankful to the Lord for providing the team and the people to use the playgroup that we run. We have met many different people over the six weeks including a little girl who shares a first name with our oldest congregant, pictured below!

