

Blast from the Past

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Postcards from...

Ever wondered how to update the "old favourite bible stories" we learnt about in Sunday School? One way is 'Postcards'. Some of our teenagers were asked to assume the role of a bible character and write a postcard from them. Here is a small taster of the result:

To John:

I am sorry for not showing up for my annual side burns trim, only Delilah got someone to do it for me whilst I was asleep! Besides, I've heard the prices have gone up. Anyway, got to go as I'm due down the gym.

Yours, Sam.

P.S. Sorry for pulling the door off its hinges last time!

(Samson, by Stephen Luff)

CHECK THE YOUTH COMMITTEE NOTICE BOARD AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR MORE POSTCARDS. CAN YOU WRITE ONE FROM A BIBLE CHARACTER? TINA CHATTINGTON WILL BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT ANY CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH CAN BE LEFT AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH FOR COLLECTION.

Wot-ever Next

Full marks to those who, after seven days, could still remember the main points from the Wot Next talk. Tim Mungeam from Oasis Trust spoke about "Decision to Disciple". Accepting Christ as our Lord and Saviour is not the end of the story. We have a choice to be like either Linford Christie or a spectator in the stands. Linford is a good athlete because he persistently trains, it affects his whole lifestyle and he knows the daily routine must continue if he is to perform at his best. Meanwhile, the spectator sits and watches, longing to excel but not daring to see where their abilities will take them. What about us as Christians? Are we running the great race of life for God's glory, are we not yet convinced we have the ability to win or are we afraid that others might laugh at us? We have been specially chosen to run the race, given all the



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training equipment we need and have God's promise of the ultimate victory. What more could we ask for? Be bold and determined to leave the stands and get down onto the race track.

For further reading: Heb.12:1-3; Phil.3:12-14; 2Tim.4:7,8 and Hymn: Fight the Good Fight, verses 1 & 2.



Read All About It....

The hot-news-latest from our correspondent in Tanzania, Andy Hunt, is on the Youth Committee notice board at the back of the church. What an eye-opener!

Deanery Kids Fun Afternoon



Saturday 18th May 1996 - Christ Church Bexleyheath.

This event held for 6 - 11 year olds, focused this year on the 'Holy Spirit', and the children enjoyed participating in various activities relating to the theme.

These included Candle Holders, Windmills, Head Dresses, & Potato Cuts. I wondered why there was a look of relief on the Committee's faces at our planning evening prior to the afternoon, when I volunteered to be responsible for the potato cuts. Not having a clue at the time as to what this entailed. I now know, and still have, the remains of paint under my fingernails! With 30 plus children in 5 groups, & each child competing for the most shapes on a blank piece of paper, keeping order became increasingly difficult.

There was a distinct difference between the behaviour of the boys and the girls. The boys perception of success being to load as much paint on the potato cuts as possible and then

to give the impression of someone behind a Post Office Counter, date stamping a parcel. FORCE = FUN. Whilst the girls were much more mature and made beautiful shapes of doves and flames very delicately. With Tina C. working the badge machine (How many fingers did you lose?) and also providing the musical accompaniment, the afternoon proved a great success and we hope the children discovered in various ways that the Holy Spirit brings such fun

Tim Luff

FOOTNOTE: Will Tina's T-shirts ever be paint-free again !!