

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

Lighthouse DAILY NEWS

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A day in the life of Paddy

Paddy is part of our ever-energetic mainstage crew. New to the team for 2011 Paddy has previously worked with Lighthouse T-Zone and halo:gen.

0630 I'm got out of bed by my kids Zac and Noah. My wife Claire is also helping with Lighthouse, with the 4s.

0800 Pop to the shops to buy any prizes, gunge, custard pies, etc.

0830 Music rehearsal onsite. My job is to help lead any actions or dance moves!

0836 Ensure my mic is muted, since I can't sing!

0900 Daily team briefing.

0920 Meet with mainstage team to check running order, props etc.

0945 Doors open and the kids start flooding in! Banter starts.

1000 The first Big Top

sessions starts, 40 minutes of music, story and games.

1100 Help with Lighthouse Toddlers in the Leisure Centre, joining in with drama, chat with dads, etc.

1130 Grab some time with TZone who are now doing sports (I helped last year

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Car Parking

Car Parking space is limited so please walk, cycle or car share if possible! Unless you can find a more creative way to travel...?



Birthdays today

Ben
Shardlow (8)



Lunchtime challenge

Thursday's lunchtime challenge is: **funky hair!** (as attractively modelled last year by Laura!)



Life after Lighthouse

Re:light

Several churches are running re:light all-age

Sunday services, giving 'a taster' of local church life:

4 SEPT

Barley Hill • 10.30
Long Crendon Baptist • 10.30
St Nicholas Kingsey • 9.15
St Catherine Towersey • 10.00

11 SEPT

St Marys Thame • 10.00
St Marys Haddenham • 10.30
St Nicholas Cuddington • 10.00
Haddenham Baptist • 10.15

LATER

Christchurch Thame
28th Sept • 10.30
Cornerstone Thame
2nd Oct • 10.15

helped with TZone, so its good to reconnect with some of them)

1200 Lunch break! Yay!

1230 Games, fun, drama and challenges in the Big Top.

1250 Downtime. Phew.

1450-1545 Final Big Top session and dismissal. My job plenty of witty banter!

1900 Back on site to hang out with youth at halo:gen!

Paddy leads Cornerstone Thame. (He's also studying at Regent Park College in Oxford, where he is tutored by Carol Murray, leader of Haddenham Baptist church, who is also working at Lighthouse. Small world!) Paddy has a particular interest in youth and community worker, community advocacy – speaking for people with no voice, and showing where help is available – demonstrating that God has a care for his world! ■



Mounty (right) discussing gunging with the Mayor, Lighthouse 2010

kidzklub

kidzklub offers 'Lighthouse' music, stories and craziness. communitycafe

allows parents to chill with coffee, cakes and a friend! Monthly Saturday, 10.00-11.15am. Y1-6

Dates and registration at www.kidzklubthame.org



Clumsy Mounty!

I am clumsy. When I was a kid, I once got my leg stuck in a park bench and the Fire Brigade very nearly had to be called to cut me out.

This means that whenever I get something new – a new shirt, pair of trousers or car – it is only a matter of time before I spill something, drop something, scratch something, break something. Sometimes that thing can be fixed or cleaned, but sometimes it can't. Recently I damaged an item very precious to my wife and me. Every time I look at it, that bit of damage stares right back at me. I even tried to cover it over with paint but I still know it's there, staring back at me, taunting me!

Sometimes I am clumsy in relationships. I say and do things that hurt other people and when I do, those relationships get damaged and stained too. Too often I am selfish, jealous and just plain clumsy. Smack! Crash! And there go the feelings of someone I love.

Often they can be repaired. Sometimes it's not so easy. Wouldn't you love it, if all of those bits of damage in our lives, the breaks and stains that we carry around because of mistakes we have made, could be repaired, healed, washed away? Don't you wish there was a *Cillit Bang* for the heart? Today at Lighthouse we have been exploring forgiveness. However badly we have messed up, however clumsy we have been, it is possible, for God to restore us and repair us and make us clean. Jesus did that for his mate Peter, who screwed up by seriously letting Jesus down when he was needed most. If Jesus can do that for Peter, and do that for me, then He can do that for you too. ■

Parents Ponderings' is a column exploring the day's Lighthouse theme. Today's writer was Ian Mountford, vicar of Barley Hill Church Thame and St Catherine's Towersey.

Cycle Bus!

Do your bit for the planet! Reduce traffic! Get some exercise! Cycle accompanied from **Church End, Haddenham**, led by qualified cycling instructors from Haddenham Cycle Training.

More info? Follow 'News' at www.lighthousehame.org.uk

Welcome all! 4pm Friday!

Our end-of-week Celebration is 4.00-4.45pm on Friday.



Bring everyone: mum and dad, the kids, the granny, the dog (no, not the dog!). It's a great opportunity for your kids to show you what they've been doing all week!

Vital stats

We are very grateful to many people, churches and other groups for their support. These stats help you understand the scale of the operation and the impact on individual lives!

650 children on site (daily average)
total different kids 765
155 Parents and toddlers daily average

90 Halogen Youth (evening youth events)
357 Helpers (2010 stats)



LightenUp

Halloween... but like you've never seen it!

For school years 1 to 6, an evening of fun, music, games and inflatables.

www.thamechurchesunited.org/lightenup

Semiquavers & Gracenotes

A music-based group for under4s. Songs, a simple craft for older children, tea and talk! Thursdays, 10-11am. Kate 261546 Sara 218841

Sparklers

Pre-school craft, toys and a short service of songs, prayers and Bible story. Second Wednesday each month. Mary 213797 Caroline 213673

Donations

We hope your children are having a wonderful time! Although there is no charge for attendance, Lighthouse costs £37,000 to run.

Local churches contribute half and we rely on donations to meet the remaining costs of £10/child per day. If you are able please make donations via Admin. Please use an envelope so we can reclaim tax! After the event, please post to 111 Sheerstock, Haddenham HP17 8EY

Lighthouse Thame

Lighthouse is a week-long Christian holiday club for local children and young people run by volunteers from local churches. We are work closely with thamechurchesunited.org, a partnership of churches in and around Thame, working together for the community www.thamechurchesunited.org. We operate strict child protection policies and are part of registered charity 1071892. Partner churches include Barley Hill Church, Thame • Christchurch, Thame • community church thame • Cornerstone Church, Thame • Church of the Good Shepherd, Haddenham • 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



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