

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES' WORK

This news sheet is to bring you the important updates to the children's and families' work this term. If you are new to church then please make yourself known to the welcome team and they will help you find the right group. There are lots of fun things planned and we would love you to join in and grow in faith!

9:30 @ ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

30th April	First week of Children's groups
7th May	All Age Worship - Genesis 45
14th May	Children's groups - World Mission Special
21st May	Children's groups + Coffee STOP
28th May	Children's groups + Coffee STOP
4th June	All Age Worship - Genesis 46
11th June	Children's groups + Coffee STOP
18th June	Children's groups + Coffee STOP
25th June	Children's groups - Move Up Sunday
2nd July	All Age Worship - Genesis 50:15-21
9th July	Children's groups
16th July	LOVE Oxford (no 9:30am service)
23rd July	10am service with combined Sunday group and crèche

DIARY: SUMMER TERM

Sunday 14th May - **Bring and Share World Mission lunch**
 Saturday 24th June - Church Social
 Sunday 25th June - Move Up Sunday
 Sunday 2nd July - Book Stall at church
 Sunday 16th July - LOVE Oxford event

Youth If you are aged 11-18 you are not forgotten!
 Pathfinders for years 7-9 runs on Friday evenings from 7:00pm and Sunday mornings at St Andrew's. If you're in years 10-13 SAYGO will be happening on Sunday evenings at 8pm. Contact Chris Aiken on chris.aiken@standrewsoxford.org for more details.



Easter - July Summer Term 2017

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To join a group just show up and speak to a leader! Feel free to stay and see what it is like. Each group has welcome information and leaders will help you settle in.

Y6 BECOME Y7

Year 6 Trekkers are invited to join:

Pathfinders on Friday

FRIDAY 23rd June from 7:00pm until 9:00pm at St Andrew's Church.

Pathfinders on Sunday

Sunday 25th June in 9:30am service.

LEARNING

Each term our school aged groups follow a Click unit (Click is published by The Good Book Company and is based on the kids@church programme from CEP Australia.

Scramblers

Unit 3 - Trusting God and living for Him

Climbers and Pioneers

Unit 7 - God rescues His people - Gideon to David (Judges and 1&2 Samuel)

Explorers and Trekkers

Unit 7 - Scenes from the lives of Elijah and Elisha (1&2 Kings)

Evening Trekkers

Unit 2 - God the creator and Covenant maker (From Genesis)

Our pre-school children use Tiddlywinks materials focusing on a favourite Bible story each week.

Leaders are very happy to tell you about this in more detail, please ask.

WHICH GROUP AM I IN?

9:30am Groups for Children

Group and leader	How old?	Where do we go?
Crèche Jayne Joyce	0 - 3+	Crèche
Ramblers John & Helen Lowe	3s - 4s (Nursery)	Prayer Room
Scramblers Sandra Eldred	4s - 5s (Reception)	Small Meeting Room upstairs
Climbers & Pioneers Katie Birse	5s - 7s (Year 1 & 2)	Large Meeting Room upstairs
Explorers & Trekkers Lesley Dentry	7s - 11s (Years 3 - 6)	Hall

11:15am group for children

11:15 group Sarah Sellars	Under 7s	Crèche
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6:00pm group for children

Evening Explorers & Trekkers Andy Pritchard	7s - 11s (Years 3 - 6)	Large Meeting Room upstairs
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Our main provision for children each Sunday is centred around our 9:30am service with groups for children each week except the first Sunday of the month when we meet together for All Age Worship. Currently our All Age Worship services are looking at the story of Joseph with Dr Wot.

At our 11:15 service a smaller group is running for those who enjoy this style of worship. Currently it caters for children under 7 and runs every week. Parents often stay for a picnic lunch during coffee time.

The 6pm provision is primarily for children with a sport commitment that keeps them busy in the morning but any child in year 3 to 6 is welcome. This group runs every week except 28th May which is half term.

