

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



September to Christmas 2019

<u>Sunday dates and notes</u>	
1 st September	Holiday Club service @0930
8 th September	Sunday Groups begin again
15 th September	Sunday Groups
22 nd September	Sunday Groups
29 th September	Sunday Groups Harvest Sunday
6 th October	All Age Worship
13 th October	Sunday Groups
20 th October	Sunday Groups
27 th October	Sunday Groups - Half term (no evening group)
3 rd November	All Age Worship (no evening group)
10 th November	Sunday Groups
17 th November	Sunday Groups
24 th November	Sunday Groups
1 st December	All Age Worship
8 th December	Last week of Sunday Groups
15 th December	Family Carols @10am
22 nd December	Christingle @ 10am

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 look at the life of Peter and how he was transformed by Jesus. Gruffy will be chief investigator!

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!

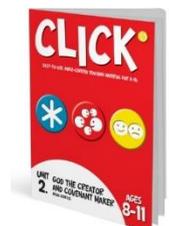
Register and Check-In

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 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

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 12: Like Father, like Son - from Psalms to John

Climbers and Pioneers Unit 2: God the Creator & Covenant Maker

Explorers and Trekkers Unit 8: God is faithful - From Daniel, Esther and Isaiah

Evening Group Unit 11: God's people under God's rule in God's land (1 & 2 Samuel)

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 10th/11th September and will run through to 10th/11th December, except 29th/30th October when it is half term.

*other drinks are available!



Trekkers' Clubnite

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

Friday 27th September Pirate Game

Friday 25th October Bright Wide Game

Friday 29th November Ice Skating (off site)

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.

As part of our LENT season this year we will be offering a faith@home course... more information to follow

Year 3&4 Trip to Cutteslowe Park

Saturday 14th September

5pm - 7:30pm

We love to gather the children in our groups so that they can spend time together, have fun together and get to know each other. This one is for our Explorers! Sign up on Church Suite

Parenting Teenagers Course Join us for our course in October and November. Please see My ChurchSuite for more details and to sign up! Limited spaces so sign up soon...

Advent Craft Night Save the date... Thursday 28th November.

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.

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