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Gather Leaves Event Funding

Good news if you are interested in attending Gathering Leaves, the international event at Purley for women - an anonymous benefactor has pledged to meet the Purley costs of all women attending at the early bird rate (bookings must be made by April 30th).

If you wish to find out more please go to the Gathering Leaves event information on the Purley Chase website:

<https://www.purleychasecentre.org.uk/event/gathering-leaves-womens-swedenborgian-event/>



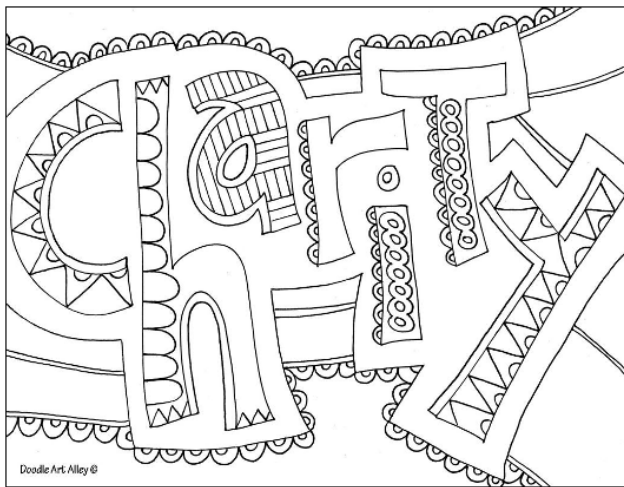
A Reminder from NCYA

Carolyn Kennion writes:

By now, churches and Home Sunday Club members should have received NCYA exhibition sheets on the theme of 'Charity'.

We are looking forward to receiving your entries so remember to complete them and send them to Pauline Grimshaw before April 30th. There is a suggestion for a practical task as well as colouring and drawing. Any one of any age is welcome to take part and all children who enter receive a 'prize'.

If you have not received entry information and would like to take part, please contact Carolyn Kennion (contact details in the Conference Address Directory)



Service at Kearsley

Carolyn Kennion reports:

What talents do you have?

This was the question posed to the congregation at Kearsley New Jerusalem Church on Sunday 16th February when the morning service was led by Jenny Jones (Youth Leader) and a group of sixteen children and teenagers. As you may have guessed the Bible reading for the service was the Parable of the Talents. Different young people took turns to read and lead



our thoughts to consider such things as the fact that talents do not belong to us but to the Lord; we are all unique and need to have different talents in order for the world to function; it

is not how many and what talents we have that is important but whether we use them to benefit others.



We were asked to write down one or more talent that we have and these were displayed and read out, showing a wide variety. In addition to reading, young people performed a ukulele solo and a short gymnastic display

illustrating their talents; younger ones collected the offertory and helped in other ways. The whole congregation joined in singing some modern hymns including one with actions.



Afterwards we all gathered in the hall for drinks and lunch. The service provided joyful worship, food for thought and a shared experience for all ages (from a nearly one year old to a nearly 100 year old!) I was particularly glad that two of the children from Kearsley church could share in this with their friends from around the country. From comments overheard afterwards I know that other members of the congregation very much enjoyed the service and appreciated the thought and effort that had gone into it.

Thank you to all who organised it and took part. We hope that you will come and share your talents with us again in the future.

Manchester Activity Day

Jenny Jones reports:

On Saturday 15th February, over 40 people battled through Storm Dennis to meet in Manchester for a Family Activity Day.

We started at the “Chill Factore” where we enjoyed somewhat cold conditions in the snow park. This involved plunging down slopes on doughnuts and sledges at an unexpectedly hair raising speed!



Then, after a warming drink in the café overlooking the ski slope, we moved onto “Inflatation”, an inflatable jumping arena that was anything but cold! This time lots of fun was had on vertical drop slides, a ball pool (which I personally had to be rescued from) and inflatable obstacle course.

Exhausted (I can only speak for myself of course!), 27 of us headed back to Wellspring House for the night. In the morning the young people took the service at Kearsley New Church and enjoyed a lunch provided by the Kearsley congregation before heading home for a rest. It is a good job it is half term this week!

“I loved all the activities but my favourite was Inflatation as I enjoyed running around with my friends and having a refreshing drink afterwards!” - Connie

“The Chill factore was amazing...I loved it...I loved snow tubing. It was really fun spending time with my friends at the weekend.” - Joel

**“It was cold but I liked going down the snow hills in the doughnuts. It was fun.”
- Alexandra**

“It was the best fun ever. I want to do it again” - Jools

“It was lovely going to Kearsley Church - what a lovely building it is and it was really nice to meet other congregations.” - Nicky