

Notices Extra – July 2018

Each month we will be highlighting one group or activity from our church as well as one group / organisation that we support as a church.

Thursday Club

This young people's group happens on Thursday evenings from 6.30 to 7.45, in the Church Hall. The age range of those who currently attend is from 10 to 13 year olds. Most of the time is spent doing a wide range of games depending on how many are there. In the middle of the session we pause to look at Bible stories, answer their questions, and have a prayer time. Then back to games and ending with a time of chatting about what's happening for them while having a drink and biscuit. At the moment all the children are from families that don't attend our church but live very close to us.

We are thankful to God for how many years we have been able to run this club, for how the children enjoy themselves but also listen to the stories, for the positive relationship with their parents who chat with us when they drop off and pick up. We are also thankful that the children have joined in other things like the Family Fun Day, the Light Party and other events we have organised.

We pray for more children to come and join our group and more helpers to keep it running. For more information talk to one of the core team – Christine, Hannah or Daniel..



Whose 50th Birthday is it?

Tearfund's! Born out of a response by Christians to the famine in Biafra (Nigeria), Tearfund was founded by the Evangelical Alliance with George Hoffman as its director. Originally called Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund (EAR Fund), Pete Meadows added a 'the' at the beginning and gave us Tearfund.

Of the many titles used over the years perhaps 'Relieving Suffering in the name of Christ' is as good as any. This is still a core value of Tearfund, and is shown in Tearfund's current campaign name- '**We won't stop till Poverty Stops**'. This is encapsulated in three areas:

Pray - Crying out to God in prayer-raising 1 million prayers to overcome global poverty.

Act – To see 50,000 actions to overcome global poverty this year.

Give – We want 5 million people released from poverty during 2018.

Nigel Harris CEO of Tearfund said:

'Persistence is in Tearfund's DNA, because our Father God is **relentlessly loving**, and he is at the very heart of who we are. As we enter our 50th year, we are more determined than ever to beat poverty! There will be no holding back, and it's this conviction that's behind our new campaign: We won't stop till poverty stops'

For more information talk to Ian Baillie or visit the Tearfund website – www.tearfund.org

