



PRAIZIN' HANDS PUPPET GROUP

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A BRIGHTER YEAR AHEAD.....

As we start the new year, we look forward to 2022! We have a lot of exciting plans for this year. We have a number of bookings already confirmed which include outdoor bookings when we will be using our Marquee. These are always great events for reaching a wider audience with a Christian message and allow us to engage with the local community.

How about getting involved with Praizin' Hands even if it is in a small way? Why not get in touch?

GIFT AID

As a Charity, we are able to claim Gift Aid on the donations we receive from UK taxpayers, which adds 25% to the donations value.

If you are kind enough to make a donation or have made a previous donation since we registered as a Charity (December 2019) please complete a Gift Aid Declaration form so we are able to claim gift aid on your donation. - Thank you.

PRAYER FOCUS

Give thanks to God for His continual blessings upon Praizin' Hands.

Pray that God will grow the Little Hands Team in preparation for when older members leave for university.

Pray for protection for members of the Schools PSHE team and Big Hands team as they visit many schools in the coming months.

Pray for the Easter assemblies (Details of dates and venues can be found elsewhere in the newsletter).

Pray for the 'Road Safety' presentations. (Details of dates and venues can be found elsewhere in the newsletter).

Pray for wisdom for the trustees as they make important decisions for the puppet group.

Pray that grants may be found to finance the daily upkeep of Praizin' Hands.



NEW YEAR, NEW CHALLENGE?

How about learning a new skill and joining the youth team of Praizin' Hands Puppet Group? We would love to welcome 11 to 17 year olds, boys and girls, to join their team.

The team meet fortnightly on Thursday evenings in Langley, near Blackfield. You will get the opportunity to learn puppetry and creative arts as well as make new friends. We enjoy social times with each other too, play lots of games, learn about God and have regular trips out.

We perform puppetry at local community events as well as church services around the country using Christian parody music. To find out more information, please ask your parent/guardian to email

info@praizinhands.org.uk

BIG HANDS TEAM UPDATE

Our Big Hands team worked very hard in the lead up to Christmas with school assemblies. It was great to have a presence at the Hythe Mistletoe Fayre where the team performed their Christmas presentation 3 times to many people, adults and children. There were only 2 schools who needed to cancel their assembly due to covid and we felt we should cancel the residential home we had planned to visit. Just after our last school performance, one of the team tested positive for covid so we sadly had to cancel the service at Lyndhurst Baptist Church. We give thanks to God that no-one else from the team went down with covid over Christmas despite being in close contact behind the puppet stage.



It has been great working with different churches, taking the Christmas message out into our community. We are currently working alongside individuals from Cornerstone

Hythe URC, St. Andrews Dibden Purlieu, Marchwood Gospel Church, Lyndhurst Baptist Church and Lymington Baptist Church and we look forward to working alongside other churches as we move forward. It is a wonderful to be doing God's work together.

Big Hands are now working hard on an Easter programme and hoping that covid will not disrupt these plans! The list below shows when and where they will be performing.

Monday 14th March – DRESS REHEARSAL
Wednesday 16th March – Hythe Primary School x 2 performances
Monday 21st March – Marchwood Infant School
Wednesday 23rd March – New Milton Infant School
Thursday 24th March – Waterside Primary School
Monday 28th March – St. Michael's Infant School, Lyndhurst
Wednesday 30th March – Netley Marsh CE Infant School
Thursday 31st March – Copythorne CE Infant School
Monday 4th April – Manor CE Infant School
Wednesday 6th April – Blackfield Primary School
Thursday 7th April – Wildground Infant School
Saturday 9th April – Lymington Baptist Church – Outreach event



PSHE SCHOOLS PROJECT TEAM UPDATE

This team has been working hard on their 'Road Safety' presentation and we are grateful to Angela and Liz for helping with this particular presentation. The dates for these are as follows:

Thursday 17th February AM – Lydlynch Infants
Thursday 17th February PM – Waterside Primary
Friday 18th February – Cadland Primary School
Thursday 3rd March – Wildground Infant School
Thursday 10th March – Hazelwood Infant School

Alongside this, they will also be working on a 'Lying' presentation which will be taken into schools after Easter.

LITTLE HANDS PUPPET TEAM UPDATE

Our Youth team have been working well and growing in confidence. They were able to perform a couple of puppet



songs to a small audience just before Christmas. Thank you to all those who came and supported them on this evening. We ended the last term with a Christmas party including pizza and caterpillar cake which was a lovely end to a difficult year.



The team are now working hard on putting together a programme to take out and about in the coming year. It is great to be having bookings coming in, so Little Hands will be able to take the puppets out and use them for outreach, once again.

Little Hands will hopefully be having a crazy golf evening on Thursday 10th March which we are all looking forward to.