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Taizé Remembrance Ceremony

Rita Russell reports:

On the Sunday of the Taizé Style weekend we gathered in the Beech Room at Purley to remember those who had served in the wars. As we entered the room we took a poppy and laid it on the table covered with a tablecloth.



Through the radio broadcast from the Cenotaph we joined with the nation in the Ceremony of Remembrance. We heard Big Ben strike 11 o'clock; we stood in silence for 2 minutes; we heard the Last Post. Bruce led us in prayer and then many more poppies were placed on the table with the others - a very moving ceremony.



Walk and Talk

Jenny Jones reports:

A group of “Walkers and talkers” meant on a murky day in October and enjoyed a walk in the North Yorkshire countryside together. We met at a new venue for a change - Sutton Bank - and were treated to some impressive views. One of these views was advertised as “The Finest view in England!” We were not totally convinced by this claim but we still enjoyed stretching our legs (well, some of us enjoyed it!) and each other’s company... not forgetting a delicious mug of hot chocolate at the end.



November Family Weekend

Jenny Jones reports:

Family weekend went with a bang (!) when many families joined together to learn about the Daniel stories and celebrate Bonfire Night at Purley Chase at the start of November. Each group explored a different section of the bible and we all came together on the Sunday morning to present what we had learnt to each other. The teenagers taught us about the meaning of King Nebuchannezzar's first dream - in the photo (right) they are drawing around Richard to make a life size idol.



Then we were watched as Daniel's friends were thrown into a fiery furnace - the photo (left) shows the group making salt dough models.

The adults then presented, through drama, the stories of how Daniel translated the meaning of Belshazzar's dreams - where we learnt the origin of the phrase "The writing on the wall". Finally, the youngest children dressed up as lions and re-enacted the dramatic story of when Daniel was thrown into the lions.

The rest of the weekend was spent either dodging the rain in order to play in Purley's beautiful grounds or enjoying the warmth of Purley and an excuse to stay wrapped up warm inside!



Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our usual camp fire but we were treated to an amazing firework display - thanks to Steve and Fraser.

Such a busy weekend takes a lot of organisation and my thanks go to all the leaders who worked hard to make the weekend enjoyable.

Our next Family weekend will be held at Purley from 22nd - 25th May 2020.

Purley People Roundup



Here are some photos shared to the Purley People Facebook group this month.

The photo on the left was shared by Revd Becky Jarratt showing the November Forest Church participants decorating pine cones, despite the bad weather outside!

The photo overleaf was shared by Nicky Ramsay showing Seaburn Dene on Remembrance Sunday.

