

All good gifts ...

October 2nd was our Harvest Festival, and we welcomed our "pianist from across the Pennines", Mr Ralph Green, and a good number of Cubs, Beavers, Scouts and their parents. Our theme was the parable of the tenants of the vineyard and part of our display was some large piles of grapes which we shared out after the service - we didn't want to encourage the Church Mouse (the Cubs had read us the famous poem by John Betjeman) !

A visit from India

On Sunday 4th September we welcomed Divarakan and his wife Prema to our morning worship. Divarkan preached and then both Divarkan and Prema ministered to us in prayer. The service was longer than our usual practice but when two cultures come together in the worship of God, no time is wasted and we were all richly blessed.

A couple of photos can be found on the Gallery.

New Building?

August 2011 update - We've had lots of "Good News - Bad news" scenarios on our roller-coaster journey towards our new building. But we're not giving up; we are moving forward - albeit much slower than we'd like. We're still pushing ahead and the planning application was submitted - but we're still waiting for the decision.

We've not been sitting idly by waiting however and we have a number of plans for new adventures so do keep an eye out as we would love it if you could join us for some of them.

Pentecost Prayer Walk (2011)

The Failsworth Churches Unite network held a prayer walk on Pentecost Sunday. We gathered at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church for a short prayer to send us out and then followed a pre-planned route stopping at key sites in Failsworth for a few minutes of prayer focussed on an aspect of community life relevant to that site.

The weather varied from wet to very wet but all who joined us were well prepared for the weather and it certainly didn't dampen our spirits nor did it dampen the Holy Spirit's presence with us. Unfortunately it did limit the possibilities of chatting with the people we passed along the way as they hurried along under umbrellas.

The afternoon closed with refreshments followed by a celebration at the Salvation Army Community Church and a general feeling that this really did 'hit the spot'.

Our 2011 Easter journey



Our Lent sessions this year were family-oriented as we followed the adventures of Macky and Portia exploring 'Why does Easter Matter?'. The sessions were on Saturday lunchtimes and we shared lunch together before watching the DVD followed by a quiz, some crafts and discussions.

Four generations were represented at most sessions and there was 80 years between the youngest and the oldest but all had a great time. There was a lot of laughter and fun - even if it did get a bit messy from time to time.

On Maundy Thursday we remembered the Last Supper by sharing a faith supper (including smoked salmon!) before heading out into the church garden for a time of reflection on the events in the Garden of Gethsemane.

We followed Jesus' final journey to the cross on Good Friday before celebrating Easter Day with a quiz, a clown, a candle and chocolate.

Christ United Church return to Moston

The Christ United fellowship who have been worshipping in our building for the past 12 months have been made an offer they couldn't refuse - to return to the former Chain Bar Methodist Church building in Moston in April 2011.

This will return them to where the people live and avoid them having to travel from Moston to Failsworth - a lengthy and difficult journey on public transport! And so we wish them God's speed as they take their ministry back into the heart of their community.

We are grateful for the time we spent together and for the way the two fellowships were able to work together but we are pleased that Pastor Lynns will keep contact through the Failsworth Churches Unite network - especially as he is working on a new CD.