

Churches working together to provide a fun-filled week for all!

Lighthouse DAILY NEWS

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Today's Gunge Tank 'volunteer', the Rev Ian Mountford, Vicar of Barley Hill Thame. (I think he looks like a choir boy!)

Nearly 400 and we've got space for more!

Nearly 400 children are now booked in for Lighthouse, with more phone calls, emails and people just turning up every day.

Parents & Toddlers

The 400 doesn't include the 170 who turned up for the Lighthouse Parents & Toddlers group in the Rugby Club building on Monday.

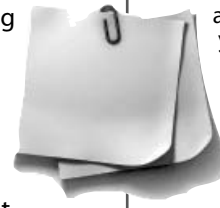
Vastly exceeding our expectations, this fantastic attendance meant that we had to do some quick thinking and praying overnight.

We ended up moving the Crew Creche (that's the Creche for helpers' children, not a Creche for the helpers!) to make more space in the Rugby Club. This has made some much-needed extra space. For Lighthouse 2009 we'll think again! (So thanks for your understanding if you were in that venue.)

Space for more

We've got space for a few more children – so tell all your friends about it tonight and bring them along tomorrow.

To save time on arrival, please download and complete an application form from our website at www.lighthousehame.org.uk



Welcome all the family at 4pm Friday!

Our end-of-Lighthouse Celebration event is 4-5pm Friday. Bring everyone: mum and dad, the kids, the granny, the dog (no, not the dog!). An opportunity for your kids to show you what they've been doing all week.

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Daily photo updates at www.lighthousehame.org.uk



Parent's Cafe

Our Parent's Cafe is open daily at drop off and pick up times in the main entrance tent.

Fresh coffee & cakes will be available (yum!) and we will also be selling Lighthouse merchandise.



Lunchbox challenge

Thursday's lunchbox challenge is to come in with the best decorated headgear or hat.



Wednesday 30 Birthdays

Abbi Haigh
Paula Collinge
(creche helper)



Please remember for tomorrow!

Sun: Please sunscreen, sun hats and a (full) water bottle.

Lunch Boxes: We have some children who are severely allergic to nuts. Could you please tell your children to not share their food with others.

Lost property: All your child's mislaid clobber can be found in the Admin tent.

Donations

Lighthouse costs £33,000. Half of this is subsidised by local churches but we rely on parental donations to meet the remaining £40/child. If you are able, please make donations in the postbox in the Admin tent. Please use an envelope so we can reclaim the Gift Aid. Thank you!



KidzKlub Thame starts in October! Working closely with Lighthouse, KidzKlub will offer the same flavour of fun, activity and learning. Once a month, for an hour, on a Saturday morning. We expect that the limited spaces will go quickly – so book your place now!

More information and application forms from the Admin tent or www.kidzklubthame.org



Tuesday highlights: (from left top) A 'touching' moment in the team meeting; craft tent; a Lighthouse (small group); down training sessions

Lighthouse Thame 2008

July 28 - August 1

Lighthouse is a Christian holiday week for local children and young people run by volunteers from local churches. Contact us during the week only on 07722 088895 or visit www.lighthousehame.org.uk

- Barley Hill Church, Thame
- Christchurch, Thame
- community church thame
- Cornerstone Church, Thame
- Church of Good Shepherd, Hadd.
- Haddenham Baptist Church
- Haddenham Methodist
- Long Crendon Baptist Church
- Oasis Church, Thame
- Our Lady of Light, Long Crendon
- St Catherine's, Towersey
- St Joseph's, Thame
- St Mary's, Haddenham
- St Mary's, Long Crendon
- St Mary's, Thame
- St Nicholas, Chearsley
- St Peter & St Paul, Dinton

We operate as part of a registered charity (1071892). We operate strict child protection policies.

We are closely related to **thamechurchesunited**, a partnership of churches in and around Thame, working together for the community www.thamechurchesunited.org

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Mainstage Andy (boo!) and Teaching Coordinator Jenny

Each day in Lighthouse News we plan to meet some of the volunteer team. Today, we meet Andy and Jenny Clamp. Andy is in the mainstage team and Jenny leads the Teaching tent.

Guys, what do you do when you're not here?

Andy: I'm a Civil Servant...

Jenny: And I used to work as an accountant, but now I'm a full time mum...

So, how did you come to be involved in Lighthouse?

We've known Linda Newton for quite a while, and 2 years ago a group of us started dreaming about starting a Lighthouse in Thame.

What makes you want to take time off work to do this?

Firstly, it's great fun!

Secondly, because we love to see God working in children's lives. Children usually have an uncomplicated approach to God-stuff!

Thirdly (and most importantly) to get Linda gunged! She's a great friend and a great activist in the Thame community, but she probably needs some comeuppance. ■

Parents' Ponderings

This daily column will help you understand what your child(ren) have been learning about today!

Today's theme is *dedication* – a word that might seem slightly strange to our modern ears – although one which the athlete would understand well. The athlete knows full well that without *dedication*, they will not succeed in their dream to win!

In contrast, our society has perhaps become one where the focus is on the individual. We are more likely to ask questions like: "What is best for me?" "What feels good?" "What do I like?" *Dedication*, however, speaks of commitment, perseverance and seeing something through. It speaks of being there for others and not just *ourselves*.

Jesus was a man who lived on earth 2000 years ago. He lived a life that modelled *dedication*.

He was *dedicated* first of all to God, which meant that he lived in relationship with God. For Jesus it wasn't a *religion* – following certain rules and doing things in a particular way – but a life of dynamic *relationship* with God. (By the way, that's what the Christian lifestyle is supposed to be like!)

For Jesus his faith wasn't a private, internal thing (as we have made it in England!) His faith meant that he was *dedicated* to people, to helping them when they were in need, to caring for them and to provoking them about their own faith journey.

Faith isn't an incidental matter to life! We're supposed to be joined-up people, where our spirituality, our relationships and our conduct are all in harmony.

The UK government is increasingly accepting that faith communities are major service providers and our faith is the 'engine' for what we do in world.

Let's be those that allow *real* faith to be a *real* part of our *real* lives! ■