

Thank you

Hello to all parents, we are delighted you have brought your children to Lighthouse in 2010. We love having them all with us for Lighthouse! Hello also to all our hard-working Volunteer Helpers and all our unseen heroes who have worked to bring Lighthouse Burnham into a brilliant practical reality in 2010. This year Lighthouse Burnham ran amazingly silky smooth like a high tech piece of machinery. Everything, and I mean every single aspect of it has come together like the pieces of a precision engine to create what in my view is a most beautiful and precious work of art. I have to say that it is just so great that it is possible to get a little complacent - we've done it all - we know it works etc.

Another Lighthouse Chairman used this and I think it says it all. God is sitting having a quick break when a high powered Scientist approaches Him and says "We don't need you anymore. Our Science has worked out how to create life from nothing. We can now do what you did in the beginning according to your account in Genesis." "Oh really?" says God. "Yes" says the Scientist, We can take plain soil, form it into a likeness of you and then breathe life into it, thus creating Man". "That" says God "is very interesting! Show me!" So the Scientist bends down to the earth and starts moulding a handful of soil into the shape of a man. "Hang on, Hang on Son" interrupts God very gently, "you have to get your own soil!"

I have always believed that Lighthouse is God's creation and plan for the local Churches. When things go well it's too easy to forget He's there, over-seeing, inspiring, guiding and helping in more ways than we can imagine. We need to remember that and give Him the credit. Having said that, whatever He wants to achieve needs commitment from people. Yes, I know He could do anything with the raising of one finger but as always He loves to work through people like you and me. That is God's blessing for us all.

Lighthouse depends on that and the commitment, hard work, support and encouragement that all our Volunteer Helpers give, all those unseen heroes who work away in the background, praying, preparing, borrowing, making, organizing, collecting and the mountain of other things that go on in the background with the support of our Local Churches. I have never met such dedication, such grace and such willingness to go that extra mile. On behalf of the parents and children a **big thank you and God bless you to all our helpers!**

This year Lighthouse Burnham registered 550 children each day. We could have taken far more – the one regret the Management Team share is that for the first time, we had to turn children away. We have the space and we have the facilities but the limiting factor is the number of Volunteer Helpers. If you're reading this and you can help next year please register early Jan/Feb in 2011 and come and have fun. If it's not for you, tell everyone you know we that need their help. Keep an eye on the website for more details.

Finally and once again on behalf of the management team a **HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone involved in making **Lighthouse Burnham** the ongoing success for God that it is.

Simon Bader

Chairman

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