



The **Welcome Times**

March 2016

Peacemakers

Milford Primary School children have been taking part in a workshop at MBC about skills to build good relationships.



Peacebuilders was led by Valley CIDS and looked at three aspects of *winning with people*.



Everyone taking part took home a keepsake with the words of St Francis about making him an instrument of peace.

More details on our website



Climbing the Lily Stalks

Down below the surface of a quiet pond lived a little colony of water bugs. They were a happy colony, living far away from the sun. For many months they were very busy, scurrying over the soft mud on the bottom of the pond. They did notice that every once in awhile one of their colony seemed to lose interest in going about the mud. Clinging to the stem of a pond lily they gradually moved out of sight and were seen no more.



"Look!" said one of the water bugs to another. "One of our colony is climbing up the lily stalk. Where do you think she is going?"

Up, up, up it slowly went.... Even as they watched, the water bug disappeared from sight. Its friends waited and waited but it didn't return...

"That's funny!" said one water bug to another.

"Wasn't she happy here?" asked a second...

"Where do you suppose she went?" wondered a third.

No one had an answer. They were greatly puzzled. Finally one of the water bugs, a leader in the colony, gathered everyone together. "I have an idea." "The next one of us who climbs up the lily stalk must promise to come back and tell us where he or she went and why."

"We promise," they said solemnly.

One spring day, not long after, the very water bug who had suggested the plan found himself climbing up the lily stalk. Up, up, up, he went. Before he knew what was happening, he had broken through the surface of the water and fallen onto a broad, green lily pad above.

When he awoke, he looked about with surprise. He couldn't believe what he saw. A startling change had come to his old body. His movement revealed four silver wings and a long tail. He moved his wings again and suddenly found himself up above the water. He had become a dragonfly!!



Swooping and dipping in great curves, he flew through the air. He felt exhilarated in the new atmosphere. By and by the new dragonfly lighted happily on a lily pad to rest. It was then he chanced to look below to the bottom of the pond. Gosh, he was sitting right above his old

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friends, the water bugs! There they were scurrying around at the bottom of the pond, just as he had been doing some time before.

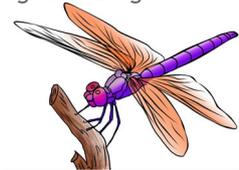
The dragonfly remembered the promise: "The next one of us who climbs up the lily stalk will come back and tell where he or she went and why."

Without thinking, the dragonfly darted down. Suddenly he hit the surface of the water and bounced away. Now that he was a dragonfly, he could no longer go into the water...

"I can't return!" he said in dismay. Even if I could go back, not one of the water bugs would know me in my new body. I guess I'll just have to wait until they become dragonflies too. Then they'll understand what has happened to me, and where I went."

And the dragonfly winged off happily into his wonderful new world of sun and air.

STICKNEY, Doris. (1997) *Water Bugs and Dragonflies*. The Pilgrim Press.



But I am telling you this strange and wonderful secret: we shall not all die, but we shall be given new bodies!

1 Corinthians 15:51



Easter at Milford Baptist

Sunday 20th March Palm Sunday 10.30am

Friday 25th March Good Friday 10.30am

Sunday 27th March Easter Sunday 10.30am

7 th -8 th May	Well Dressing at Milford Baptist
18 th June	Family Fun Day with Jugalubs
24 th July	Afternoon Tea and Songs of Praise
see website: www.milfordbaptist.org.uk for up to date information	

COMING SOON



You're Special

In all the world there is nobody like you. Since the beginning of time, there has never been another person like you. Nobody has your smile, your eyes, your hands, your hair. Nobody owns your voice, your handwriting, your unique way of communicating with others.

Nobody can draw like you. Nobody has your taste for food, music, dance or art. Nobody in the world sees things as you do. In all times, there has never been anyone who laughs, cries or thinks in exactly your way.

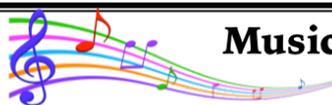
You're different from any other person who has ever lived in the history of the world. You are the only one that has your particular set of abilities.

There is always someone who is better at one thing or another. Every person is your superior in at least one way. But nobody in this world can reach the quality of the combination of your talents, your feelings.

Through all eternity, no one will ever love, walk, talk, think or act like you.

You're rare and in all rarity there is enormous value. You're Special, and its no accident you are. Please realise God made you special for a purpose. God has a job for you to do that nobody else can do as well as you can. Out of billions of applicants, only one is qualified. Only one has the unique and right combination of what it takes--- and that one is you

Remember – You're Special



Musicians

We are looking for singers and instrumentalists to join a music team.

Interested? See contact details at end of article 'Music to our Ears'

Must be in sympathy with the ethos of the church and enjoy Christian music

Easter at Milford Baptist

**Palm Sunday
- Morning Praise -**

**20th March | 10.30am
Milford Baptist Church**

The King is here

Music to our Ears

Do you sing or play a musical instrument? Would you be part of a group who offer their faith and musical skills to provide something powerful in worship?

Music at MBC is very important to us. At the moment our singing is based around Mission Praise and now that PowerPoint is embedded, we have a lot more flexibility to vary what we do.

At present accompaniment is through a Yamaha keyboard.

We would like to develop what we currently offer and create a worship group of musicians to play on Sunday mornings.

As well as singing hymns we regularly have longer periods that interweave music, worship, prayer and praise together.

These times can be very powerful and beautiful.

It works well with the piano and we want to enhance further what we can give to our great God.

If you're interested or would like to talk about it a little more then contact:

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Email: thefuges53@yahoo.com



Easter at Milford Baptist



Good Friday

- the hope of Easter begins -

Friday
25th March | 10.30am-11.15am
Milford Baptist Church

*This is how much God loved the world :
 He gave his Son, his one and only Son*

Good to see you!

As well as meeting every Sunday at 10.30, there are other events you can come along to and enjoy the company.

Wednesday Group meets alternate Wednesdays. Visiting speakers talk on a topic of interest. See the programme on the website.

Bible Study Group meets on a Thursday at 7.30pm in the church

Coffee Morning is held on the 1st Friday of each month. From 10am to noon in the church.

Here for you



Here for You

We all go through tough times - loneliness, illness or loss. If you would like one of us to visit, even simply to chat, then get in touch.

Contact one of our pastoral team on: 01773 822370.

Sometimes we go Aarrghh



At Milford Baptist you'll find a group of ordinary, everyday people who strive to live out our lives in the way Jesus taught.

There will be times when we think, say or do something that makes us lift up our hands and go aarrghh!

But the good news of the gospel is that Jesus knows what we're like and still loves us. If you sometimes go aaarrghh at the things you do, why not come and join us?

A warm welcome is always waiting if you come along and join us on a Sunday.
Go to our website to see details



We are here



Easter at Milford Baptist



He is Risen

Celebrate the Saviour

Easter Sunday
 (with Communion)
27th March | 10.30am
Milford Baptist Church

