

### Reverend Viv's Podcasts

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### Reminder

The next **Southside Church Council** meeting will be held:  
**Wednesday February 16<sup>th</sup> 2022.**

### February 2022 Newsletter

If you have anything you would like published in the February edition, please send your article in **by Midnight Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Thank you (Ed)

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**UCB.CO.UK/PRAYERLINE**  
**01782 363000**

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 10.00pm  
Saturday 10.00am to 6.00pm  
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*Standard call charges apply, calls from mobiles may cost you more. Check with your supplier for details*

See website [www.ucb.co.uk/prayerline](http://www.ucb.co.uk/prayerline)

### Wesley Guild – Reminder

The Wesley Guild will not be meeting in January but we hope we shall be back together in February. Keep a look out for the lunch sign-up sheet.

## Church 4 All 2021

I guess that now Christmas is over, we have seen in the New Year and the decs have been put away in the loft for another year, which is really strange as I write this on Christmas Eve. I hope that it was a good one for you all, and you were able to have time to reflect on the 'real' event of Christmas.

I wanted to have a time of reflection and share with you my work at Southside. We have had an extremely busy term at Church 4 All and I'm not going to lie, there were occasion's when I considered that I may have been too ambitious.... however, it all went to plan (well almost).

In September, it felt right to start at the beginning. We talked about Creation, introducing the children to Adam and Eve and learning a new 'Creation Song'. We learnt how God used Noah and the promise that God made.

We enjoyed a Harvest service, sharing a lovely Harvest supper after, unfortunately, that wasn't all we shared and the Church had to close for a couple of weeks due to Covid. On our return, we enjoyed a Light Party. We spent a session making shoe boxes and Christmas cards for the Elderly Shoebox appeal and with the generosity of the wider church family we managed to donate over 30 boxes/gift bags. We thank everyone who supported this cause, which was led by Sue Baron.

During the autumn term, we were selling knitwear that Val and Ilfra made during their time in lockdown. We were able to send a cash donation of £42 to Winston's Wishes, a charity close to my heart, (please see the thank you letter on our display board). We gave several blankets

to the Elderly shoe box appeal; we gave some hats to the Light Project for the homeless and some children's jumpers to 'Mary's Child' charity for underprivileged children. A huge thank you to Val and Ilfra for donating their time and knitwear.

We made Advent Wreaths, performed a Nativity Carol service, which was a huge success with the children. They were so excited to relive the Nativity story and the feedback from the adults was heart-warming.

I led a Christingle service, which was well attended, and over £120 was donated to the Children's Society. The joy of singing 'Away in a manger' in candlelight with so many children was an absolute delight.

The children ended term with a traditional Christmas party, which took me back to my Sunday School days with the legend Mr Bedford bringing back the same games that were played all those years ago!! The children went home with a wrapped selection box and a smile on their face. Fun and laughter filled the church, and for me all the hard work was well worth it, to hear this.

As I sit here, reflecting on all that we have achieved, remembering the busy chatter and laughter, the conversations that have been had, the songs that have been sung, the prayers that have been prayed, I can't help but feel excited about how God is working within Southside. Our church is alive with all age groups, with the youngest babes attending Footprints, to the eldest attending Sunday worship. We may not be together, all of the time, but as we grow together as a church, I pray that we can come together more in 2022 and worship together.

It goes without saying, that all of the above would not be achievable without a great team behind it. I would like to say a huge thank to Rodney and Janice, without them, the session would be unable to run. Janet, Rachel and Sue are my secret craft fairies, they produce everything I need for every session, and as this is definitely my weakest link, I appreciate this immensely. I would like to thank Joseph and Gerard; these lads are our young adults of the group. They help during and after every session, cleaning and rearranging the church, but generally happy to do anything I throw at them. We are blessed to have these lads with us, who continue to be enthusiastic to be with us in church. Last, but definitely not least, a big thank you to my husband, who supports me throughout, even if I get him climbing up ladders to put lights up or getting dressed up as Santa!!

So, all that leaves me to say, is look out for our programme of events for the new term, please join us when you can, but have a healthy and blessed 2022.

**In God's name  
Suzanne and the Church 4 All Team**