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## Prayer Newsletter Summer 2009 Part 2



I have been a part of the **Open the Book** team since it started last year, from the first assembly which was titled "In the beginning", the story of creation (which is still my favourite) up to now the story of Moses. I have such fun performing these stories to the children, I use the word performing lightly as, unlike some of my fellow performers, I have no experience in acting and some might say no ability either, but the children don't seem to notice, I think this is helped by the wonderful costumes and props put together so imaginatively by Jo and her husband and The Lion Storyteller Bible whose stories still, being faithful to the original text, manage to capture the children's imagination.

I think that because the children are not only hearing the stories, but also seeing them acted out, they have a greater impact on them. Their ability to recall, when asked about a story they have previously been told, sometimes up to three weeks earlier, amazes me. Even the youngest ones can remember and retell it, and we never have a shortage of volunteers from the children to help us. Their enthusiasm for acting with us, answering questions afterwards and singing songs of worship, with actions, is just so rewarding. There is always a buzz from the children when they come into assembly and see that we are there.

It has been a real privilege to work with the Open the Book team and I hope I can continue to do so. I would recommend it to anyone who has an hour to spare once maybe twice, every other week. Anyone who loves dressing up, sometimes with wigs and beards!! and who gets a real kick from sharing Gods word and love with such an enthusiastic audience.

I look forward to each new story and how Jo and Phil are going to make it come alive with their home made props, (real dirt, a talking serpent, a floating ark, a magnificent multi coloured coat, a burning bush and a sea that parted) which have all been so brilliant up to now. I can't wait to see what they come

up with for the ascension of Jesus into heaven, it will probably involve some scaffolding and a bungee rope, so if you love sharing Bible stories and have a head for heights!! please join our team. The more volunteers we have the more schools we can go into and more children get to hear the word of God.

*Lesley Mitchell*



**Tuesdays** 10.20am Great Waldingfield  
2.30pm Wells Hall School  
**Wednesdays** 10.15am St Gregory's

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



**Christian clubs in our local schools**

Every day of the week we run at least one n:vision club in a school, so **please pray** every day for the clubs.

**Mondays** 3.15 - 4pm n:vision@tudor 6 - 7.30pm n:vision@springlands  
**Tuesdays** 12 - 1pm n:vision@great waldingfield  
12 - 1pm n:vision@uplands 3.15 - 4pm n:vision@stgregorys  
**Wednesdays** 12 - 1pm n:vision@acton  
**Thursdays** 12 - 1pm n:vision@allsaints  
**Fridays** 3.15 - 4pm n:vision@cornard

### **Prayers Answered!**

After much prayer and deliberation, we are now able to approach someone to take on 3 of the groups during my time off!

Chris Rowe will be chatting with them to find out what training needs there are etc and so we can start introducing them into the schools straight away.

### **Big praise.**

Please **continue to pray** for Cornard on a Friday after school. One church is looking into how they could provide cover for this. **Pray blessings** upon them and that they and others will come to the right decision - which might be that they are unable to assist.

**Please pray** for Tuesday lunchtimes at Uplands. Although the two guys who run it with me say they can continue without extra help I would like to find another body as one is a Pastor and the other a teacher. If I can lighten their load it would be good.

**Thank you for your continued prayers.**

*Ian Copeman*

