

INFORMATION DIRECTORY 2016

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What's happening
Who to contact
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our directory of activities and events at Holy Trinity. We are a loving church family, whose purpose is to share, declare and live the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We offer many activities and hope that you might enjoy participating in some of them. We encourage our church family to be partners in the gospel. Paul says in his letter to the Philippians, "I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

A partner in the gospel is someone who commits themselves, with others, to obey the good news of Jesus Christ (the gospel), to live it, share it with others and ensure it is properly proclaimed and taught. Our ideal at Holy Trinity is that all our regular Christians would be such partners together in the gospel so that we will be a beacon of hope in our neighbourhood and to the rest of society.

Our activities fall into a number of different categories. Some are pre-evangelistic in nature, some are overtly evangelistic, some are aimed at Christian nurture, some are designed to enable us to have fun together and, of course, some will be a combination of these categories. Our activities cater for all age-groups.

Our church family is dynamic and inevitably, after a while, there will be some activities that aren't included in this booklet and others that have since ceased or changed in nature since its issue. However we hope that this gives a fairly comprehensive listing of what we do, how you can be part of it, and who to contact. Watch our notice sheets and notice boards for any changes and updates, including occasional courses.

Wishing you God's every blessing

 Vicar

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1. DAY BY DAY - a personal note

Our church is active all the time. Of course we have the usual Sunday services, but we also have mid-week Home Groups for Bible study and support, and numerous other groups meeting on a regular basis. Aside from any of this, however, we encourage our members (partners) to actively live for Christ in their homes, workplaces, schools or wherever they find themselves, on a daily basis.

There are a number of things we should all be doing day by day as active partners of a church family:

1.1 Daily Bible reading and prayer

So often Bible reading and prayer is a bit of an afterthought in our lives, if it happens at all. Yet it is a crucial part of any healthy Christian life and something we encourage all our partners to commit to doing because it is the primary way we grow in our relationship with God and a key means by which we can serve each other. As we pray for and support one another, and all the different ministries we undertake and are involved in, God graciously answers our prayers and blesses our joint work in the gospel.

The truth of this is born out in our lives as individuals, as families and as God's church family. Parents reading the Bible with their children and praying with them is a largely unseen work of our church life together but no less essential. We encourage all our parents to commit to family Bible reading and prayer together, which can be hard work but is rewarded over years of faithfulness. Our parents and families value our prayers for them too.

Action

- If you use daily notes to aid your Bible reading and prayer, if you read the Bible and pray as a family, keep going. If you find you aren't doing these things, start doing them. You might like to find out which notes to use, ask around, but get going. Tick the relevant block in the Action Sheet on page 19.

1. DAY BY DAY (cont'd)

1.2 Love in action

Love is one of the key marks of the Christian life. Jesus commands us to love one another and this can be expressed daily in numerous ways; simply by working to feed and support our families, by praying for one another, by showing practical care when we notice someone in need. Such loving action is usually spontaneous; however, sometimes a more structured approach can be helpful. In this regard, we have a group of helpers known as the Aid Brigade.

Action

- If you might be available from time to time to help others in some practical way that uses some of your talents, and wouldn't mind being approached for help, please list what you would be prepared to help with on the Action Sheet on page 19 or speak with **Val Morgan** who co-ordinates the Aid Brigade.

1.3 Sharing your faith and invitations

Every day is a good day to share your faith with someone and every week a good week to invite others to join you in a church service to come and hear the gospel. However, sometimes we run specifically evangelistic services, or guest services and events at which the gospel is very clearly taught and these are most appropriate for those who don't yet know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Through the year we periodically run courses to help people in their own personal evangelism as well as courses that look at and explain the basics of the Christian faith for those who want to find out more.

Action

- Keep praying for friends, colleagues and family members, and keep inviting them to services and events.
- Make sure you are equipped to share your faith and take opportunities to do so.
- If you would appreciate attending a course that helps you to share your faith more effectively, please indicate on the Action Sheet on page 19.

2. SUNDAY BY SUNDAY

2.1 Sunday by Sunday for adults

Every Sunday we have a morning and an evening service.

