

## **The Anglican Church of Luxembourg Junior Church Coordinator's AGM Report 2014 - 2015**

This year I sent an Electronic Form to all registered families asking them to submit one E-Form per child that would be attending JC / activities during 2014-2015.

Many previously registered children no longer attend, so accurate figures are helpful when planning activities and returning statistics to the Diocese.

We have 42 E-Registered children comprising 28 families. These numbers do not include Creche or Youth Group.

Children are placed in groups according to their age on 1 September 2014 (just as in school).

There are three JC groups:

Stars (3-5) = 13 children

Comets (6-8) = 18 children

Galaxies (9-11) = 12 children

On the E-Registration form there was a box asking parents to select yes/no if they were able to volunteer occasionally as a helper in JC. There were 11 who replied 'no' and 17 who replied 'yes'. Out of the positive responses, 8 parents are already active regular JC Leaders and we have 9 other parents who will be an occasional helper.

Every week, to comply with child protection policies, 3 Leaders and 2 volunteers are needed in JC.

The Assistant Chaplain researches and prepares all material for each age group. JC is closely linked with the congregational and lectionary readings. It is scanned and emailed 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.

Dana Luccock (Music Director) was leading Music Sunday on the first Sunday of every month. This was hugely popular with JC and we were blessed to have her with us regularly. Since her departure from Luxembourg in January 2015 she has been greatly missed in JC.

Library opening has been irregular but we may try to incorporate it into the First Sunday of every month as an alternative to the music Sunday that Dana used to lead. There is a good selection of books which are in the process of being re-evaluated and repaired by Andy and Joanne.

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

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