

Friendship Faith

The Vicar Writes...

April 2018

Dear Friends,

The Dasset Magna Group of Parishes consists predominantly of an ageing congregation, and consequently like many we are always on the lookout for ways to link with children and teenagers as well as adults in our community. Last Lent whilst building a LEGO kit of the Last Supper with my nephew I wondered if a LEGO Club would fit the bill. LEGO is a medium that attracts children, teenagers and adults alike, but I didn't feel that simply providing space, time and lots of lego was answer. We wanted something that could be structured and after a bit of research I found the LEGO Education StoryStarter Visualisation Kit designed to be used with children in schools. It combines story telling, building the story in LEGO and then using StoryVisualizer software on iPads to convert it into a very professional comic format.

As well as being fun LEGO can provide a hands-on learning approach allowing opportunities to experiment and learn through creativity and collaboration, motivation and self-direction. From a Christian perspective LEGO can be used to introduce and explore the bible and other stories providing a playful learning experiences which can be related to real-world relevance.

The interest within the communities and at the Dasset School in this new club, to be called *The Brick BUS*, has been amazing. A group of 18 adults had a fun filled morning learning how to use StoryStarter and it was obvious that *The Brick BUS LEGO Club* has fired the interest of children of all ages! We are very grateful to the Gaydon Trust and the Diocesan Mission Fund for providing extensive funds to set this up.

Come, hop on *The Brick BUS* for a weekly hour of LEGO fun!

Rev'd Nicki



The **BRICK BUS**
Bible Understanding & StoryTelling



Venue: Northend, Chapel of Ease, CV47 2TH
Frequency: Weekly
Day: Tuesday
Time: 5pm
START DATE: Tuesday 17th April