MORNINGS

The morning service is always at 10:30am. It is relaxed and informal and varies from Sunday to Sunday through the month. At the time of writing the first Sunday is our Family Event, a fun service for the whole family. The second and third Sundays are Morning Praise and the fourth includes Holy Communion. Our focus is to preach the Word of God clearly so that we are properly equipped to live for Him in our daily lives and to take the good news to others.

EVENINGS

The evening service starts at 6:30pm. It is informal, with café style services (held around tables, including discussion and occasionally prayer at the tables) on the 3rd and 4th Sundays; and a more usual church format for an evening service on the 1st and 2nd Sundays. The 2nd Sunday of the month includes Holy Communion.

No collections are held during services, but there is a basket in the foyer for those who wish to give towards the gospel work of the church.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE ON SUNDAYS

Tea and coffee	contact	Chris Brooks
Setting out chairs	contact	Graham Knights
Sidesmen	contact	Jim Farquhar
Other Issues	contact	Roger Wiles (Vicar)

Action

- We produce a term card that provides details of all our morning and evening services, including the sermon title and Bible passage. Please ensure you pick up the latest term card from the foyer.
- Fill in the appropriate blocks on the Action Sheet on Page 19.

2. SUNDAY BY SUNDAY (cont'd)

2.2 Sunday by Sunday for children and youth

MORNINGS

Children and young people start off every Sunday morning together with the rest of the church family for the service at 10:30am. They stay throughout the service when it is a Family Event, but on other Sundays they leave a short while into the service, for their own groups as part of 'Youth Church', meeting in the 'Hey' next door.

Youth Church *consists of 4 different age groups:*

Creche, 3-6 years, 7-11 years, 11-14 years.

If you have any queries about Youth Church please contact **Paul Crowther**.

We also provide crèche facilities for the 0-2s.

Crèche is co-ordinated by **Joan Swinburne**.

EVENINGS

We encourage our teens to attend the evening service.

SWITCH (for 14-18s) meets on Sunday afternoons from 4:30pm - 6.30pm in the church.

More information about the group is on page 10.

Switch is led by **Paul Crowther**.

Action

- If you want your child or youngster to join a group, bring them along at the time the group meets, or speak to the relevant person in charge. (Their details are listed in the Contacts section on page 18.)
- If you are willing to help with the running or teaching of any of the groups, please speak to the person in charge and fill in the Action Sheet. It may be that you need an enhanced CRB check. Our child protection officers are **Carol Walker** and **Pam Clarkson**.

3. WEEK BY WEEK/FORTNIGHTLY

It is our hope that all our partners will be involved in learning from God's word, praying, mutually encouraging each other and building friendships not just on Sundays but also in one or more of our smaller groups that meet week by week or fortnightly.

3.1 Adult groups

HOME GROUPS. We currently have 12 Home groups. The primary aim of these groups is to learn more from the Bible together, pray together and lend support to one another in new and growing friendships. These groups meet fortnightly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday evenings. There are 3 daytime groups - Wednesday morning, Thursday morning and Thursday afternoon. Each group meets for around 2 hours. The groups are located around the estate and further afield in people's houses. We encourage all our partners to join a Home group if possible. For further information please speak to our vicar **Roger Wiles**.

LADIES' GROUP meets fortnightly on Thursday mornings from 10 - 11.30am. The group meets in the Hey for friendship and encouragement. Each week we invite various speakers. All ladies are welcome to join us. Further details can be obtained from **Jean Dixon** or **Ruth Webber**.

OPEN HOUSE coffee shop is open every Wednesday morning (except Christmas and Summer holidays) from 9:00 - 11:30am in the Hey. Many people who are dropping off their children at the pre-school, on their way to bowls in the church building next door and others, come and enjoy a wonderful coffee or tea, toast or cakes, etc. The atmosphere is very relaxed and informal. A good meeting place! If you would like further information contact **Viv Harrison**.

HOLY TRINITY LUNCH CLUB. For those 55+ held every Friday in church (except Good Friday and Holiday Club) at 12.30pm. 3-course meal for £3. Information from **Lin McGrath**.

3. WEEK BY WEEK/FORTNIGHTLY (cont'd)

3.1 Adult groups (cont'd)

AGE UK CHAIR-BASED EXERCISE class held every Friday in the Hey (except Good Friday and Holiday Club) at 11-11.45am, £3, all welcome. More information from **Lin McGrath**.

