

## SPARKLERS



Welcome back to a new term – and a special mention to all of you starting a new term at a new school. Some of you are starting your very first school, and others are now at high school. We are thinking of you and praying for you, that you are enjoying it and have settled in well.

## COOL STARS

## XCC



Look what we did!!!! Over the summer holiday, Martyn led a series of creative sessions during 10.30am services on the theme of looking after God's earth, producing some brilliant designs to illustrate the point.



Other creative talents were put to use when looking at the problems of shelter and homelessness during Christian Aid Week (left) and in another session, we focused on the flame of the Holy Spirit (right).



**From Cool Stars to Film Stars:** the short Sunday School is ready to view. After getting be a showing in church.



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## Coming up this term

Our Harvest Festival service will be on Sunday 7 October. The children will be leading the prayers that day (composed by themselves) and will also do the reading.

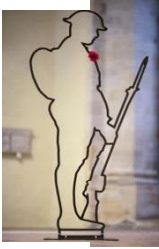




On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, the annual Light Party will take place in the church hall. We'll be starting at 5pm for 2 hours of seasonal fun, games and food – let there be light, and we'll banish the darkness of Halloween.



Remembrance Sunday on 11<sup>th</sup> November will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the First World War. To commemorate this significant event, Cool Stars and XCC will be performing a short drama for the congregation in the small hall at the end of the service. Please do encourage all your family to come and attend, as it's a rather special occasion this year.



**And dare we mention it so soon .....CHRISTMAS and beyond!**

On Christmas Eve at 4.30pm we will be holding the immensely popular (standing room only usually) Nativity and Christingle service, with Nativity costumes encouraged for the children. However, plans for the festive season start much earlier. In November, we will once again be asking families to provide books for Ealing Home-Start, for Father Christmas to hand out at the Home-Start Christmas party in early December. This event provides a gift for very young children not as fortunate or privileged as ours.



**CCCC – Cool Christians Charity Collection**

The charity selected for this year's CC collection is extremely local, the Ealing Soup Kitchen, already supported and regularly staffed by members of our church. Last year's collection and cake-sale by CC raised **£347** for the Amos Trust Street-Child Project. A big thank you for all the donations from the children.

**Party Plans:** A highlight in the Cool Christians calendar, the New Year party for all CC children and their friends will be in early February. The date will be confirmed shortly, but for the moment, keep the afternoons of Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> free in your diary – or, more importantly, your child/ren's diary!

**HELPING HANDS:** *We really value the help of parents in our groups, as we must have 2 adults in each for the session to take place. If you haven't yet volunteered to help, please let Celia or Martyn know when you can. You provide a vital service, as well as seeing first hand what the children do in their session.*

**The Bible topics for this term's sessions are as follows:**

9 Sep	God Makes Light, Day and Night	Genesis 1:1-8
16 Sep	God Makes Land, Plants and Sea	Genesis 1:9-13
23 Sep	God Makes Sun, Moon and Stars – SERVICE INCLUDES CONFIRMATIONS	Genesis 1:14-19
30 Sep	God Makes Animals and People – AFTERNOON SERVICE 4.30pm	Genesis 1:20-2:25
7 Oct	ALL AGE SERVICE FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL	CC PRAYERS & READING
14 Oct	Isaac is Born	Genesis - 18:1-15 21:1-8
21 Oct	Abraham Passes the Test	Genesis 22:1-19
28 Oct	Isaac Gets Married	Genesis 24
4 Nov	ALL AGE SERVICE	
11 Nov	Isaac's Children – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	Genesis 25:19-34 27:1-45
18 Nov	Bread & Water	Exodus 16:1 - 20:17
25 Nov	Laws for Life	Exodus 19:16 - 20:17
2 Dec	ALL AGE SERVICE	
9 Dec	Trusting Mary	Luke 1:26-38
16 Dec	The Praising Shepherds	Luke 2:1-20

**opportunities for the children to join in the service, take part in prayers, do readings or perform in the occasional play. Not forgetting the very important issue of marking everyone's birthday that month!**

### **Leaders' Update**

**Our leaders are managed by Celia Manwaring (07766 024469) and Martyn Verity (07989 592707)**

**XCC (age 8-11): Jonathan Culling and Martyn Verity**

**Cool Stars (age 5-7): Sophie Johnson and Xiao Li**

**Sparklers and Creche (age 0-4): Rebecca Wall and Tina Yarrall**

**At the start of every term, our leaders meet up to plan the term; if there's anything you would like raised, speak to Martyn or Celia to get it on the agenda**



**When the children come into church after a CC session, please remember that Communion is a quiet time and ensure your children remain with you until the Service Leader leaves the church. In the interests of safety, we also ask that you stay with your child whenever they are outside.**