

# FAMILIES @ LMC NEWS

ISSUE 2 - Spring 2010

## SPRING IS HERE!



### SPLATTERBOX

Thursdays 10am-11:30am.  
Messy play and crafts, for children aged 2+, accompanied by an adult.

### TIDDLYWINKS

Fridays 10am-11:30am.  
Play activities for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers, accompanied by an adult.

### CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays 10:30-11:30am  
Morning service and Junior Church: All ages worship together for first 20mins, followed by Junior Church and crèche in church hall.

Praise Services: Intended for all ages. Children remain in church throughout service.

See diary for dates.

Welcome to Issue 2 of our newsletter for families in the Leatherhead Methodist Church community. A few people told me they found the first issue useful, even if only to while away the time while their toddler does play-dough. So I will press on, and thanks for the feedback!

Spring finally seems to have arrived and we continue to play around with the heating system at LMC to make our hall a bit more comfortable during our toddler groups. Please speak out if you are sweltering or freezing.

It was lovely to see so many people for our Maundy Munch on 1 April. I've learned a few things about accommodating a crowd and have plans to build on the event in the future.

My own children still refuse to throw away their Easter Gardens. I'm not sure what kind of message the dried up, dead twigs are now communicating, but there you are!

*Jane Smith*

*Family & Children's Worker*

## ROCKY'S plaice



**16-20 AUGUST 2010**

through stories, songs, crafts, games video and drama - with lots of light-hearted fun and games.

Booking information will be available after May half term and circulated through churches, Brownies, Cubs, Beavers and at Leatherhead Trinity.

Contact Jane to receive details by post: 01372 372919/  
janefcw@googlemail.com

**Rocky's Plaice is this year's Holiday Club**, run by churches in Leatherhead for children of primary school age.

Children will be looked after for two hours every morning, by vetted volunteers, in small groups of similar age. The programme introduces themes from the Christian faith



# DIARY

All events are at Leatherhead Methodist Church, unless stated otherwise

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| 2 May Morning service with<br><b>Junior Church</b> 10:30am                 | 16 May <b>Praise service</b> 10:30am  | 31 May <b>HALF TERM</b>                                     |
| 6 May <b>Splatterbox</b> 10am  | 19-22 <b>JIGSAW</b> - Church open<br>May to public - see below  | - 4 Jun No Splatterbox or<br>Tiddlywinks                    |
| 7 May <b>Tiddlywinks</b> 10am  | 20 May <b>Splatterbox</b> 10am  | 6 Jun Morning service with<br><b>Junior Church</b> 10:30am  |
| 9 May <b>Triumph AM</b> (for age 9+)<br>10am-12noon, BFree                 | 21 May <b>Tiddlywinks</b> 10am  | 10 Jun <b>Splatterbox</b> 10am                              |
| 9 May Morning service with<br><b>Junior Church</b> 10:30am                 | 23 May <b>United service for Pente-</b><br><b>cost</b> 10:30am St Mary &<br>St Nicholas Parish<br>Church.<br><b>NB: No service at LMC</b> | 11 Jun <b>Tiddlywinks</b> 10am                              |
| 9 May <b>Time for Tea</b> at St Mary &<br>St Nicholas Parish Church<br>4pm | 27 May <b>Splatterbox</b> 10am  | 13 Jun Morning service with<br><b>Junior Church</b> 10:30am |
| 13 May <b>Splatterbox</b> 10am   | 28 May <b>Tiddlywinks</b> 10am  | 13 Jun <b>Triumph AM</b> (for age 9+)<br>10am-12noon, BFree |
| 14 May <b>Tiddlywinks</b> 10am   | 30 Jun Morning service with<br><b>Junior Church</b> 10:30am   | 13 Jun Morning service with<br><b>Junior Church</b> 10:30am |

## A FAMILY FRIENDLY CHURCH?

The congregation at Leatherhead Methodist Church is currently taking part in a programme to consider whether we could be described as a "family friendly" church.

We recognize that church congregations are getting older and want to understand some of the reasons why.

We are auditing our services over a period of a few weeks, to see how people of different generations find them. Are they interesting and engaging? Thought-provoking? Or mystifying and hard to understand?!

If you are someone who has got out of the habit of attending church - not because of your beliefs, but just because you find it too hard to handle with a child in tow, I'd love to hear from you. What would make it easier for you to introduce your child to the Christian faith?

And, equally importantly, what do you find a complete turnoff?!

Do chat over coffee at Splatterbox/Tiddlywinks or send me an email. My contact details are below.

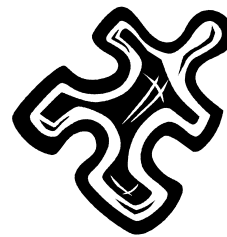
*Jane Smith*

*Leatherhead Methodist Church is located on the one-way section of Church Road, Leatherhead. You can find us on the web at [www.datavu.net/lmc](http://www.datavu.net/lmc)*

*There is a small car park. If it is full, the nearest public car parks are behind the Parish Church hall (continue along Church Road, turn right and the entrance is on your right) or in the Swan Centre.*

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*Our Minister is Ian Howarth. Phone via Church Office, 01372 362145*



**"JIGSAW"**  
**19-22 MAY**  
**2010**

From 19 to 22 May, the worship area at LMC will be transformed into a space for reflection and exploration. Open to absolutely anyone, with no pressure, no agenda, no time limits or obligations.

A place of tranquillity, peace and pleasure - offered to our community, to use as you see fit. Do come and have a look.

### Opening hours

Wed 19, 10am-5pm  
Thurs 20, 10am-8pm  
Fri 21, 10am-5pm  
Sat 22, 10am-3pm

