

# CHILDREN AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

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## **TODDLE ALONG Monday 10:00 a.m.**

Toddle Along is a group that meets on Mondays in term time. It consists of a free playtime from 10-10.30am, then a short act of worship, including a story, a snack for the children and refreshments for parents/carers, a craft related to the story and then a time of singing before we finish at 11.30am.

Babies and pre-school children are very welcome to this caring, supportive group.

*See website for details*

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

Children's Church is a worship time for children of all ages, from babies to teenagers. We meet most Sundays in term time at 10am, as the main service begins in the church. We begin with some songs, activities and prayers all together and then split into age groups for crafts, games and activities.

We join the parents, carers and the rest of the church family in time for Communion and share the rest of the service together as a church. During holidays, there are activities and crafts for children either in the church or in the adjoining community rooms.

## **MESSY CHURCH**

Messy Church is not a craft club or Messy Play, but a way of using creativity, celebration and food to help people come closer to God. It aims to provide the opportunity for people of all ages to worship together, to help them feel they belong in church, to have fun, be creative, and share a meal together. Each session takes a theme, a Bible story, or an event in the Church Year and weaves the crafts and activities around this.

St John's holds 3-4 Messy Churches a year – at Christmas, Easter, and usually in the summer. Messy Church sessions over the last 4 years have included: Messy Superhero, Messy Journeys, Messy Weather, Messy Fruit, Messy Song, Messy Nativity and Messy Sheep!

We would love you to join us for this friendly, informal service which we hope will appeal to children of all ages and their families.

Once a month there is an All Age service to which children of all ages are welcome with their families.

**CHILDREN**