



St. James' Church: Kids' Church Worship Leader

From September 2009, St James' Junior Church will be relaunched as *Kids' Church @St James'*, meeting at the same time as the adult church (during term time) and joining together with the adults for All Age services and occasional 'collective' services where all Sunday congregations come together. 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

- To lead the worship session during Kids' Church, including sung worship using CD backing tracks
- Provide an opportunity for the children to respond to the worship
- Pray for all children and workers within Kids' Church
- Encourage children to come to faith in Jesus
- Provide a safe and nurturing environment within which children can learn
- Prepare any equipment you may need
- Attend, if possible, the planning and information sessions held 3 – 4 times a year

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
- Arrive at least 15 minutes before the session begins
- Have fun!

Additional Information

Meeting place: The Estcourt Rooms OR the Parish Centre (to be decided)

Age Range: 3s –11s

Person to whom worker is directly responsible: Kids' Church Co-ordinator (currently Becky Sedgwick)

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 _____