



PRAIZIN' HANDS PUPPET GROUP

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THE NIGHTS ARE DRAWING IN.....

The nights are beginning to draw in and it is getting dark so early. The clocks have gone back and winter is coming!

But..... This also means Christmas is coming and a wonderful opportunity to share the birth of Jesus with our community.

Jesus is the Light of the world, and He brightens up our lives and all the dark corners of the world.

Let us all be lights of hope and peace this Christmas coming.

John 8:12: Jesus said "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"

PRAYER FOCUS

Please thank God for our faithful pray-ers who meet regularly to pray for Praizin' Hands and for the prayer group who pray on WhatsApp.

Please pray for the Little Hands team as they prepare for their Christmas performance.

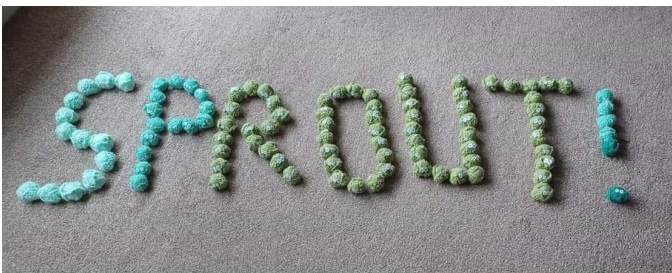
Please pray for Big Hands and the up-front people as they take the Christmas story into various venues this Christmas. (Dates and venues elsewhere in newsletter) Please pray for each place we visit.

Give thanks to all the knitters and needlework people who support Praizin' Hands in various projects.

Please continue to pray for a new building to become available for Praizin' Hands and for finances.

THANKYOU!

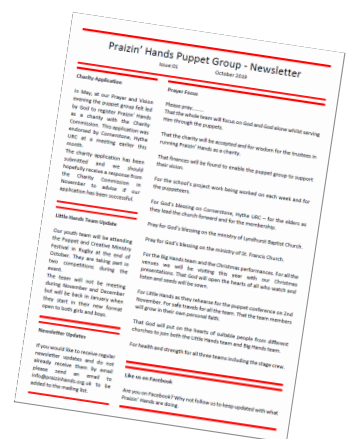
A great big thank you to all those who have been knitting brussel sprouts for us. We have begun harvesting them and preparing them ready to give out to some of the community Christmas events with our message for the year. If you still have some sprouts at home, please can you contact us so we can arrange for them to be delivered/collected. Thank you!



21ST ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTERS

This is our 21st issue of our quarterly newsletter which we started on October 2019, 5 years ago.

Since the newsletter started we have changed the style of the newsletter and we have also seen many changes to the Puppet group over this time which have enabled us to continue our outreach in the community.



BIG HANDS TEAM UPDATE

It has been wonderful to welcome 2 new puppeteers to our Big Hands team. Pippa and Romey are settling in very well and quickly learning some puppetry skills as they rehearse with the rest of the team to learn the Christmas programme.

We have a busy programme coming up, to take the Christmas story into various venues in the lead up to Christmas. Please pray for good health and stamina as the team travels around. Also, please pray for our 'upfront' people who come out with us each day who represent various churches on the Waterside.

These are the days and venues we will be performing our Christmas presentation:

Wednesday 20th November – Blackfield Baptist Church - Dress Rehearsal

Friday 22nd November – Marchwood Infant School

Wednesday 27th November – Netley Marsh Infants

Thursday 28th November – St. Michael's, Lyndhurst

Friday 29th November – Copythorne Infants

Monday 2nd December – Cadland Primary

Wednesday 4th December – Eling Infants

Thursday 5th December – Fawley Infants

Friday 6th December – Stoke Park Infant School

Sunday 8th December – Cornerstone Hythe URC – Morning service 10.30AM

Monday 9th December – Minstead Training Lodge

Wednesday 11th December – Naomi House Hospice (Jacks Place)

Friday 13th December – Rosewood School – 2 performances

Monday 16th December – Oak Lodge School

Wednesday 18th December – Shirley Warren Primary – 2 performances

Wednesday 18th December – St. Andrews, Dibden Purlieu – Shortened version at Carols in the Car Park 6.00pm

Thursday 19th December – Springwell School – 2 performances



PSHE SCHOOLS PROJECT TEAM UPDATE

The PSHE Schools Project team have been very busy taking their 'Friendships' Presentations into schools. The Puppeteers from this team are also involved with our other Puppet teams and so have been 'full on' these past couple of months and have worked very hard. Thank you to each one of them.

We will be coming to the end of 'Friendships' at the beginning of November, when Big Hands start touring schools with their Christmas performances, but will be meeting back again in January 2025 ready to start rehearsing for an 'Anger' Presentation suitable for KS2 (Junior Schools).



LITTLE HANDS PUPPET TEAM UPDATE

Our Youth Team did very well when they went to Southwick Methodist Church in September. They had a very long journey on the way there as it took 4 hours, due to traffic, but the puppeteers worked very hard in helping the leaders to get everything up quickly. The Team at Messy Church were friendly and understanding, the audience were very enthusiastic, and the message was very well received.



Little Hands led the All-age Messy Church service at Lymington Baptist Church in October and once again, did very well. This is the final time they have shared the story of Daniel in the Lion's den and the message of the importance of prayer. The Church provided us with a lovely breakfast prior to the service. Again, it was wonderful to have such an enthusiastic and responsive congregation.

Following on from our Youth Taster Day, it has been great to welcome Gloria to the team and see her settling in so well.



On Thursday 14th November, we will be having a trip to Tenpin at Millbrook to have a couple of games of bowling. It will be great to have some social time with the puppeteers.

Little Hands are learning a couple of Christmas songs to perform to their families and Big Hands on 5th December. This is subject to them having enough time to learn the songs as unforeseen circumstances are proving difficult in getting the whole team together.

Thursday 14th December will be our last Little Hands evening until the new year. We will be having a Christmas party with fun and games, pizza and caterpillar cake!

We meet back again on Thursday 9th January 2025.

BOOK US FOR 2025!

We are now taking bookings for All Age church services/ Messy Church and Community events for the period of April to July 2025. The theme will be 'Jesus feeds the 5000' and 'Everything is possible for God'. If you would like to book our Youth Team of Praizin' Hands Puppets, please do get in touch. Email beverly@praizinhands.org.uk



EQUIP FESTIVAL - 1ST TO 3RD NOVEMBER

There will be 7 of us who will be travelling to Rugby to the Equip Festival at the beginning of November. We will be staying for 3 days and will be entering the Puppetry competition on the Saturday.

The puppeteers have been having extra rehearsals on top of all the other rehearsals and performances and have been working very hard in learning a different style of creative puppetry routine.

FUNDRAISER

Are you able to support the work of the puppet charity by helping us apply for grants to support the development of the puppet group? In the past we have been successful in applying for various grants and the Trustees are now looking for a dedicated person to take on this task.

You do not need to have previous experience as there are reference sites online that give guidance and Nigel will initially work with you to pass on the experience he has gained. You will need to have a computer and internet access as most applications are completed online and you may also need to do some online research.

If you are interested, please contact Nigel (nigel@praizinhands.org.uk) for further details.—Thank you.