AGE UK INFORMATION AND ADVICE contact **Doreen McGraa**.

Action

- Fill in the Action Sheet or contact the relevant person if appropriate (or just go to the group's meeting at the set time).
- Do try and ensure you are going to a Home Group or Bible study group outside of Sunday services and try to start or join a prayer partnership or triplet.

3.1.1 Non-Church Groups

PILATES meets in the Hey on Mondays 9.15-10.15am and Tuesdays 1:45pm-3:00pm every week For further information contact **Helen Giffin (Mondays)** and **Mair Kennedy (Tuesdays)**.

BADMINTON meets every Monday and Thursday in the church building from 7pm. Come along and join in the fun!
Contact **Heather Bromley**.

SPITAL RAMBLERS organises walks on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, having picnic lunches in summer and pub/restaurant lunches in winter. Great opportunity to get to know each other. Further details from **David Garside**.

BOWLS meets in the church every Wednesday from 10am until 12noon. Open to members of Spital Ramblers. For further information contact **Don Chambers**.

3. WEEK BY WEEK/FORTNIGHTLY (cont'd)

3.2 Children's and young people's groups

We have many groups at Holy Trinity, catering for the youngest of children to those in their later teens.

TODDLER GROUP meets in the church on Tuesday afternoons 1:30pm to 3pm. There is lots of space to run around and many toys to play with while mums, dads or carers have a cup of tea and chat. For further details contact **Dot Cockayne**.

SPARKS is for children in primary school Reception—Year 2 and runs from 4:00pm until 5:15 pm on Fridays during term time in the church. It includes fun games, activities and Bible stories. Further details from **Jo Thomas**.

LIVEWIRES is for children in Years 3-6 and runs from 5:45pm to 7pm on Fridays in the church. It includes a varied programme of games, activities and Bible teaching in a lively and clear way. Further details from **Pam Clarkson**.

FUSE meets during term time on Friday nights, 7:30–8:45pm in the Hey for those in Years 7-9. The programme includes a choice of games and craft as well as theme nights and trips. The club ends with a short talk or activity based on a passage in the Bible. Fuse is a great place to come and make new friends and get to know those who come along to church regularly. Further details from **Paul Crowther**.

SWITCH for 14-18year olds. Meets on Sunday afternoons during term-time, 4.30pm-6.30pm. The meetings begin with games, followed by a Bible study and finishes with a meal. Contact **Paul Crowther**.

Action

- Fill in the Action Sheet and contact the relevant person if appropriate, or just go to the group's meeting at its set time. If you want to offer to help with any of the groups please indicate this on the Action Sheet, or speak with the leader.

3. WEEK BY WEEK/FORTNIGHTLY (cont'd)

3.2.2 Holy Trinity Pre-School

Holy Trinity offers a Pre-school for children aged 2 to 5 years . It is validated by Wirral Children and Young People's Department, under the government's Nursery Education Grant Scheme, and has received excellent OFSTED reports. The Pre-school is led by well-qualified, experienced and caring teaching staff in spacious, well-resourced facilities (in the Hey) and provides a curriculum based on The Early Years Foundation Stage. Sessions run each weekday morning during school terms. For further details and an information booklet, contact **Chris Jones**.

3.2.3 Uniformed groups

Our facilities are used by local uniformed groups and many of our children and adults partners are involved with the running of these groups.

RAINBOWS for girls 5-7 meets on Thursdays in the Hey from 4:30-5:45pm. Contact **Laura Nederlof** for details.

BROWNIES for girls 7-10 meets on Mondays in the Hey 6:00-7:30pm and on Thursdays in the Hey 6:00-7:30pm. Contact **Kate Platt** (Mondays) and **Jenny Brown** (Thursdays) for details.

GUIDES for girls 10-15 meets on Tuesdays in the Hey from 7:00-8.30pm. Contact **Sonia Potts** for details.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER for the guiding groups is **Jenny Brown**.

3. WEEK BY WEEK/FORTNIGHTLY (cont'd)

3.2.2 Uniformed groups (cont'd)

BEAVERS for ages 6-8 meets on Tuesdays in the church building from 6:15pm-7:15pm. Contact **Laura Henwood** for details.

