

## Future Vision

If you missed the AGM on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November you missed a treat, watch this space for next year's! The food as usual was excellent and there was a good mix of different churches represented, but that was not the most important part. What was so inspiring was the excitement from the leaders as they told us about the work.

As you know Ian Copeman has been on sabbatical for this term. This time last year we thought that the clubs would have to close as there was no one to take up the work, but God moves in mysterious ways (if you want to know how mysterious then ask Lesley Mitchell). Lesley has been running 5 clubs with the help of other volunteers and during the course of the week she can see up to 100 children. In the primary schools Bible stories are told but in the Middle Schools the message is presented in different ways, often with discussions. It's a wonderful opportunity! During the Christmas season various n:vision clubs will be taking part in assemblies and carol services so please pray for these as they present the true Christmas message. We must not forget the club in Cornard Middle School which has been led by the Youth Worker, Louise Moore, and others from St. Andrews. As Louise shared with us about the club it was obvious that it is touching her heart too. How good it is for the children to see a young person who has a faith in Jesus. Please pray for Louise and her helpers.

Have you ever heard of OPEN THE BOOK? It is a simple way of taking Bible stories into schools. The stories are read from The Lion Storyteller Bible and are acted out by a team of volunteers. At the moment Future Vision worker, Jo Longhurst, and her team of volunteers go into 4 schools and, as she shared at the AGM, it could be more but the team cannot spread themselves further. WE NEED MORE PEOPLE. Could YOU commit yourself to helping out, normally, at one assembly every fortnight? If you think you could be involved then contact Jo on [jolonghurst@f2s.com](mailto:jolonghurst@f2s.com) . Jo shared with us the positive comments she had received from both the teachers and pupils of the schools. The children get so excited when they know that it is an Open the Book assembly. Where else do children get excited when hearing about God?

The work is growing and although we are living in difficult economic times we need more financial support. Could you give a small amount by standing

order each month or how about becoming a Friend of Future Vision for £25 per year?

If you want to know any more about the work and the help you could give please contact Chris Rowe on [chrisrowe@talktalk.net](mailto:chrisrowe@talktalk.net) or on 370844.

Thank you to all those who do support with prayer, time or financially, but we would like to see our support group expand.

*Chris Rowe (Chair person)*