



# PRAIZIN' HANDS PUPPET GROUP

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### We are now a charity!

On the 17 December 2019 we received our registration from the Charity Commission.

This is the first part of our vision for the puppet group as we look to expand the work we do and secure the future development of the puppet group.

### Adopt a Puppet

Our 'Adopt a puppet' scheme is still in operation and we are very grateful to all those people who adopt one of our puppets. Congratulations to **Andy Canning** who has just adopted two puppets, one named '**Jakey**' and the other one named '**Elwood**'. Both these puppets are in memory of a very special boy '**Jake Elwood Mellor**'.

If you would like to know more about the scheme and what is involved, please email [info@praizinhands.org.uk](mailto:info@praizinhands.org.uk) and we will send you more details.

### Prayer Focus

Give thanks to God that Praizin' Hands is now a charity. Pray for wisdom for the trustees as they develop the charity.

That finances will be found to enable the puppet group to support their vision.

Give thanks to God that a house has been provided for the storage of the puppets and equipment for at least this year. Please pray that a suitable sized building would be available when we need to move out, where each of the teams can rehearse as well as store all our equipment under one roof, at a reasonable and affordable cost and that funds will be provided.

For the schools project team and in particular the new Internet Safety presentation for KS1. That the children will learn how to keep themselves safe online.

For the Big Hands team and the Easter performances. For all the venues we will be visiting this year with our Easter presentations. That God will open the hearts of all who watch and listen and seeds will be sown.

For our Little Hands team. That God will provide new young people to join the team from other churches. That this team will grow not only in numbers but in fruitfulness.

That God will provide new ladies to join our Big Hands team and that He will provide new stage crew.

For health and strength for all 3 teams including the stage crew. At times, the work can be very tiring both physically and mentally.

For good relationships with all the churches in and around the forest that we can work alongside and support each other in our ministries.

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## Big Hands Team Update

Our Big Hands team have worked very hard over the Christmas period and only had a couple of weeks rest before starting to learn a new Easter presentation to take into local schools for 2020. These include a visit to Big Fish toddler group at Winchester Vineyard Church and an outreach event for Lymington Baptist Church reaching out to their community.

This team would love to welcome new members to join them!

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Dress Rehearsal – St. Francis Church  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Orchard Junior School  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Orchard Infant School  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Eling School  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – St. Michael's, Lyndhurst  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Netley Marsh CE Infant School  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Big Fish, Winchester Vineyard Church  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Blackfield Primary School – 2 performances  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Marchwood Infants CE Infant School  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Wildground Federation (in Junior School)  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Waterside Primary School  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Fawley Infant School  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Hythe Primary School – 2 performances  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Manor CE Infant School  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Copythorne CE Infant School  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Cadland Primary School  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Lymington Baptist Church

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## Schools Project Team Update

The School's project team work very hard each week putting together a whole range of presentations on social issues which support the PSHE Curriculum. They rehearse at Lyndhurst Baptist Church every Monday and they visit schools on average once a week. It is a struggle to fit in all the rehearsals for each different presentation as the setting up the stage as well as numerous props and scenery takes a long time. This team has just started rehearsing for our new 'Internet Safety' presentation for KS1 children and we have several bookings for this presentation already starting from the end of April. If it is well received, we plan to go 'on tour' with it possibly in September/October time.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Calmore Junior School – Healthy Lifestyles  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Manor CE Infant School – Fear of the Dark  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – Beaulieu Primary School – Internet Safety KS2  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Lymington Infant School – Self-Esteem  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Wildground Infant School – Looking after our world

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## Puppet Group AGM

It would be great if you could attend our AGM on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00pm at St Francis Church, Langley, SO45 1XU

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## Little Hands Puppet Team Update

Well done to our Little Hands Puppet team who took part in the 'Puppet and Creative Ministry Festival' on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. The Festival took place at Warwickshire College and we are delighted to say Little Hands came 1<sup>st</sup> in the song competition and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Skit competition. They received two trophies and certificates.



On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020, we re-launched the Little Hands team. This team now meets a couple of Thursdays each month at St. Francis Church, for two hours providing better quality time together. Our Thursday evenings consist of learning about God, training in puppetry as well as creative arts, rehearsing, prop and sign making and games. We plan to have the occasional trip out, too.

We currently have 7 puppeteers and on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February we will be having a taster evening for any 11 to 17-year olds from churches around the area to come and find out more about our Little Hands Team. Our Little Hands team is now open to boys as well as girls, but we will have to limit numbers.

We have a strong team of leaders who help with this team.

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