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ST MARYS HALSWELL FAMILIES UPDATE

Term 4 is always a busy one with end of year activities, exams for older teens and public holidays thrown in as well.
We will have a Kids/Youth programme on each Sunday in the term, including the public holidays, and continue to join the whole congregation for communion on two Sundays a month.

Term 3 ended with our 'Lego' themed service. A big thank you to Emily and Simon for the amazing creations which decorated our church. The service included some 'modernised' liturgy. If you have any feedback from this please do let us know what you thought and if you have any other ideas.

Term 4 starts with the Fair on the weekend of 17 October and while this weekend would usually be an AMPED service, it has been decided to cancel due to the huge work involved in the Fair.

Journey to Christmas

Sunday 29 November, 4pm - 6.30pm



We have decided to hold a community Christmas event this year to take our message out into the wider community. We have called it 'Journey to Christmas'.

Coming at the start of the Christmas season (Advent) we will be inviting famlies to come and join in a fun time with games, crafts, activities, Christmas songs and a sausage sizzle. We plan to have a bouncy castle for younger kids too. This will require lots of helpers and we will be asking for a team of adults and young people to help. If you have any ideas, and can help with this event please let Marco or Jenny know. Full planning will start after the Fair!

Events Coming Up

The Diocese is holding two events for children coming up.
'**Lights and Lollies'** is on Saturday 31 October 4pm - 7pm at the Transitional Cathedral. Fun, food, games and lollies. Free registration. Free hot chocolate available too!

'Deeper' is a family event on Sunday 8 November at Woodend, see poster on next page.



Creating at the Lego Service

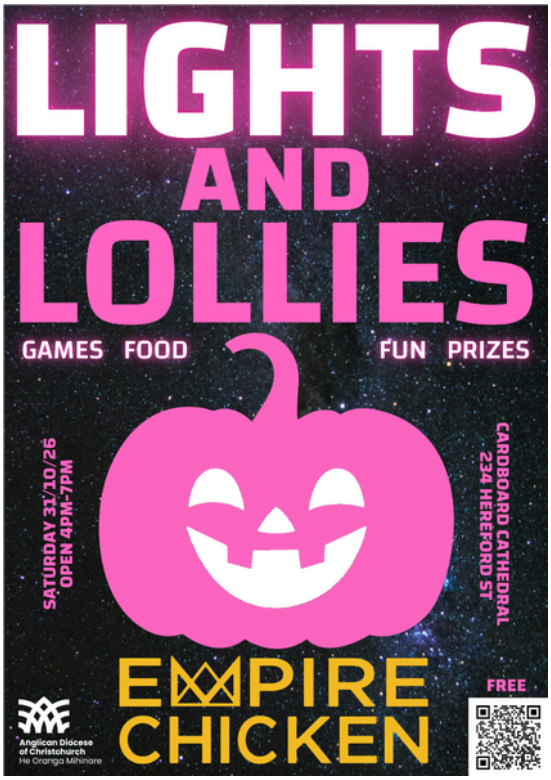
Social Fellowship

AMPED, 5pm, 22 November

This will be the last AMPED for 2026 so come along and join together for this informal worship time with food and fellowship to follow. If you can help with food, please let Marco know.

Note the date has moved to the 4th Sunday to avoid show weekend.

Let us concentrate on the things which make for harmony and growth of our fellowship together . Romans 14:19



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KIDS CHURCH

This term we will continue 'growing our faith' with activities each week for children. Chris, Anna and Jenny will continue to lead activities for primary and intermediates with help from our young people.

Marco and Lucy will lead discussions for the high school group on Sundays.





Soup Night in the Kitchen

DOMINOS Youth

Every Friday, at St Marys Hall, 6.30pm - 8pm, and every Sunday at 10.30am. Year 7 upwards, friends are welcome.

A programme has been planned for the term, there is a mix of games, outings, a service night and end of year party night so something for everyone.

This term we welcome our Year 6 kids as transition to 2027 as intermediates. The programme has been emailed out, and can also be found on the church website.

Litt'le Boppers

Our pre school music and movement sessions are held on Fridays at 9.45am in the St Mary's Hall (term time). Start up for Term 4 is Friday 24 October. Activities for the young ones and a cuppa for caregivers. A great fellowship opportunity led by Sarah Mosely with a cuppa from our willing volunteers.





Busy hands at the lego service

"He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion." 2 Philippians 2: 6

