



# PRAIZIN' HANDS PUPPET GROUP

## NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2025 - ISSUE: 25

### A NEW PUPPET HUB!

We are delighted to announce that Praizin' Hands will be moving to a new base in January 2026! Thank you all so much for your faithful praying for a new home to be found for the puppets.

We are grateful to St. Andrew's who are allowing us to set up our new PUPPET HUB in one of their rooms. This will be our new base where we can have small rehearsals, have meetings, do recordings, hold Taster Days, and of course where we will dress puppets and do the daily changeover of puppets, props and scenery.

God is good. God is faithful. Hallelujah!

*Hebrews: 10:23*

*Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*

### SPONSOR A SHELF FOR SHELVING!

We would love to get our new Puppet Hub organised before we move in! We are needing to purchase blinds and racking so we can utilise the space in the best possible way, making the day to day running of Praizin' Hands much smoother.

Each rack will have 5 shelves, which works out about £22 per shelf. Therefore, we are looking for several people who would be willing to sponsor a shelf (or 2 or 3!) in order to get the racking, we need.

If this is something you are able to help with, please find our bank details below. Please mark the payment with **your name and 'SHELF'**. Thank you very much.

Bank name:	The Co-operative Bank PLC
Account name:	Praizin' Hands Puppet Group
Account number:	67345928-00
Sort Code:	08-92-99

### PRAYER FOCUS

Give thanks to God for His faithfulness in finding a new home for puppets. Please pray for His blessing as we move everything to our new home.

Give thanks for St. Andrews for supporting Praizin' Hands in their ministry and outreach.

Please pray as we begin to make plans for the Praizin' Hands Showcase on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2026**.

Please pray for the Big Hands team as they take the good news of the birth of Jesus to many places this Christmas time. (Please see elsewhere in the newsletter for the dates and schools

### SHOWCASE – PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

On **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2026**, Praizin' Hands will be putting on a **SHOWCASE** at the Blackfield British Legion. Please put the date in your diary as we will need lots of help, please, doing a variety of jobs, such as refreshments, stewarding, making cakes, security, car park duty and the list goes on.....

Please can we ask you to inform your church about this event as we would love this to be a 'Churches together' event, all sharing the love of Jesus to our community as one big family.

Please can you pray for the puppeteers who will be working hard on this, over the next year, and think about who you can invite along. It will be a **FREE** event suitable for **ALL** ages, not just children. Thank you.



## BIG HANDS TEAM UPDATE

They have been working very hard learning a new Christmas presentation 'Good news for Everyone' which will be taken to the following places on the days listed:

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	– Stoke Park Infant School, Eastleigh
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	– Springhill Catholic School, Southampton
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	– Springwell School, Thornhill
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	– Hythe Primary – 2 performances
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December AM	– St. Michael's, Lyndhurst
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December PM	– Copythorne Infants
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	– Netley Marsh Infants
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	– Marchwood Infants
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December AM	– Waterside Primary
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December PM	– Orchard Infants
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	– Wildground Federation – 2 performances
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	– HISP at Thornden Hall, Eastleigh
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	– Shirley Warren Primary - 2 performances
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December AM	– Manor Infants
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December PM	– Carols in the Car Park at St. Andrews
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	– Calmore Infants, Totton.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	– Marchwood Juniors
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	– Romsey Baptist Church

## PSHE SCHOOLS PROJECT TEAM UPDATE

This team had a busy summer taking their 'Fire Safety' presentation to schools, followed by an 'All Change' presentation into a few schools helping Year 2 children feel confident in moving to their new Junior schools.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, all the 'Road Safety' presentations had to be cancelled for the Autumn term. Hopefully, we will be able to do this next year, instead.

After Christmas, the Project team will be learning a new presentation on 'The Dangers of smoking and vaping' for Years 5 and 6 followed by a new presentation on 'Looking after our teeth' for Keystage 1 children (Infants).

## LITTLE HANDS PUPPET TEAM UPDATE

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the service that Little Hands were due to lead at Lymington Baptist Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October, but this will be re-scheduled for 2026.



We have started working on items for the Showcase which will be on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2026**. The Showcase will include different forms of puppetry and creative arts.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November, we will be having sparklers, hot dogs and fun games on our Little Hands evening.

The following Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November, we look forward to a trip to Tenpin to play interactive darts and Pool. We look forward to a fun evening.

Our Devotional theme for this term is 'Women of the Bible', looking at what we can learn from some of the women's characters.

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, we will be having a Christmas Party before we break up for the Christmas holidays.



## HYTHE OF ACTIVITY DAY

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, we took part in the Hythe of Activity Day in Hythe village. The village was full of people and stands from various groups and charities publicising their work. Some of the Little Hands puppeteers performed songs throughout the day, some of Big Hands chatted to people and gave out leaflets and lots of people took part in our challenge of how long they could keep a puppet up in the air!

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We welcomed Paul Lailey from Trustworthy Services to run our Safeguarding Training Day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The training was for all our Big Hands team and Little Hands Leaders and Young Leaders.



## FIRST AID TRAINING

Cary and Laura also attended a First Aid training course on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October, also run by Trustworthy Services.