CUBS for ages 8-10½ meets on Wednesdays in the church from 7:15pm-8:30pm. Contact **David Philp** for details.

SCOUTS for ages 10½-13½ meets on Tuesdays in the church building from 7:30pm-9:00pm. Contact **Dave Delamere** for details.

GROUP SCOUT LEADER for the scouting groups is **Dave Delamere**.

Action

- Contact the relevant person, or just go to the group's meeting at its set time.

All our uniform groups are encouraged to join us at our Family Event on the first Sunday of the month.

4. MONTH BY MONTH

4.1 Prayer Breakfast

Prayer is vital to the life of our church, as is studying God's word. Approximately once every 5-6 weeks, during term times, we meet together as a church family for a Prayer Breakfast to pray: for concerns of Holy Trinity, especially for effective outreach with the gospel message of Jesus; for those we support in mission work; for the greater church and other concerns. We encourage all our partners to try to get to these prayer breakfasts.

We meet on Saturdays (the dates are announced in church services) from 9:00am until 10:30/11:00am. The meeting starts with people gathering and helping themselves to tea and coffee, then we sit down in groups of about eight and, using a prayer leaflet to guide us, pray together for 45 minutes. Thereafter we enjoy a scrumptious breakfast (for which there is a nominal charge of £2.50 for those who can afford it). Chatting over breakfast is a wonderful opportunity to get to know people and deepen friendships.

4.2 Central Family Meeting (CFM)

Interspersed with our Prayer Breakfasts is our Central Family Meeting. This is a dynamic prayer meeting held on weekday evenings 7:45-8:45pm (days and dates are announced on Sundays). We focus on four areas of activity in our church family, which always includes one of our mission involvements. A representative for each activity briefly reports on their area and then we all pray (around tables) for concerns raised. Each report with the prayer that accompanies it lasts no longer than 12 minutes. We usually sing a couple of songs as well. The formal part of the evening never lasts more than an hour. Afterwards people socialise and enjoy one another's company over tea/ coffee and desserts until around 9:15pm. Often we announce new initiatives at this meeting before announcing them on Sunday mornings. It is a great time of prayer and support for each other in the church family.

4. MONTH BY MONTH (cont'd)

4.3 First Tuesday Prayer and Coffee

Meets on the first Tuesday of the month from 9.30am in the Hey. A time to meet, pray and share coffee together.

4.3.1 Trinity Craft

Meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 9:30am to 11:30am in the Hey. The aim is to have fun making cards, meet friends, enjoy coffee/tea and share in a thought for the month. A nominal charge of £3 is levied to cover costs of materials.

4.3.2 Unravel meets on the third Tuesday of the month for Bible study from 9:30 to 11.30am. All ladies are welcome. For further details contact **Lynn Leadbetter**.

4.4 Jump for Joy

A meeting for people of all ages with learning disabilities-along with family, friends and carers. The programme includes games, stories, crafts and activities to help growth in the faith and to teach about Jesus. For further details about dates contact **Doreen McGraa**.

Action

- Come along to the meetings and contact the relevant person if appropriate.

5. YEAR BY YEAR

5.1 Holiday Club

Towards the end of the summer holidays each year we try to ensure that we have a Holiday Club for our local children. It usually takes place from the Tuesday to the Friday, meeting in the mornings and culminates in a Family Service on the Sunday. The children really enjoy themselves as they are engaged in all sorts of activities and as they learn about Jesus from the Bible. Dates, times and details are announced in church services and leaflets are made available through all our young peoples' groups.

5.2 Weekend Away - QUINTA

Every year we hold our annual House Party at Quinta Christian Centre (on the Welsh border). It is a weekend for everyone in the church family. There is a good teaching programme, though not an onerous one, for the adults and fun age-appropriate programmes for the children and young people. There is plenty of opportunity for rest, walks and entertainment of all sorts. It is a great time together and results in a real sense of belonging to the body of Christ.

5.3 Other Occasional Events

From time to time we have concerts, guest speakers, quizzes, meals out with guest speakers, days out with families, picnics and so on.

Action

- Make sure you are aware when these events occur and join in when you can. Offer to serve where you can and pray for the success and effectiveness of these events.

