



# Spring and Summer 25



The year is speeding by, now we have the 7131 days of January out of the way and Easter will soon be upon us. Lots of exciting things are coming up. Make sure to note the dates in your diary so you don't miss anything!



**BOOKING CLOSES 4TH APRIL**

## HOLIDAY FUN CLUB

AT WOKING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

**SCAN HERE TO BOOK**



**IF YOU'VE ALREADY BOOKED, TELL A FRIEND!**

Easter Holiday Fun Club will take place in the second week of the Easter break, Tuesday 15th-Thursday 17th April. As it's Holy Week we will be exploring the journey to the cross through storytelling, crafts, cooking, games, worship, music, prayer and fun!

Plans are well underway and we have a really exciting programme laid out that we can't wait to share with the children. Booking is still open so there is still time to book or to tell a friend.

In a change to previous years we are going to try out a move of our second Holiday Fun Club of the year to October Half term instead of the Summer. It has become difficult to balance Holiday Fun Club with Summer Camp and the move to later on in the Summer last year didn't work for a lot of the families and volunteers. Most likely dates will be Tuesday 28th-Thursday 30th October.



I have been contacted by Bikeability about some opportunities in the Easter Holidays to improve your cycling. So long as it doesn't interfere with Holiday Fun Club of course.

### **Bikeability and Adult Cycle Training - Easter holiday courses at Woking Park**

Surrey County Council are offering Bikeability and other cycle training courses at Woking Park during the Easter holidays. The courses are aimed at children who may have missed out on Bikeability during their time at primary school. There are also parent and teen and adult cycle confidence courses.

The courses on offer include:

Bikeability Level 1 – for riders in year 4 and above, a single morning course, taught in a traffic-free area (£9)

Bikeability Level 2 – for riders in year 6 and above, a three morning course, taught on roads with moderate traffic (£15)

Parent and Teen course – for secondary age students who have completed Bikeability Level 2 to attend with a parent so they can build confidence riding together (and the parent can see what their child has learnt). Thanks to a grant from Active Travel England, this training is currently free.

Adult Introduction to riding on roads course - aimed at adults who can ride but would like a little more confidence when cycling on roads with moderate traffic. Thanks to a grant from Active Travel England, this training is currently free.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, the training is free. Please contact [cycletraining@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:cycletraining@surreycc.gov.uk) for a discount code.

You will need to provide a bike and helmet for the training.

For more information and to book your place, please visit:  
[https://surreycycletraining.online/public/public\\_training/](https://surreycycletraining.online/public/public_training/)



As announced in the service last week the Woking URC effort for Christian Aid this year will be a full 24hrs of praise, prayer and scripture reading. As part of this event we will be having a...



Our hour slot in the proceedings will see us enjoying lots of fun action songs, a story and some creative prayer. After that there will be some refreshments and activities in the hall to keep the party going. I will update you with details of times when I have them so keep a look out.





# CHILDREN'S CAMP

27 – 30 MAY 2025

OAKWOOD ACTIVITY CENTRE



Wessex Synod Children's camp is a great opportunity to meet other children from URCs in other parts of the Synod and have a few days away having fun and adventures.

If you are interested you can find information on the synod website [here](#). The cost is £85 for the weekend and booking closes on 26th April. Don't delay as spaces book up fast.

The eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed that the 24hr Praise-a-thon is taking place on the weekend I originally put out for mini camp. So now we have even more exciting things to look forward to. I hope you can still make this new date.



Mini Camp is back again for 2025 for children aged 6-11 years old. You can come for the whole thing, just for the day or just for the evening and overnight, whatever works for you and your schedule, we can be very flexible.



We set this up last year for those who are too young, or not ready for our weeklong residential Summer Camp or who want to find out more about it. But it also exists on it's own as a really fun and exciting thing to do with your friends at church.

We base our schedule on 24 hours of camp life, to give it a try without going away for a whole week. This will be based in the church building but will include an off site activity during the day. We will do devotions, head off site for an activity, have our meals together and play. For those who would like to stay, there will be a bedtime story or a film and a chance to sleep at church followed by breakfast and the service the next morning.

If you want to know more please contact me on [children@wokingurc.org.uk](mailto:children@wokingurc.org.uk) or flag me down on a Sunday morning.

Look out for more details when booking opens.



Summer Camp this year will take place from Saturday 26th-July to Saturday 2nd August and we are going to Bowley International Scout Centre in Great Harwood, Lancashire.

A longer trek than we have done in recent years but the scenery at the site more than makes up for the distance travelled. We will also be doing a long stop on the way there and back to break up the journey.

Do put the dates in your diary. We have been planning out the programme and a recce recently took place to choose our outing locations and it is shaping up to be a brilliant camp once again.

## Dates for your diary

Sunday 13th April	Palm Sunday service with Ned the Donkey
Tuesday 15th-Thursday 17th April	Spring into Easter Holiday Fun Club

Friday 18th April	Good Friday
Sunday 20th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 28th April	Brigades House Activity special
Saturday 10th-Sunday 11th May	24hr Praise-a-thon including children's praise party
Monday 9th June	Brigades Awards Evening
Saturday 14th-Sunday 15th June	Mini Camp
Saturday 28th June	Brigades Sports Day
Saturday 26th July-Saturday 2nd August	Summer Camp

# Blessings

Alison and the children's team