
CHILDREN'S CHURCH

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Vision

It is our privilege to share with children a programme for them where we pray together, play fun games, engage in praise and worship, learn about the bible and join in with activities in a safe, caring environment. Our aim is to show children that the church is alive and shares their concerns and interests in life by providing children with a firm Biblical foundation so they can build their faith and share with others the love of Jesus Christ.

(Ephesians 6:11-17)

Aims and purposes

Children's Church has the responsibility of cooperating with the Priest in charge and Church core team, in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical. Children's Church is also specifically responsible for:

- spreading a passion for the word of God in all things so that children may know Jesus Christ;
- nurturing children's relationship with God through exploration of the Christian faith, praise and worship, Bible stories and fun games;
- encouraging parents to work together with us, in partnership, to actively engage children in their faith;

Comments from children who attend children's church:

"I'm not Samuel, I'm [playing the role] Jesus!"

"I came [to Children's Church] early today!"

Objectives and Activities

Children's Church is committed to enabling as many children as possible to attend and become part of our parish community at St. Luke's Church Peckham. Children's Church makes suggestions on how our services can involve the many children that live within our parish. Children's Church puts faith into practice through fun activities, music, prayer and praise and worship.

Now when planning our activities for the year, Children's Church has considered the *Searchlights* programme and is following the teachings each week which is firmly rooted in Sunday readings of Common Worship.

Achievements and Performance

Since January, we have welcomed a few more children to children's church and a great deal of time and thought has gone into an agreed new programme as well as creating a vibrant environment through new colourful displays in the hall which have all been well received by the core team, congregation and parents alike.

It is pleasing to report that the children are enjoying and benefitting from the new programme that includes stories told through drama and arts and crafts activities that are all carefully prepared to bring children into deeper contact with the lesson.

Now, it is much easier to celebrate each individual child as they each have their own achievement sticker book, first attendance and well-done certificate, professionally designed personalised birthday card and incentive prizes to choose from.

Children's Church is keen to provide a range of opportunities over the course of the year that our children find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, fun events both in and out of church, continued involvement in the church service, short performances to the congregation, baby and toddler groups, youth's buddies.

We are looking forward to welcoming more children to Children's Church as well as more adult volunteers to teach Children's Church regularly.

Volunteers and Appreciation

To conclude, I would like to thank all the Children's Church and Youth Church volunteer teachers who work tirelessly to make Children's and Youth Church the caring and fun environment it is. In particular, I want to mention Father Ian, Mother Sandra, the Churchwardens, Sister Fola and finally the congregation for their continued support, prayers and kind words of encouragement. It is an honor to have been asked to oversee Children & Youth at St Luke's and I have faith and expect that with the continued support of the church, that the Children and Youth in our community will continue to grow and develop.

Thank you

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CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH TEACHER IN CHARGE

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