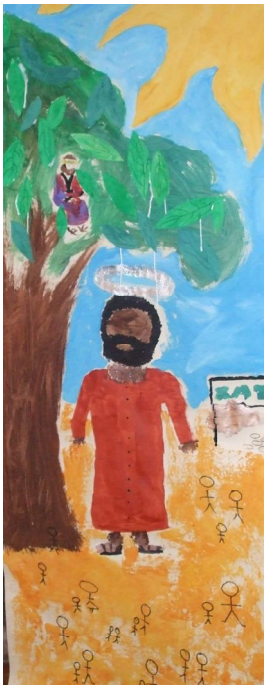


# A FAITH THAT SHOWS

30th September 2007



The Halstead Area Team Day on 30th September started with a the first frost of the year (thanks to our early morning cycling reporter!). St Andrew's Church in Earls Colne was bustling with activity and enthusiasm for the 2007 Team Day and to welcome Michael Beazley, our preacher for the day.



After a joyous service that set the scene for the day's events which were centred around the Faith that Shows, Spot the Difference with a Prayer Path, Banner Making, Music Group, Puppets, Roving Reporter, cooking and much more taking place in both the church and school hall.

One group, lead by Michael Beazley explored the meaning of mission. They were encouraged to discuss this in small groups and come up with a statement. An suggestion was "To enable more people in our area to encounter the love of God".

In the cookery corner some delicious biscuits were made by the children.



The art group worked continuously throughout the day to create lovely banners for the church to illustrate the story of Zacchaeus.

In the Tower Room a lively study of the lessons to be learned from the story of Zacchaeus whilst in the church the last session of 'Spot the Difference' was lead by Viv Brooks.



Meanwhile the roving reporters interviewed and snapped photos.

All this activity makes for hungry people so a bring and share lunch



was most welcome and enjoyed by many!

The day ended with worship with songs accompanied by the band who had been practicing and the story of Zacchaeus played out by expert puppeteers.



Pentecost Challenge Photos

## HOW FAITH SHOWS

We asked several people how their Faith Shows? Here were some...

"I feel an inner calm and peace"

"As a teenager I had low self-esteem. The revelation was that Jesus gave up his life and died for me"

"I now realize that God loves me and everyone, despite how difficult people are—he loves everyone"

"As God is willing to forgive me I find it easier to forgive others."

"I listen and help colleagues with difficulties and others wonder how I do it. Because God helps me through"

From the safe position of being a reporter we asked "How do you feel about telling others about your faith?"

"Apprehensive as anyone. Fear of being tongue tied"

"I'm proud of my faith but disappointed by others' reaction and immediate judgement"

"Hard to tell others but we have a Christian based group at work which helps me to tell others how much God means to me"

With these thoughts in mind we start to prepare for the 2008 mission!