

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES FROM SEPTEMBER 2020

Information for families:

Please read the arrangements carefully and complete the brief questionnaire form at the end of the document if you are happy to participate in this programme.

Please note modified Family Service at home guides will still go out each week via Gemma and the website / Facebook so no-one has to miss out.

Following the close down of services and Sunday Club activities for families and children here are proposals for moving towards a full programme at St. John's. This isn't a complete return as yet but rather first steps so that we can:

1. Restore the programme of Sunday activities for children and families at St. John's from September
2. Enable "church" for those who would attend Sunday Club or the 11.30 Family Services

Please see calendar details below for more details

Phil Morris and Amanda and Jon James to organise programme with Fr Edward

From 6 September 2020

1st Sunday of each month – Family Service at 11.30 for all children and families – Led by Fr Edward; Phil, Amanda and Simon

3rd Sundays of each month – 10.00 Families to join with children for worship and creative activities in the church hall. Led by Amanda, Jon and Phil

Parents would be given the option of going into church for Mass leaving the children in Sunday Club or to stay with the children and enjoy the session in the hall.

In Church arrangements that already exist for social distancing and safe gathering together will be applied in 11.30 Family Services. Families will have places to sit but will be expected to remain in places throughout the service

The Hall for 10.00 activities will be arranged in tables - We should be able to get approx. 8 stations (tables around the hall) and parents may be asked to indicate in a pre-booking arrangement if we think numbers would exceed available space.

Everyone enters the hall through the side doors which would remain open and windows would be open to allow for flow of fresh air at all times. Masks would be optional for children but everyone would need to sanitise hands etc. Once seated people would stay in their places and all activities would take place in table groups. Toilets to be used only in emergencies. The kitchen would remain closed.

Each Hall session would start at 10.00 and be structured around a modified family service and teaching but would give more time for family quizzes, creative and craft activities

The aim is to finish by the time Holy Communion has been finished. Then the children + any parents who wished would go into church to be welcomed by the priest receive a blessing

They would then sit in the Chancel until the end of the Mass and process out with the priest.

Families will be asked to bring their own sanitizing gels; sprays etc and adults may wear masks if they feel safer.

August 2020

Phil Morris

Co-ordinator for Families and Children's work at St. John's

Programme for Sundays

Please note arrangements may change and there may be some all age masses at some festivals. We will advise everyone as soon as possible.

| Dates | Service / activity information | Theme | notes |
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| Sept 6 | 11.30 Family Service in Church | God's presence in our difficulty The story of Noah | Children to read Phil and Amanda to organise |
| Sept 13 | Family Service at home - online | Forgiveness in God's Kingdom | Normal Mass at 8.00 and 10.00 Families receive online worship guide from Phil |
| Sept 20 | 10.00 Children and Families in Church Hall | God meets our needs Getting ready for Harvest | Phil and Amanda to organise |
| Sept 27 | Family Service at home - online | Authority of Jesus | Normal Mass at 8.00 and 10.00 Families receive online worship guide from Phil |
| Oct 4 | 11.30 Family Service in Church | Harvest Festival | Family to read Amanda and Phil to organise |
| Oct 11 | Family service at home - online | God makes the ordinary special | Normal Mass at 8.00 and 10.00 Families receive online worship guide from Phil |
| Oct 18 | 10.00 Children and Families in Church Hall | Following Jesus' example Fr Edward's Licensing | Amanda and Phil to organise |
| Oct 25 | Family service at home - online | Be prepared for Jesus Half Term | Normal Mass at 8.00 and 10.00 Families receive online worship guide from Phil |
| Nov 1 | 11.30 Family Service in Church | All Saints | Family / Children to read Phil and Amanda to organise |
| Nov 8 | Family Service at home - online | Remembrance Sunday | Is this an all age Mass at 10.00? |
| Nov 15 | 10.00 Children and Families in Church Hall | Jesus is Lord of all Getting ready for Advent | Amanda and Phil to organise |
| Nov 22 | 10.00 Children and Families in Church Hall | Christ the King | Normal Mass at 8.00 and 10.00 Families receive online worship guide from Phil |
| Nov 29 | 10.00 Children and Families in Church Hall | Advent Sunday Looking forward to Christmas | Amanda and Phil to organise |
| Dec 6 | 11.30 Family Service in Church | Advent - the coming Kingdom | Amanda and Phil to organise readers etc |
| Dec 13 | Family Service at home - online | Jesus is promised Advent – Looking towards Christmas | Normal Mass at 8.00 and 10.00 Families receive online worship guide from Phil |
| Dec 20 | 10.00 Children and Families in Church Hall | Preparing for Christmas | Amanda and Phil to organise |
| Dec 27 | Family Service at home - online | Christmas theme | Normal Mass at 8.00 and 10.00 Families receive online worship guide from Phil |
| Additional events | | | |
| 29 November Advent Carols Dec Wednesdays Advent Course Dec 5 Children's Christmas workshop Dec 20 Nine Lessons and Carols Dec 24 4.00 Crib Service Dec 25 Christmas day | | | |

Families and Children's Services

We need to ask you to do this so we have an idea who will be turning up each Sunday and also so that we comply with Church of England and Government guidelines. Thank you for your co-operation.

Please complete and return to Phil Morris at morrip57@gmail.com to indicate you are aware of the arrangements and are happy with measures taken to keep everybody safe when at St. John's from September 2020

Name:

Contact information either phone or email:

Number in family who will be attending

Please indicate (in general terms) if you are likely to attend:

11.30 Family services in Church on 1st Sundays **Yes** **Unlikely**

10.00 Children and Families in Church Hall on 3rd Sundays **Yes** **Unlikely**

Parental declaration:

Please read all documentation and then sign (electronic version accepted) and date.

I have read the attached information and I understand that the church will endeavour to have cleaned and sanitized surfaces and material used in both Church and Church Hall activities before any services start.

I accept the responsibility to keep myself and family members appropriately distanced from other families during the services and I am happy to bring sanitizing gels etc to add to safe practice at church.

I undertake to inform the church **immediately** about anyone in the household who displays symptoms of CoVid19 and have been tested, or have been required to self - isolate due to being abroad or being exposed to someone who has been infected. Please use Morrip57@gmail.com or 07967359599
I accept that if a case has been linked to St. John's we will have to pass on contact details of anyone present on that date.

I understand that all existing Health and safety and safeguarding measures remain in place at church.

Print Name:

Signature:

Date