

Children, Youth & Families

OCTOBER 2025

St George's - Claines - St Stephen's



We're now well into the rhythm of the Autumn term, and with it comes the celebration of Harvest – a time to pause, give thanks, and marvel at the beauty of the season. Schools have been busy preparing: children singing songs, learning poems, and writing prayers that reflect the wonder of creation and the joy of gratitude.

As we celebrate this Harvest, may we remember that every child, every young person, every family is part of God's abundant goodness.

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;"

Psalm 24:1

This newsletter is written to let you know things of interest for your families, however children are most welcome at any of our services. Please don't worry about the noise! Each church has a dedicated space, with toys, books and activity sheets to help you and your family feel at home. To find out more, email Heather, our Children, Youth and Families Minister cypfwr3@gmail.com

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Messy Harvest



Saturday 4th October

10.30am-1.00pm

Join us for an interactive
family-friendly service with crafts,
worship and activities.

Simple dinner will be served



**The Magdalene Room
St George's Church
WR1 1HX**



Messy Church is free of charge

2pm-4pm / The Magdalene Room /
St George's Church / WR1 1HX

28TH OCTOBER

PUMPKIN PARTY

ST GEORGE'S MOTHERS' UNION
INVITES LITTLE ONES AND THEIR
FAMILIES TO AN AFTERNOON OF
AUTUMN-THEMED GAMES AND A
SHARED MEAL.



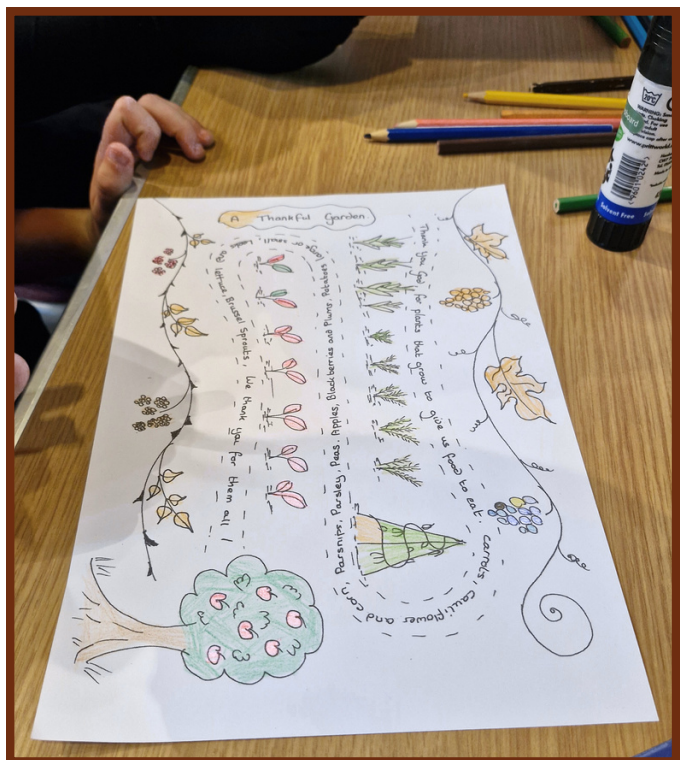
**FREE EVENT BUT BOOK VIA
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Harvest Celebrations

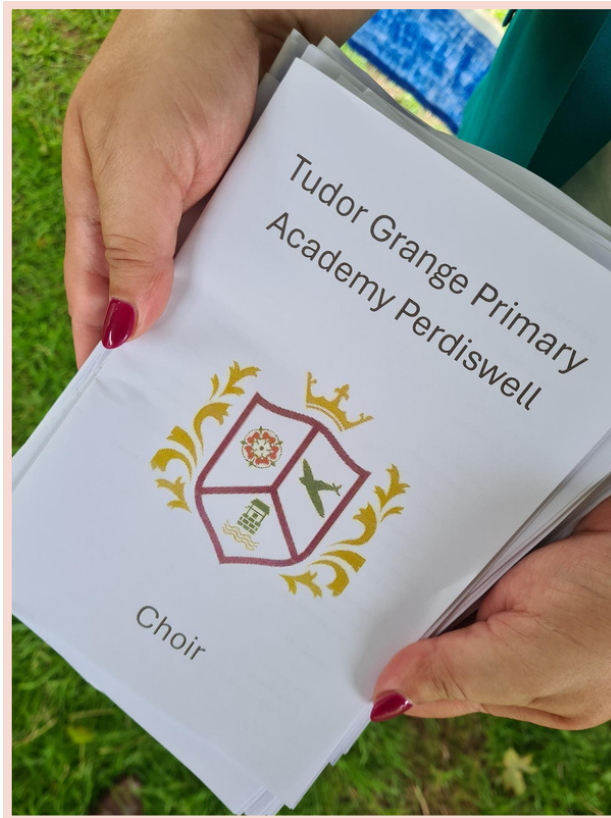
At the end of September, we were delighted to welcome KS2 children from Riversides to St George's Church for a joyful and reflective Harvest-themed visit. The children sang two beautiful Harvest songs that filled the church with warmth and praise. Each child carried a basket of gifts to be donated to the food bank.

