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Summer's here ... it must be as the Glastonbury Festival is in full swing and Wimbledon's a couple of weeks away ... not to mention some very warm, melting sunshine!

Six months into the project and we have teams ready and willing to offer baptism preparation to our families in our pilot parishes. It's such a wonderful opportunity to enrich the welcome we already give to our families and to continue that 'walk along the road' together.

The parishioners in the teams we have shaped and formed include seasoned catechists and those who have had no training, and are simply interested in befriending and sharing their faith with others. I carry out the training and then we work together to ensure a warm and friendly welcome for the family. My support is there until no longer required!

I had a lovely experience recently; having said a few words from the ambo at the end of Mass, a parent approached me asking to be taken on the journey of baptism preparation, and by the end of the morning we had a willing team ready to be trained to accompany her on that journey!

This is a photo of our lovely Kelly family, with Alice from Team Baptism, who have just finished their preparation. Their daughter, Freya, will be baptised at the end of August. They now belong to our St Michael family and it's great to have them with us!

