



Holiday Club 2015

St Martin's Holiday Club is a church based club, run entirely by volunteers, for children from 5 to 11 years old, with a crèche for under 5s whose parents are helping at the club.

The 2015 club, which was called "Upon this Rock", was run by a committee, led by Father David and myself. We shared out jobs e.g. crafts, cooking, printing, finances, administration etc. which meant no one person had to do everything.

The club runs in the first week of the summer holiday from 10.00am to 1.00pm, with a picnic on the Friday evening and a concluding celebration mass on the Sunday morning. There is an exciting range of activities with drama, teaching, cooking, singing and a wide range of art and crafts activities that are suited to both boys and girls. Activities take place in the church, church hall and the churchyard.

Mornings start with the story of the day acted out on the stage; the children love seeing the clergy dressing up and acting on stage! Before the children go to their first activity there is always the holiday club song which everyone enjoys singing. Each child can participate in three activities in the morning, with refreshment breaks between the activities.

On Friday our morning starts in church singing the songs we have learnt; then there are different activities. In 2015 we had "Tropical Zoo", art and craft and lots of fun activities in the churchyard e.g. bouncy slide, football, swing ball, archery, table tennis, face painting and hair braiding. The morning finishes as it started in church. On the Friday evening all the families are invited to a picnic in the churchyard. It is a relaxed evening where the children can see their friends and the adults can have a drink and enjoy the warm summer evening.

The week culminates in the celebration mass on the Sunday morning, which is geared especially to the children who have participated in the week.

To conclude: the 2015 holiday club "Upon this Rock" was a great success with 94 children participating over the week. This could not be achieved without the committee members, the 50 adult helpers, and 18 teen helpers who took part over the week. Now I'm looking forward to the 2016 Holiday Club called "The Great Escape".

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