Rev Sarah shared a short sermon, inviting the children to reflect on thankfulness and the deeper meaning of Harvest. Afterwards, the children took part in creative activities, crafting a vibrant handprint "thankful tree" and exploring what God gives to us through nature, community, and love.

Claines Primary School also held their Harvest Service—another joyful celebration of God's gifts. Each class contributed to the service, offering prayers, reflections, and songs. Their generous donations of Harvest gifts will bless many in our wider community.



St Stephen's Autumn Fair



The **Autumn Fair at St Stephen's** was a wonderful success, bringing together families, neighbours, and friends from across the parish and beyond. Organised by a fantastic team from the church in partnership with **Sticky Fingers** Preschool, the event was led with care by Rev Lindsey, Michelle, and Claire from Sticky Fingers.

From stalls and games to conversations and laughter, the fair offered connection and outreach and a chance to welcome new faces and celebrate community.

A special thank you goes to **Tudor Grange Primary School**, whose choir provided joyful music and heartfelt singing. Their performance was a true highlight and a gift to all who attended.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so memorable.

FOREST CHURCH

"THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD; THE
SKIES PROCLAIM THE WORK OF HIS HANDS.
DAY AFTER DAY THEY POUR FORTH SPEECH;
NIGHT AFTER NIGHT THEY REVEAL KNOWLEDGE.
THEY HAVE NO SPEECH; THEY USE NO WORDS;
NO SOUND IS HEARD FROM THEM.
YET THEIR VOICE GOES OUT INTO ALL THE
EARTH, THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE
WORLD."

—PSALM 19:1-4

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH PCC HAS APPROVED THE
INTRODUCTION OF FOREST CHURCH—A NEW WORSHIPPING
COMMUNITY FOR ALL AGES, MEETING OUTDOORS WITH
WORSHIP SHAPED BY THE NATURAL WORLD, THE CHANGING
SEASONS, AND THE WONDER OF GOD'S CREATION.

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE AND WOULD LIKE TO
BE INVOLVED, EMAIL HEATHER.CYPFWR3@GMAIL.COM

Sunday Stars & Little Fish

We were delighted to welcome some new families to Little Fish Toddler Church this month – a gentle, faith-filled space for toddlers and their caregivers to explore stories of God's love.

This session focused on the story of Noah and the Ark, shared through Godly Play, which invites children to wonder, listen, and engage at their own pace. The story sparked curiosity and joy, as little ones watched the animals enter the ark two by two and heard about God's promise through the rainbow. Have a look at some of our previous Little Fish crafts below!



At our recent Sunday Stars service for 0-7 year olds and their families, we explored the story of The Rich Man and Lazarus, reflecting together on the importance of sharing what we have with others.

The story was brought to life through an interactive retelling, with two children dressing up as the Rich Man and Lazarus – helping everyone to think deeply about compassion, generosity, and fairness.

Activities included a version of pass the parcel, where children were invited to share their prizes with others in the circle when the music stopped – a simple way to put sharing into practice. We also created plates of dinner in our craft time – one to keep and one to give to a neighbour – reinforcing the message that God's love is something we're called to share.

BUBBLE CHURCH

Launching this January at Claines Church!

