

Loving Jesus, Serving Others

Youth and Children



Our Aim: For all children and young people

- to know that God loves them and accepts them as they are
- to know they can have a personal relationship with God through Jesus
- to know that they can be empowered by the Holy Spirit





Our Vision:

- We want to see children and young people excited about God
- We seek to disciple, train and equip them to follow God
- We want to provide places where they can meet with God and have the opportunity to listen and respond to him
- We want to explore and encourage children and young people to be involved in ministry

Groups and Events

Prior to covid19, Sunday was a day where the whole family could take part in the life of the church. We held groups for children and young people aged 3-14 during 10.30am every week, with All Age services on 1st Sunday of each month. Since March 2020 services have been recorded or live streamed, with the church doors open whenever possible. We are currently providing online meetings and activity packs for children and young people.

<p>9.30am Grow Together</p>	<p>Live streamed online worship for all the family. Started by the previous Youthworker and being continued by the team. Bible stories, prayers, games, messy science, assisted by puppets.</p>	
<p>Scramblers & Climbers Pre-school/ Key Stage 1</p>	<p>Currently receiving postal packs or boxes with activities, crafts and Bible stories. These also go out to our 'Trinity Tots' toddler group families who would usually have met in term-time on Wednesday mornings and afternoons.</p>	
<p>Explorers Key Stage 2</p>	<p>Currently receiving postal packs or boxes with activities, crafts and Bible stories. We usually also run mid-week groups for this age, such as 'Epic Explorers' and 'Identity,' with a Bible focus, activities and food.</p>	

<p>Pathfinders Key Stage 3</p>	<p>Currently meeting fortnightly on zoom on Sunday afternoons, and receiving “Glow” boxes approximately every six weeks, with Bible messages, activities and resources to use at home linked to seasonal times of year.</p>	
<p>Clubnite Key Stage 3</p>		<p>Friday evening youth group for teenagers. Usually meeting in the Trinity Centre with activities, games, PlayStation, table tennis, pool tables and ‘Chips & Chat’ an opportunity for questions and find out more about Jesus. Currently Clubnite meets each week on zoom for fun, friendship and a Christian message.</p>
<p>CYFA 14+ meeting on Sunday evenings</p>		<p>This group for older teenagers has done the Bible Course, Youth Alpha and looked at issues surrounding mental health and wellbeing. Currently meeting on zoom and receiving “Glow boxes”. Previously highlights include the New Year’s Eve dinner, links with youth events across the diocese, residentials and mission trips.</p>
<p>Messy Church</p>	<p>Usually once a month on Sunday afternoon with fun activities, songs and games for all the family based around a Bible story, followed by tea together.</p>	
<p>Holiday Club & Activity Days</p>	<p>Trinity has traditionally run a summer Holiday Club. In 2019 the theme was ‘Royalty’, based on the story of Esther. We also usually run an annual Light Party and other events such as a Pancake Party and activity days.</p>	
<p>Residentials</p>	<p>Teenagers from the church have previously spent time away as a group at ‘Soul Survivor’ and ‘Intents’, providing opportunities for deepening faith and growing together as a group. In 2019 we ran the first ‘Riverfest’ weekend at home for Years 6/7 with water-based fun including kayaking, and a camp out night in the Trinity Centre; this will hopefully become a regular event.</p>	
<p>Mission</p>	<p>Youth from Trinity have previously taken part in mission trips to the YWAM base in Arua, Uganda and helped on SU Hungary summer camps. Closer to home there are opportunities to volunteer for teams at events such as Spring Harvest, New Wine and the Sutton-on-Sea beach mission.</p>	
<p>Community Outreach</p>	<p>During the year before covid19 a successful weekly ‘Milk Shake Shack’ was providing a weekly drop-in for local families and young people after school. There are strong school links including an ‘Open the Book’ team and school visits for curricular activities and services. We also work with the RoadHoG (House of God on the road) youth bus in the local community and schools.</p>	