6. MISSION SUPPORT

6.1 Partnerships in gospel work

We encourage our partners at Holy Trinity to be involved in gospel work outside the church family, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. As a church family we support many works in prayer and in other ways. Annually we review those to whom we offer financial support. At present we support seven links through an equal monthly amount and a further four through an annual appeal. At printing our current involvements are as follows:

Some of those with links in the church family

Christian Aid
Christian Mission to Jews
Church Missionary Society
Crosslinks
Flame
Jews for Jesus
M.A.F. (Papua New Guinea)
M.E.C.O.
OMF
Scripture Union
Tear fund
Titus Trust
Wycliffe Bible Translators
Youth for Christ

Those who are our official 2016 links receiving monthly financial support

Just Care - Alan & Doreen McGraa
Interserve (Lyn Masterson) - Betty Masterson and Liz Waring
R.E.A.C.H for Rwanda & Kicukiro Church (Kigali) - Brian Jones
St Mark's, New Ferry - Steve Keningley
Charles Thompson Mission - Jenny & Pete Gopsill
Barnabas Fund - James & Jenny Summersby

Those who make an annual appeal

Chile - Lin & Les McGrath
C.P.A.S. - Anna-Maria Morgan
St James, Birkenhead - Alan McGraa
Teams4U - John & Viv Harrison

We are also affiliated to and support the North West Partnership and the Wirral Gospel Partnership

A **MISSION SUPPORT GROUP** meets quarterly to pray for these people and organisations and provide feedback from the mission field. For further information, contact **Doreen McGraa**.

Action

- Pray for the above people and groups; read our missions notice board. You are very welcome to come to a **Mission Support Group** meeting.

7. MONEY and MANAGEMENT

7.1 Money

The costs of running a church the size of Holy Trinity are substantial. Not only do we pay our part of the 'Diocesan Share' for having a vicar, we also have the costs of all our activities, buildings and other staff as well. This year our budget for expenditure is well over £150,000 and, as we all know, costs rarely come down! These financial burdens are largely met out of the generosity of the church family. As we grow, so do our costs, and so we encourage all our partners to take seriously the New Testament teaching on financial giving. Ultimately each partner should be giving financially in such a way that their giving is cheerful, generous and sacrificial.

No collections are held during services, but there is a basket in the foyer for those who wish to give towards the gospel work of the church.

Action

- Read our "**Giving at Holy Trinity**" leaflet carefully, which will help you assess your current level of giving. If you haven't as yet committed to regular giving, do so, or adjust your giving as is appropriate. Speak to our Treasurer, **Chris Walsh**.

7.2 Management

The spiritual leadership and direction of Holy Trinity lies with our **vicar, Roger Wiles** in consultation with the Church Wardens and Parish Church Council (PCC). The Church Wardens and PCC work alongside Roger (and our other staff) in overseeing key areas of policy, and are responsible for the management of funds and property.

Paul Crowther is our **Youth and Children's Worker**. His remit is to oversee the work we do with children and young people, working alongside those many volunteers who run all the groups on offer to our youngsters.

Our **church administrator** is **Wendy Doran**. If you need to contact the church on any official matter (marriages, baptisms, funerals etc) your first port of call would be **Wendy**. The church office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 12:00noon.

CONTACTS

NAME	ACTIVITY
Chris Brooks	Tea and coffee
Jenny Brown	Brownies (Thursdays)
Heather Bromley	Badminton
Don Chambers	Bowls
Pam Clarkson	Livewires/Holiday Club
Dot Cockayne	Toddler Group
Paul Crowther	FUSE and SWITCH
Dave Delamere	Scouts (Tuesdays)
Jean Dixon	Ladies Group
Dave Delamere	Group Scouts Leader
Jim Farquhar	Sidespeople
David Garside	Spital Ramblers
Helen Giffin	Pilates (Mondays)
Viv Harrison	Open House
Laura Henwood	Beavers (Tuesdays)
Mair Kennedy	Pilates
Graham Knights	Setting out chairs
Lynn Leadbetter	Trinity Craft/Unravel
Val Morgan	Aid Brigade
Doreen McGraa	Jump for Joy/Mission Support Group
Lin McGrath	Holy Trinity Lunch Club/Age UK
Laura Nederlof	Rainbows (Thursdays)
David Philp	Cubs (Wednesdays)
Kate Platt	Brownies (Mondays)
Sonia Potts	Guides (Tuesdays)
Joan Swinburne	Creché
Jo Thomas	Sparks
Carol Walker	Child Protection Officer
Chris Walsh	Treasurer
Ruth Webber	Ladies Group
	CHURCH STAFF
Roger Wiles	Vicar
Paul Crowther	Youth and Children's Worker Email: tallpaulyouth@yahoo.co.uk
Wendy Doran Church Office	Church Administrator Mon to Fri 9:00am-12:00noon Email: officeholytrinity@gmail.com
Chris Jones	Holy Trinity Pre-school

