

HEALTHY CHILDREN PLEASE

At St. John's we love to share most things, but we prefer not to share sickness and illness. If your child has a temperature, rash, fever, conjunctivitis, a green running nose or a gastric bug, please protect our community health by staying home until well.

FOOD AT KIDS CHURCH

From time to time, our kids church program will include food. We have a 'nut free' policy at St. John's, to minimise allergic reactions.

LEADERS SUPPORTING PARENTS

We believe that the primary place for nurturing and growing a child's trust in Jesus is at home, by parents and especially fathers. In Ephesians God charges dads to 'teach and instruct children in the Lord' (Eph 6:4). As Kids' Church leaders we see our role as supporting the work of parents as they lay foundations in Christ at home. Can we help you in leading your children in Christ? If yes, please contact Mark.

PHOTOS

In March each year, we capture a group photo of our children. Please come and be present for this photo that we'll put on display in the foyer for the year.

At times, we will take photos of children involved in our programs. If the photo appropriately captures our ethos, we may use it (but without identifying children). Please speak to Mark about any concerns.

Any further questions, queries, comments?

Please contact our Children's and Families Minister, Mark Hood, who'll be only too glad to talk to you about this most significant ministry. We hope we'll see you on Sunday at St. John's.



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kids' church
at
st. johns' highton

**MINISTRY TO KIDS AT
10AM AND 5PM
SERVICES**



At St. John's we love children, and we're eager to do all we can to help them learn, experience and delight in the wonders of Jesus, and in being a part of his church.

OUR GROUPS

We have four groups for children aged 3-12:

Age ~3-5: **Sparklers** (Old Church)

Prep -1: **Stargazers** (Hall)

Grade 2-3: **Comets** (Hall)

Grade 4-6: **Meteors** (Hall)

Babies—toddlers: Creche in the foyer

LEADERS AND HELPERS

Our leaders and helpers are volunteer parents and adults who are people of integrity and trustworthiness and who carry a Working with Children Check card. Each has undergone some training for this ministry and love kids!

KIDS' CHURCH BASICS

Each week you can expect your child to enjoy a variety of games, crafts, songs in addition to exploring one Bible passage in some depth. Because God is known as he reveals himself to us through the scriptures, we take the utmost care in hearing, interpreting, applying and believing what we learn of God from the Bible. For smaller children the session will also include some free play at various play stations.



WHAT WE ASK OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN:

- ★ We consider God's Son Jesus, the most wonderful, exciting, strong and kind person ever. We hope you do or might come to share this deeply held commitment with us!
- ★ Please therefore make **regular weekly participation** a high priority, and please arrive on time (10:00am or before 5:00pm).
- ★ Parents, please **sign your child in** to his or her Kids' Church room when the session begins (normally about 10-15 mins into the service—announced from the front).
- ★ For children of preschool age (Sparklers, in the Old Church), please come and **sign your child out** directly after the completion of the service. For primary age children, these will be 'dismissed' into the Hall and enclosed Courtyard at the conclusion of the adults service.

- ★ **Registration form.** For families regularly attending St. John's we ask you to complete a Kids' Church registration form or check we have up to date details so that we'll be better equipped to care for your family. See Mark for a form.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM THE KIDS' CHURCH LEADERS:

- ★ Our leaders are committed to providing a caring, nurturing and industrious environment for our children as we explore Jesus and belonging to his church together. If there are any questions or enquiries, you should feel comfortable approaching any of our leaders, or the Children's and Families' minister.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Because we are eager to show children how excellent Jesus is, we continue to have organised activities for kids on Sundays during school holidays (and a Kids Club Holiday program in July!). These Sundays ordinarily involve less learning and more fun, games and food. Sometimes we produce an activity booklet for your child to work away at quietly with you in the congregation.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Please discourage your child from bringing toys, handbags, sports equipment, books, from home to avoid loss.