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Simon of Sudbury Lifepath 2010

Well, it finally arrived!

Scripture Union have devised a schools project called Lifepath. What it does is take a local Christian or group of Christians and look at their Lifepath and explores it with school children.

Over the two days of the 9th and 10th June 2010 the Lifepath of Simon of Sudbury was explored by over 170 children from three local primary schools. Simon, was at least a third generation Sudburian!

Our two days were outstanding. Over 25 volunteers from various churches helped to make the two days a special experience for the children. All were new to it and we learnt a lot very quickly as we progressed through the two days. God gave us lovely weather, despite dire predictions in the weather forecast, so the children stayed warm and dry as they walked to and from school and between the two venues.

We were privileged to have the full use of both St. Gregory's Church of England and Our Lady and St. John Roman Catholic churches. Our thanks go to Father Brett and Canon Webb for the use of their premises.

Thanks should also be extended to the heads of Woodhall Community Primary, Tudor C of E Primary and St. Joseph's RC Primary schools who have been involved in the planning of the event from the beginning. Our aim was to provide an educational as well as a spiritual experience and hopefully we succeeded.

The range of workshops was good and children responded to all of them well. We learnt that we need to tweak bits and pieces and tighten up on this and that. We will have a formal debrief with the schools and we've even had the offer from two deputy heads to help organise further Lifepaths.

Many people made this Lifepath work. Doing such diverse things as being a group Shepherd to making clay heads, from being security and support to teaching the Lord's Prayer in Latin, from hopping from one foot to the other wondering whether everything was covered to praying hard for the event. Others contributed their expertise and knowledge, owners of copy-written material freely gave it to be used in schools, researchers showed me things I would never had found otherwise.

For me, the main thing can be summed up in one of the photos taken at the collective worship session at the end of the first day. A beam of light came through the window and illuminated the cross around which we were to build our cairn.

Everyone has a Lifepath and all can follow The Way.



So, what of 2011 and beyond?

Planning has already begun of a revised Simon of Sudbury Lifepath which subject to confirmation we hope to run during the week commencing Monday 6th June 2011, probably on the Wednesday and Thursday as before. As soon as this is confirmed I will be badgering people to book the days for helping. If we are to have more children than last year then we need more helpers, please consider whether you can help in some way.

As I have said, I would like to develop a second Lifepath based on the life of a monk and possibly a third on the life of another Sudbury worthy – any suggestions? Look at your church history and see if there are people who's life and times we could Lifepath for a new generation.

Do you in the villages feel left out?

Lifepath is flexible enough to be run for a single class or for 1300 children! If you would like to know more or would like help in organising something then contact Ian Copeman for a chat.

Ian Copeman

A new school year is starting so all the work of Future Vision will be starting too. Please pray for:

1. The n:vision clubs

- Praise God that we can go into schools and speak freely about Jesus.
- Pray for Lesley and all her volunteer helpers
- Pray that new children will come to the different clubs.
- Pray the programme will be exciting and fun and that through it children will see who Jesus is.

2. Open the Book

- Praise God for this wonderful opportunity of telling God's story to whole school assemblies.
- Pray for Jo as she co-ordinates the work
- Pray that more people will come and join the teams.
- Pray that the children and staff will understand the Bible stories.

3. Assemblies

- Praise God for the openings that Ian gets to take assemblies at many local schools.
- Pray that he will get inspiration for each assembly that he takes.
- Pray that there will be more schools wanting him to take their assemblies.

4. Lifepath

- Praise for the 2010 version
- Pray for the preparation for the 2011 version.
- Pray that the schools will be as enthusiastic as they were this year.

GOD IS GOOD, WE SING AND SHOUT IT. We have lots of opportunities to fulfil these words but we need your prayer support. Thank you.

Chris Rowe

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Christian clubs in our local schools

Mondays	3.15 - 4pm n:vision@tudor	6 - 7.30pm n:vision@springlands
Tuesdays	12 - 1pm n:vision@uplands	3.15 - 4pm n:vision@stgregorys
Thursdays	12.55 - 1.40pm n:vision@allsaints	
	3.15 - 4pm n:vision@greatwoldingfield	
Fridays	3.15 - 4pm n:vision@cornard	3.15 - 4pm n:vision@acton



Mondays	9.30am Hillside x2 (senior & primary)
(Alternate weeks)	10.15am Woodhall
Tuesdays	10.15am St Gregory's
Wednesdays	3.00pm Great Waldingfield
(Alternate weeks)	1.30pm Nayland
Fridays	am Tudor (taken by Lesley Mitchell)

Assemblies are usually taken every other week by Jo Longhurst and her 'Open the Book' team.