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ACTION SHEET

Directory Action Sheet

Please take time to fill in this sheet and give it to the Vicar or warden/sidesman on duty. You may be asked for help in those areas you indicate your willingness and we thank you for the offer.

Name: _____ Tel.No. _____

Love in action

I am prepared to help from time to time with.....

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| <input type="checkbox"/> cooking meals | <input type="checkbox"/> visiting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> washing/ironing/cleaning | <input type="checkbox"/> handyman help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mowing/gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> baby/child minding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> short-term accommodation | <input type="checkbox"/> transport |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other help _____ | |

Sharing Your Faith

- I would be interested in attending the next training course designed to help me share my faith

Sunday Opportunities

- I offer to be on the tea/coffee rota
mornings evenings
- I offer to be on the chair rota—setting out and putting away
mornings evenings
- I offer to be on the morning sidesmen rota

ACTION SHEET (cont'd).

Sunday Opportunities cont.

- My child/teen would like to attend Youth Church
- I offer to help with Youth Church
- I would like my child to attend the crèche
- I offer to help with the crèche

Weekly Youth Groups

- My child/teen would like to attend
- Sparks Livewires Fuse SWITCH
- I offer to help with
- Sparks Livewires Fuse SWITCH

Home Groups

- I would like to join a Home Group

Pre-school

- I am interested in having my child attend the Holy Trinity Pre-school and would appreciate further information.

