



Prayer & News Letter Summer 2019

Moz's Musings



Our theme for this academic year is “sing a little louder”, taking inspiration from the amazing worship song “Raise a Hallelujah”. Singing a little louder is an show of confidence, a statement of self belief an expression of our soul. We are going to be exploring the many reasons the Christian faith says we can sing a little louder. Amongst many others: because God loves us unconditionally, because the Bible says we are made in God’s image as a reflection of his glory and because what we believe is world changingly powerful.

All of this will be presented in a way where we combine the Bible, stories of what God has done for others and our own experiences to allow children to make their own decisions about their faith. We are not going to shy away from the difficult questions (in fact our Easter Holiday Club is going to spend the week looking at the most gristly yet important questions we can find!). A life long, sticky, faith is not one that sweeps difficult questions away under the carpet.

I believe this is something to be excited about, imagine a generation of young people secure in their faith, confidently raising a hallelujah to the God of the Universe. If we are to see real social and economic change in our town this and not politics is how it is going to come about.

Moz! Event Leader.

2018/19 in Numbers

- 106 children attended an event
- 77 children on the Easter Holiday Club
- 40% of children did not identify as attending a Christian Church or Club
- 40 adult team from 14 church and 6 denominations.

We thank God for all the individuals behind each of these numbers.

2019/20 Dates

- Sat 7th September 2019
- Sat 23rd November 2019
- Sat 18th January 2020
- Sat 14th March 2020
- 14th-17th April 2020 - Holiday Club
- Sat 16th May 2020
- Sat 18th July 2020
- 12th - 16th August 2020 - National Holiday

All Saturday events run 6-8pm at Keighley Shared Church



12th – 16th August 2020

This year will be the 14th X:site National Holiday and over the years many hundreds of children have enjoyed spending the residential week having lots of fun and exploring their faith.



This year we have decided to make a few changes to the week. So the holiday is more accessible we have moved to Thornthwaite Scout Campsite near Harrogate in North Yorkshire (pictured above) which has enabled us to reduce the price by about £55 to around £130. As always grants are available for those in need.

The week will include a trip to a theme park along with all the usual X:site favourites.

We hope that these changes mean more children from the Keighley area will be able to be a part of what is always an amazing week.

Bookings open early in 2020.

Finance

X:site is entirely funded by donations from churches, individuals and businesses. We receive no funding from Scripture Union. In recent years our funding from local churches has seen a big decrease, thankfully some very kind individuals have stepped in to fill the gap.

Perhaps your church would consider having a special offering for our ministry, or you have an outreach fund. Members of our team are always happy to visit churches to preach, lead or share what we are doing. Please get in touch.

If you'd like to make a donation cheques can be sent to the contact details below made payable to X:site Keighley.

Can you help?

We are always looking for volunteers to help in our ministry training and support is always provided. If you could help in any of the below roles, please get in touch:

- **Lead Caterer X:site National Holiday**
Leading a team catering for around 60 we need an experienced individual to fill a vital role!
- **Group Leaders**
Leading a small group of 6-12 children with at least one other adult, modelling family and helping them explore their faith.
- **Musicians and vocalists**
Of any age to join our band!
- **Stewards**
A crucial role, keeping us safe and allowing group leaders to focus on the children.

Prayer

We believe in the power of prayer, please join with us in praying for:

- Keighley and the surrounding areas to hear and respond to the transformational message of the Gospel.
- Wisdom and energy for the team
- No financial constraints on our ministry
- The changes to the national holiday to have the desired outcomes.
- More volunteers for our events.

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