St. James Church: Kids’ Church Co-ordinator

Children are highly valued at St James’. Kids’ Church takes place during the 11.15am services during term time, except when there are all age services (usually on the first Sunday of the month). Children remain in main church for the first part of that service and come over to their Kids’ Church venue at the coffee break. Children are a vital part of our church family and as such much focus, prayer and support is given to their development spiritually within the life of St. James’ – this is a role where this focus is outworked through helping young children worship, pray and learn about God through Bible stories, fun and play.

Main responsibilities

- Oversight of Kids’ Church
- Pray for all children and workers within Kids’ Church
- Selection and planning of the curriculum and broad outline of individual sessions
- Providing leadership and encouragement to the Kids’ Church workers
- With other Kids’ Church leaders, devise, agree and apply a behaviour policy for Kids’ Church
- Develop young leaders as appropriate
- Setting the Kids’ Church rota and preparing registers and other paperwork as appropriate
- Kids’ Church link with PCC, via Education Working Group
- Budget holder
- Organise and lead planning and information sessions for Kids’ Church workers
- Source appropriate training for workers (internal or external)

Key things to remember

- As a children’s group leader you are in a position of responsibility in the church and as such should act according to its values and aims.
- The children will see you as a trusted adult and role model – how you live out your faith will have a long-lasting effect on theirs
- New children and leaders should be encouraged and supported – don’t assume everyone has the same level of knowledge or spiritual maturity
- Have fun!

Additional Information

Meeting place: The Estcourt Rooms or the Little Bears Rooms  
Age Range: 3s – 11s

Person to whom worker is directly responsible: Leader of Education Working Group (currently Jenny Jones)

Declaration:
I have understood the nature of the work I am to do with children/young people.
I have read and understood the overview of St James’ Policy for safeguarding children and young people.
I understand that it is my duty to protect the children and young people with whom I come into contact.
I know what action to take if an allegation of abuse is made or is suspected.

Date: ___________  Signature  ____________________________