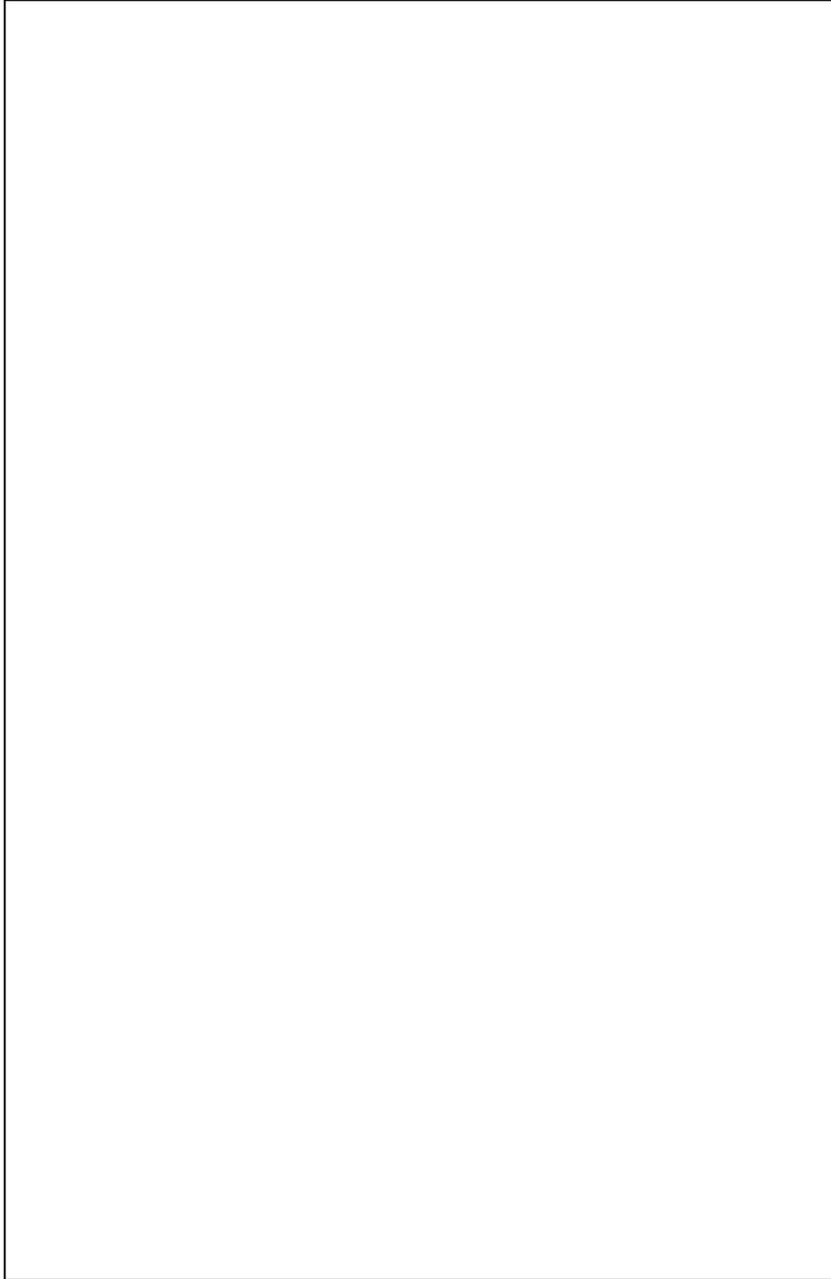
Annual Events

- I offer to help with the running of the summer Holiday Club
- I offer to help with organising our annual House Party at Quinta

