

It seems like only yesterday that I started working as Community Outreach Development worker at Sherbrooke Mossspark and I have many happy memories from this time. I have also learned so much from the great teams I have worked with.

So here are just a few of my highlights. The very first day at Mossspark Primary School in the primary one class was so special. After I had told a bible story the class teacher asked me if it was ok if the children could ask me any questions they had on the story. I immediately thought brilliant. I was amazed at how good the questions were, and when I told the story in the next class, I said to the teacher “in P1 the children were allowed to ask questions so would it be ok if the children here could do the same thing?” I got a very positive response and so ever since I have always checked this with the teacher, and I have always been told yes.

The first day at the garden at Corkerhill railway station was hard work but also great fun. More like a comedy show, as we tried to get wheelbarrows over fences, open bags of soil without scissors and move huge planters into place, a sense of humour was present in all of us, definitely a memory to treasure.

Muddy Church unfortunately didn't attract lots of families, but we had great fun with the small numbers who came along as there were lots of volunteers, we had fun playing parachute games especially parachute football. Yes, Ruth, I still remember who cheated, we had a good laugh and a family who joined us that day had great fun with grampa also cheating! It was brilliant.

Messy Church was very much looked forward to every month. A lot of hard work was put in by a lot of people, but it was well worth it. The bowling green is in a brilliant location with great facilities and it's lovely to go to the community with the good news. The meal each month was amazing, a real treat for the mothers not to have to cook and for the children to have their dinner with their friends. The cake made by Kirsty each month was fantastic and the decoration put into each one amazing. It was great that different people shared the bible story bringing a variety of different methods. The crafts were so much fun with the parents also joining in and often making their own craft. Games were enthusiastically joined in by all and often led by Brenda & John. Then the circle time was special with all the children thanking God for the person standing next to them, I will certainly miss Messy Church.

Although it's been a long time since I did the Young Church, I still miss the children & Imogen. I really enjoyed working with such lovely Children!

The Burns supper for the asylum seeker residents in the Go Urban hotel was a great success with 30 guests attending from many different countries, many were absolutely amazed at someone "talking to the dinner" All the guests enjoyed the event, but most saying haggis wasn't being added to their list of favorite food! But one guest loved the haggis and said he certainly would be eating it again. The shortbread was a great success with everyone enjoying it and were delighted when given a packet to take home in their goody bag.

Toddlers have been a great joy, and it has been so good getting to know some great local families. Although the toddlers have stopped for the summer some of the parents and carers are talking of meeting up over the summer, It's great to help people make connections that are continuing.

So, with some sadness and much joy for the future I say goodbye as Community Outreach Development Worker but not goodbye as friend and sister in Christ.



Thank you so much for the fantastic presents I received, these flowers are beautiful and have brought great joy looking at them.