



St. David's Children's Ministry

In October 2016, St. David's Union Church in Ashburton introduced a *Kids Club*. The club was introduced so that it would be a positive outreach to the children living in the Allenton area and the wider Ashburton community. After the local school board discontinued the Bible in schools program, the church needed to find ways of continuing to introduce and grow the Christian faith and values in a fun and safe environment to the children of our community. The club also was to create links between the faith community of St David's and the people of Ashburton community. We believe as a church that we need to come alongside the children and their families and together build a healthy community. Parish council agreed to run the kids club fortnightly on a Friday night during School term. The club is for children aged 5-12 years old.



We are now in our third term running this program and we are always seeing a positive influence on the children who come. We have between 10 and 20 children coming and a team of volunteers who provide a meal and organize crafts for the children. Some of the members of the youth group help with games and what a joy it continues to be working together in an intergenerational manner.

At the moment, we have children coming from the wider Ashburton area and our hope is that we will grow in engaging with the children and their families. At the end of every school term, parish



council has organized a dinner where the children are encouraged to invite their parents or carers for a meal and a presentation done by the children. So

far, we have seen encouraging signs and we praise God for this opportunity.



Please pray for us that the kids Club bear fruit that will honor God.