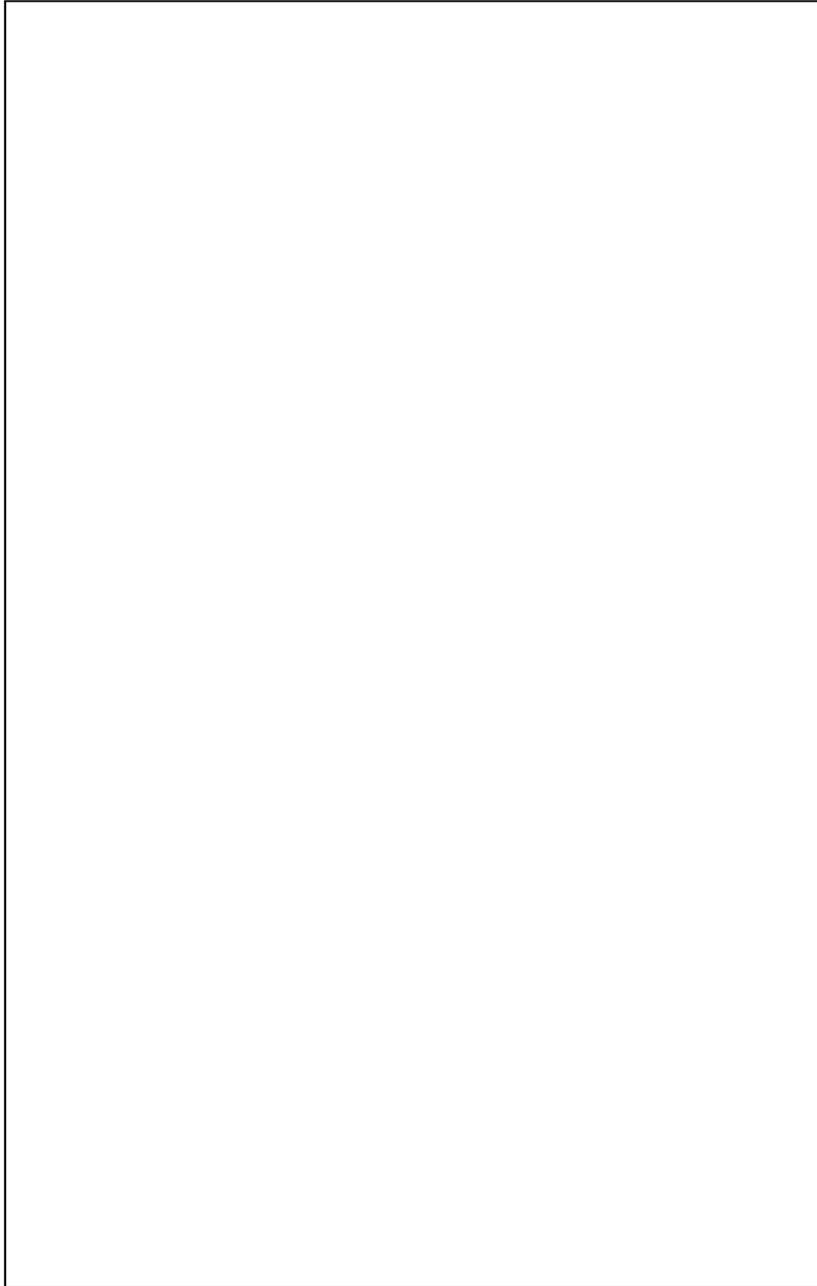
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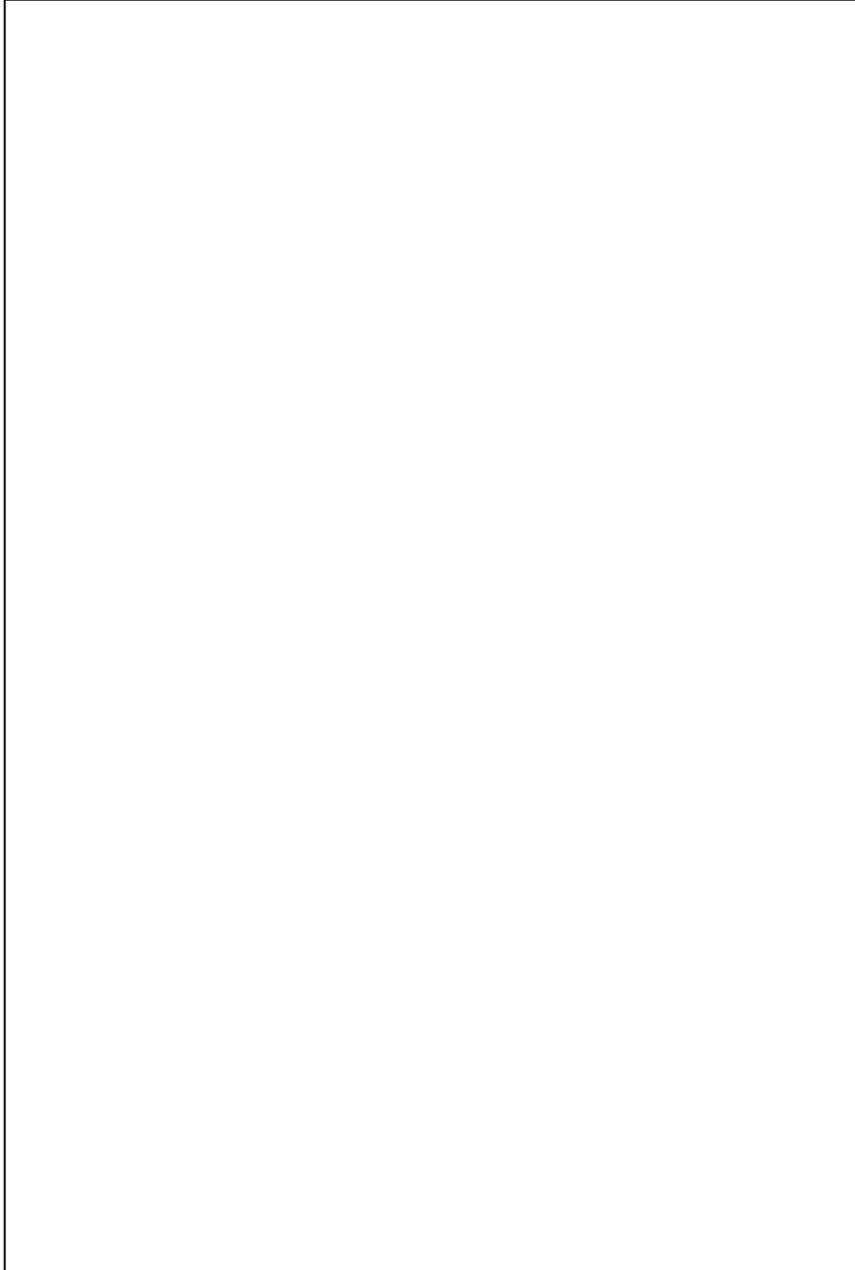
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*If you require any further information,
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