

St Stephen's and St Julian's CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Spring and Summer 2024



Welcome!

Children and families are so welcome and integral to our church community and we want you all to feel valued and a full part of the church family. This little leaflet sets out the regular services and activities that we run in the parish across both our churches, listing all the dates up to the end of September. Tots and Teddies is a weekly service/activity; the others happen once a month. Do add these dates to your diaries and come to whatever you can.

Every Sunday there will be something for children and families at the 10am service at St Stephen's Church so please come on any week of the month. On the weeks when Sunday Explorers or All-Age Services are not taking place children will be given a welcome pack of colouring/puzzles based on the set readings that Sunday that they can do quietly in their seats. Older children are also invited to take the Children's Holy Communion service booklet so they can follow the service. And if children need distractions there is a small Children's area at the back of church with quiet activities, and another room (the Kentish room in the hall complex) is set aside with noisier toys if children need to let off a bit of steam. This room has an audio link to the service in church, so parents who take children out can still hear and follow the service from there.


These are the regular groups and services which happen every month:

ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP - Suitable for all the family from babies to grannies! Kids are encouraged to take an active part in these services. Interactive and family-friendly. On the Last Sunday of the month and special Festival Sundays.

SATURDAY@5 - Teatime fun every month - see feature opposite.

SUNDAY EXPLORERS - We start in church and then head off into the main hall for some Bible story activities. Aimed at primary school aged children.

VENUE: ST JULIAN'S CHURCH (SJ) ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH (SS)



St Julian's
TOTS & TEDDIES

There's always a friendly atmosphere and the children have a great time, we love Tots & Teddies!
A Tots and Teddies Mum

EVERY WEDNESDAY
10.30am until midday

Pre-school fun with singing, stories, refreshments and lots of toys. A popular group, this gathering begins with a short and very informal service, songs and a Bible story. The service is followed by creative activities. Tots & Teddies normally has a break during half term holidays. Term starts are 17/04/24 and 11/09/24. Donations are taken during the service but refreshments are free.

St Stephen's

Saturdays @5

Saturday 17 February
16 March, 20 April, 18 May,
15 June, 13 July, 21 September
from 5-6.30pm

Come and join us at St Stephen's for games, crafting, maybe a bit of drama too as well as looking at some of the Bible and thinking and learning together. This group meets at 5pm for an hour and a half and will include drinks and a light meal for the kids. A fun session for all the family.



FEBRUARY

1 FEBRUARY, 8pm
PUDDING CLUB

4 FEBRUARY, 10am (SS)
SUNDAY EXPLORERS

14 FEBRUARY, 3.30- 5pm (SS)
ASHES TO GO

After school drop in anytime from 3.30-5pm at St Stephen's for ashing, prayer & blessing.

17 FEBRUARY, 5pm (SS)
SATURDAY@ 5

25 FEBRUARY, 10am (SS)
ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP

MARCH

3 MARCH, 10am (SS)
SUNDAY EXPLORERS

10 MARCH, 10am (SS)
ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP
MOTHERING SUNDAY

Celebrating our mothers and all who have 'mothered' us. Posies of flowers will be distributed during the service.

16 MARCH, 5pm (SS)
SATURDAY@ 5 See details left.

24 MARCH, from 9:30am (SJ & SS)
PALM SUNDAY SERVICE
WITH PROCESSION

Service with procession from St Julian's 9:30am to St Stephen's and additional Sunday Explorers session at 10:15am.

29 MARCH, 3.30-5pm (SJ)
GOOD FRIDAY TO GO

After school drop into St Julian's anytime 3.30-5pm for some craft, a prayer and blessing

31 MARCH, 10am (SS)
ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP
EASTER SUNDAY

Celebrate Easter Day with us.
Service followed by
Easter Egg Hunt.



APRIL

7 APRIL, 10am (SS)
SUNDAY EXPLORERS

20 APRIL, 5pm (SS)
SATURDAY@ 5

28 APRIL, 10am (SS)
ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP

MAY

5 MAY, 10am (SS)
SUNDAY EXPLORERS

18 MAY, 5pm (SS)
SATURDAY@ 5

19 MAY, 10am (SS)
ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP
PENTECOST

26 MAY, 10am (SS)
ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP

JUNE

2 JUNE, 10am (SS)
SUNDAY EXPLORERS

15 JUNE, 5pm (SS)
SATURDAY@ 5

19 JUNE, 8pm
PUDDING CLUB

22/23 JUNE
ALBAN WEEKEND

30 JUNE, 10am (SS)
ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP

JULY

7 JULY, 10am (SS)
SUNDAY EXPLORERS

13 JULY, 5pm (SS)
SATURDAY@ 5

21 JULY, 10am (SS)
ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP

AUGUST

18 AUGUST, 4-6pm (SS)
SUMMER PARTY

THE
Pudding
CLUB



Evenings at 8pm

Friendly and relaxed evening for parents to discuss faith & parenting over wine & pudding. Contact Laura for further information.



SEPTEMBER

1 SEPTEMBER, 10am (SS)
SUNDAY EXPLORERS

21 SEPTEMBER, 5pm (SS)
SATURDAY@ 5

29 SEPTEMBER, 10am (SS)
ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP
HARVEST FESTIVAL

For more information about any of these services or to receive our Weekly News for Church Families email, please contact Laura on childrenandfamiliesleader@gmail.com

** All dates and times subject to change. Please check regularly on our website for any updates - thank you.*

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