NEWS AND DATES

Church Social Saturday 24th June

Save the date! More information to follow

Move Up Sunday 25th June

Scramblers, Climbers, Pioneers, Explorers and Trekkers will have a chance to meet their new leaders, see their new room and play getting to know you games with the new children. Children in Ramblers and crèche will stay in their normal groups and new leaders will pop in to see them there. This includes an open invitation to Evening Explorers & Trekkers for those who might be doing sporty things in the future —particularly year 5 and year 2 might be interested. Come along to the 6pm service.

Summer Sundays

Over the summer holidays we like to provide something for children at the **joint 10am services**. Our usual volunteers are given a well deserved break over the summer and we need a new team to run a crèche and a Praise Party combined Sunday Groups session. The dates are 23rd, 30th July, 6th, 13th and 20th August. A sign up sheet will go up after half term, please sign up to help then.

Coffee STOP

21st May - Ramblers & Scramblers

28th May - Crèche

11th June - Climbers & Pioneers

18th June - Explorers & Trekkers

These are a chance for an age group to gather for coffee and cake after a Sunday service... a networking opportunity for whole families with activities for children, a safe space and chairs for grown ups!

We meet in the upstairs large meeting room from 10:30 - 11:30



TREKKERS' CLUBNITE

Clubnites are monthly social events that are open to Sunday Trekkers (School year 5 and 6) and their friends. We have fun, food, friendship and explore faith together.

*We meet 6:45pm-8:45pm @church to eat **pizza**, play **games** and generally have a **fantastic** time hanging out and chatting. Bring **£2** for the pizza and drinks/ activities plus an extra **50p** if you would like to buy anything from our **amazing tuck shop**.*

An email reminder is sent the week before to help us get the right amount of pizza, let us know if you hope to come along!

28th April

- Quiz night (not boring!!)

26th May

- Treasure hunt (we'll be off-site and outside!)

30th June

*- Year 4 welcome BBQ and **BIG** games with farewell to year 6*

INCLUSION

We welcome all children to the groups we run at St Andrew's regardless of their needs and abilities. We seek to work in partnership with parents so that we can care for the whole family as part of our church community. Let us know what you need and we'll be happy to help.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP

We meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We will be back after the holidays from 25th/26th April and will run through to until 11th/12th July. The only exception is 30th/31st May when it is half term. This is a great place to make friends, get to know people locally, make Christ known and drink coffee!

MONDAY MUMS

We start again on Monday 24th April and run throughout the school term. Join us each Monday for a Parenting Course with Vicky Lavy, using the Care for the Family Resources which are excellent. We begin with coffee and cake at 9.30 and end at 11.30. There is a crèche for pre-schoolers.

The final week is 3rd July. Hope you can join us.

SUMMER CAFÉ

On Wednesdays in the summer holidays we are offering a drop-in café in the hall from 10-12. It's for anyone seeking a place to hang out for a while. It is open to anyone from church or our local community and is designed to be suitable for all ages.

HOLIDAY CLUB 2017

Tuesday 22nd - Friday 25th August

These are the dates to save for this year's Holiday Club spectacular.

It's for those heading to Reception in September to current year 6! This year we have places to share with church and school friends and bookings will be taken from half term...

We need a team of around 50 people to make it happen and forms for volunteers will appear after Easter. If you haven't been before or have questions get in touch, last year's event was amazing with 98 children having a great week of fun, faith and fellowship!!

Our holiday Club service is on Sunday 27th August at 9:30am with cake and drinks and prize giving afterwards. Come and see/hear how we got on!



Please pray for:

The children to grow in faith and make good friendships at church

The leaders who make Sunday Groups safe, fun and happy each week and share their love and knowledge of Jesus

The church social on 24th June - that many people come and each generation can join in

The growing numbers of children and families joining us on Sunday and mid-week.

Volunteer training and development of groups and leadership

Successful growth in the volunteer team

The growth of our Sunday evening provision for sporty kids

The planning of Holiday Club 2017 over the next few months and the recruitment of the team and invitations to children

A clear vision for future provision with children and families