

## **The Anglican Church of Luxembourg**

### **Junior Church Report – 2013**

We currently have 82 children (50 families) registered. The Junior Church Volunteers are made up of 12 leaders (9 of whom are parents) and 3 helpers (also parents). Every week, to comply with child protection policies up to 9 adult volunteers are needed comprising: Crèche - 2 volunteers, Junior Church - 5 volunteers and Youth Group - 2 volunteers. We were sorry to lose Edward Ojo after 25 years service to JC due to time constraints and Sebastian Goebel after 4 years service, due to moving the family to the USA.

Children are placed in groups according to their age on 1 September 2013. There are three JC groups; Stars (3-5), Comets (6-8), Galaxies (9-11).

Crèche - 9 children

Stars - 23 children

Comets - 24 children

Galaxies - 14 children

Youth Group - 12 children

When parents return a JC registration form to the Church Office, the child is enrolled onto the church and JC database and issued with an official name badge. The lack of a badge alerts the volunteers to any new children, and the family can be welcomed and given a registration form and child safe policy.

The Assistant Chaplain, Andy Markey and his wife, Caroline research and prepare all material for each age group. The JC is closely linked with the congregational and lectionary readings. It is scanned and e-mailed to volunteers by Elaine Birch and printed and taken to church for the volunteers by Andy. This is a very labour intensive task but the new material has been well received by both children and volunteers. It should also make it easier to recruit new volunteers to JC as there is no time consuming preparation involved on the part of the volunteer as it has all been done and delivered to church.

JC begins in the hall with a short group worship and the theme of the day is introduced, badges given out and collection taken. The JC children decided their collection should go to Present Aid (Christian Aid's charity gift shop). They have already raised enough to buy 20 Chicks and 1 beehive and are continuing to save towards buying a goat.

Dana Luccock (Music Director) leads Music Sunday on the first Sunday of every month. This is hugely popular with JC and we are blessed to have her with us regularly.

Every Sunday during refreshments the library is open for the children to borrow books. There is a good selection of books which the children seem to like.

The volunteers meet alternate months for discussion, learning and planning.

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