

St. Nicholas – Charlwood
And Emmanuel – Sidlow Bridge

Venture Week 2019

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29th JULY
4th AUGUST





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Hold on tight, it's an amazing week packed full of fun things for your child to do. If your children haven't been before, or you were totally confused when they did, this letter is designed to introduce you to the event and tell you a little about it.

Venture Week is an annual children's activity week traditionally organised by the churches of Charlwood and Sidlow with a troop of local volunteers specifically for the children who live within the two Parishes. Venture Week benefits from significant contributions from local organisations and our goal is to facilitate a fun and accessible week, to bring both the children and parents of the village together at the start of the summer holidays. One of our backers (the John Bristow and Thomas Mason Trust) is keen to support any family in genuine hardship so that all local children can attend if they wish. If you would like to apply for help from JBTMT please email trust.secretary@jbtmt.org.uk

This year Venture Week runs for the whole week from Monday 29th July through to the Church Service on Sunday morning 4th August at St Nicholas Church, Charlwood.

A committee including two Co-Ordinators and Group Leaders arrange the event. This year's co-ordinators are Lisa James and Natalie Burling. The groups are organised by letter A – E; with A being the eldest and E the youngest. Children can start coming to Venture Week when in reception and the oldest children are 16. Each group has two leaders., who organise the children's crafts and activities.

The week couldn't run however without parent helpers that make up the ratios and assist the group leaders in the daily running of the groups (that's you!). The first thing we will ask you to do is to decide which days you would like to help. Venture Week doesn't run itself and we rely on parents volunteering as much of their time as possible to help run the groups. As many days that you can manage to help the better. Once you have committed to helping on your chosen days please don't change them. Also, if you have a particular skill or resource that you would be happy to utilise

with the children (and in the past, we have had everything from flower arranging to martial arts) please let us know.

To help guide which days you can help a rough timetable is provided below:

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sunday
Meet at: Morning	Church 9.30am Introduction and Activities (Village)	Church 9.30 am Swimming	Recreation Ground Time TBA Trip Day A&B Go Karting C&D High Ashurst E Fishers Farm	Church 9.30am Village Activities	Recreation Ground Time TBA Trip Day A&B Thorpe Park C, D&E Chessington		Church Service 11 am
After- Noon Collect:	Group A – Water Sports B-E in Village Rec 4pm	Swimming Rec 4pm	As above Rec 4pm	Silly Sports (Village) Rec 4pm	As above Rec Time TBA	Evening – Social Fundraising Event 5.30pm – 9pm	

Things to be aware of:

Crèche – if you have other children that are too young for Venture Week then you can place them in our crèche whilst you help with your Group. The Crèche runs on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday,

Trip days – these are often the days that worry parents the most. Rest assured that the legal requirements for child to adult ratios are always adhered to. We also try and group children in their friendship groups where possible and to have them with an adult that they know. We do try and let you know who your children will be with at the start of the week so if there are any issues they can be addressed well before the actual trip day. Please provide your child with a named re-fillable water bottle.

Silly Sports - Thursday is our silly sports day and the children WILL get wet, please ensure they have a full change of clothes and a towel, all named.

Fundraising – during the week the children engage in fundraising activities for our chosen charity.

Saturday Social – on Saturday evening we will hold a social event with a Disco, Bar, BBQ, Bouncy Castles and much more. Please take the time to help out during the course of the evening and in particular cleaning up afterwards. It's always disappointing to see parents disappearing at the end of the night leaving piles of rubbish to be cleaned up by the same people who have given up their time for free to give their children a great week. Please don't be that parent!

Church Service - the children practice all week to perform in front of the parents in church so it is important that you and your children attend.

Venture Week is truly a brilliant week and those that have been involved in the week are very proud of its traditions and longevity. We look forward to welcoming you and your children. Please get involved and let us know if you'd be interested in becoming a group leader, co-ordinator or committee member in the future.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please email them to:

natalie.burling@btinternet.com or Lisa-james@hotmail.co.uk

All completed forms and payment (£50 Per Child) are to be sent to:

Anthony James, Venture Week Treasurer, Telvet Cottage, Ifield Road, Charlwood, RH6 0DQ.

Cheques made payable to St Nicholas Venture Week, please write your name and your child's name on the back of the cheque.

Charlwood school children can hand their forms to Mrs Dodd in the school office.

STRICT DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF FORMS

SUNDAY 2ND JUNE

Your enrolment packs will be ready to collect from St Nicholas Church Sunday 7th July at Family service