

## **Fressingfield Baptist Church Parish report**

Our aim as a group of Christians is to love God, love each other and love other people. We try to reflect this in the events and activities we do as a church, and so it's great to report that pretty much every area of chapel life has grown in the last 12 months.

Sundays now see 120 people of all ages meet for worship, teaching from the Bible and friendship; every Friday sees around 80 children and young people meet for 'Friday Fun Time' toddler group, 'Epic' children club or our new 'Rock Solid' club for High School age young people. Each of these groups enjoy age appropriate activities, crafts, sports and friendship (and food!) in a safe & emotionally healthy environment.

The Coffee Shop goes from strength to strength as more and more people hear about it and enjoy the excellent coffee, cakes or light lunches.

The annual events (the children's summer Holiday Club & Easter Egg Hunt and the adult Harvest Supper) were the biggest we've had for many years, while the new Halloween night 'Light Party' was again much appreciated by everyone who attended. Sadly this year we decided that due to the risks and insurance issues involved we decided to discontinue the free Clay Pigeon Shoot which had been a summer feature for several years.

We've also run interactive, small group courses for those who want to check out the Christian faith, without the commitment of coming to 'church' on Sundays. These have been hugely helpful for those who've attended, and anyone interested in this sort of thing is welcome to get in touch.

All our activities and events continue to be open and free to all. Anyone interested in knowing more is invited to look at our website - <https://fressingfieldbaptist.church/>, to come along on a Sunday or just to pop in for a coffee at the Coffee Shop where our minister, Stuart Balmer, is usually available and happy to chat.