

What's on in Children's and Families' Work?



Easter - July 2019



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. Our All Age Worship Services will explore how we 'Live the Jesus way' by journeying with Gruffy through the Beatitudes from Matthew 5.



At our 11:15 service the crèche room is available and the service broadcast for parents who would like to use it.

The 6pm provision is primarily for children with a sport commitment that keeps them busy in the morning but any child in Year 3-6 or Year 7-9 is welcome. This group runs every week except those in half term.

Welcoming All

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.

My ChurchSuite

Accessible via a web browser and app, My ChurchSuite is a fantastic tool designed to help church members manage their own contact details and those of their children, view the church event calendar and sign-up for events, manage their serving rota commitments, sign-up to small groups, and much, much more!

Register and Check-In

Our weekly Registers are taken with tablets in the Parish Room where families can sign in all their children quickly and efficiently. We can welcome visitors and sign in the team for the day too. Someone will be on hand to help.

<u>Sunday dates and notes</u>	
28 th April	Sunday Groups start again Holiday Club is launched!
5 th May	All Age Worship <i>Blessed are the pure in heart</i>
12 th May	Sunday Groups World Mission week begins
19 th May	Sunday Groups
26 th May	Sunday Groups (Half term so no 6pm groups)
2 nd June	All Age Worship <i>Blessed are the peacemakers</i>
9 th June	Sunday Groups
16 th June	Sunday Groups
23 rd June	Sunday Groups
30 th June	Sunday Groups & Move Up Sunday
Saturday 6 th July	Summer Social 2pm - 7pm
7 th July	All Age Worship <i>Blessed are those who are persecuted</i>
14 th July	Last week for Sunday groups (Normal groups meet for parties)
21 st July	Love Oxford
28 th July	10am services with combined children's work (weekly until 25 th August)
27 to 30 August	Holiday Club 2019

<u>Sunday Groups for 0-11s</u>		
Group	Age range	Location
Crèche <i>Jayne Joyce</i>	0-3 year olds	Crèche
Ramblers <i>Helen & John Lowe</i>	3-4 year olds	Prayer Room
Scramblers <i>Sandra Eldred</i>	4-5 year olds	Small Meeting Rm
Climbers & Pioneers <i>Anne Maxfield</i>	5-7 year olds	Large Meeting Rm
Explorers & Trekkers <i>Lesley Dentry</i>	7-11 year olds	Hall
6pm Explorers & Trekkers <i>Andy Pritchard</i>	7-11s	Café

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What are we 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 (prayer)

Climbers and Pioneers Unit 10 Paul a servant of Jesus (from Acts)

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

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

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 or look on room doors for more info.

Baby and Toddler Groups

*A safe space for babies and toddlers to play with a range of age appropriate toys. We enjoy a new craft each session and a short music time of favourite songs. We meet on Tuesday and Wednesday at church from 10am. This is a great place to make friends, get to know people locally, make Christ known and drink coffee!**

We will be back from 30th April/1st May and will run through to 23rd/24th July, except 28th/29th May when it is half term.

*other drinks are available!



Trekkers' Clubnite

This group is for children in School Year 5 & 6.

Friday 26th April Quiz Night

Friday 24th May Treasure hunt photo trail

Friday 28th June BBQ and BIG game

Come to church from 6:45 for 7pm start and 8:45 finish. We play big games, eat pizza, buy tuck and have a super time! Bring £2 each time and an optional extra 50p for tuck. You can sign up through the website or my churchsuite for each event. Year 5 & 6 friends are also welcome ☺

Communion

Children are invited to come back into the 9:30am service, around once or twice a year, to join in with communion. They head back to church early after a shorter Sunday group session.

As children are with parents they can be guided to have bread and wine, if it is a family's tradition, or a prayer of blessing.

We send an email reminder to help families prepare for and think about this special time with your children so they know what to expect.

Parent Partnership

It is a great privilege and joy to be part of God's work amongst children at St Andrew's, an important partnership between our small army of dedicated volunteer leaders and parents. Here are a two top tips for growing that partnership:

Pray for the groups, the leaders, the session, learning and everyone having fun, good fellowship and growing in faith.

Do you know your leaders names and birthdays? They are busy people but getting to know them is a real benefit—invite them for tea or to join you for Food on the Fourth.

faith@home

168 hours in a week - church might be one of them and school about 30. That's a lot more hours when families are doing life together!

Our aim is to support families as they seek to develop faith@home. This includes a range of people from parents and grandparents to godparents, aunts, uncles and even siblings.

We have a faith@home topic each term that we share on a Sunday morning to start conversations and give ideas to try at home. More details are on our website

Holiday Club 2019



Holiday Club is our whole church home mission week and you are invited to join the team - all ages and experiences welcome!

Jesus-centred evangelism, discipleship and service in the context of a welcoming, fun, safe holiday club.

Dates - 27th - 30th August 9am - 1pm ish (around core sessions 9.30am - 12.30pm)

Volunteers, including Pathfinders and SAYGO, can sign up to be part of the Holiday Club team via ChurchSuite from Easter. There is a crèche for children who have parents on team.

Children in Ramblers to Trekkers can book a place on ChurchSuite too. Places cost £25, but we'd rather have you than your money!

Summer Social Join us for our 3rd annual Summer Social! An opportunity to spend quality time as a church family. Come for afternoon tea, BBQ food, Pimms on the lawn, sports and games or just watching the world go by!

That's a good idea! It is always helpful to have feedback, tell us your ideas, and let us know what the experience was like for the children.