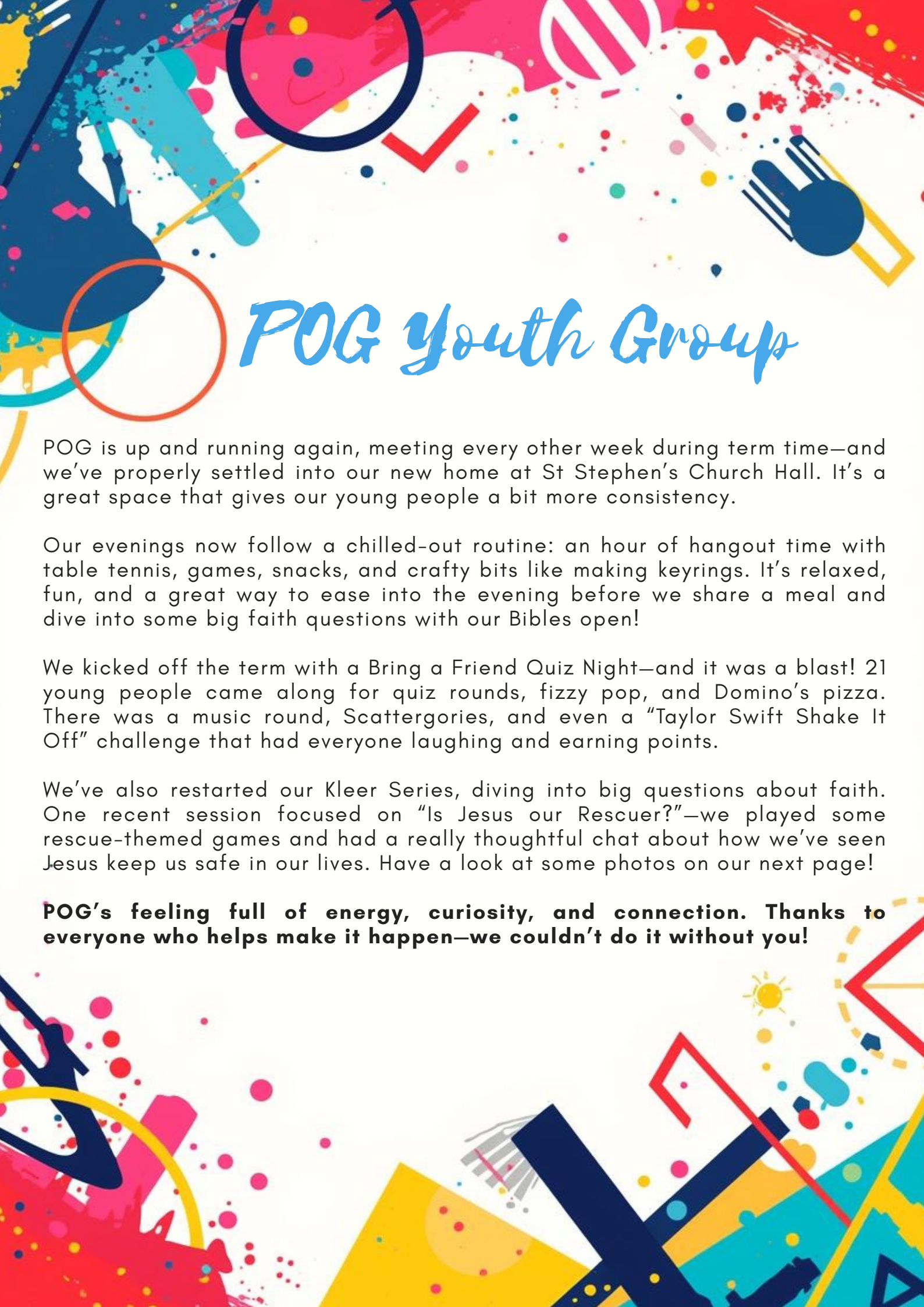
A joyful early morning Sunday Church service bursting with fun, faith, & croissants, created especially for babies, toddlers & young families!

What to expect:

It's a puppet-packed
Jesus-centred

Coffee & croissants fuelled
30 minute children and family adventure

Watch the video & learn more:
www.bubblechurch.org



POG Youth Group

POG is up and running again, meeting every other week during term time—and we've properly settled into our new home at St Stephen's Church Hall. It's a great space that gives our young people a bit more consistency.

Our evenings now follow a chilled-out routine: an hour of hangout time with table tennis, games, snacks, and crafty bits like making keyrings. It's relaxed, fun, and a great way to ease into the evening before we share a meal and dive into some big faith questions with our Bibles open!

We kicked off the term with a Bring a Friend Quiz Night—and it was a blast! 21 young people came along for quiz rounds, fizzy pop, and Domino's pizza. There was a music round, Scattergories, and even a "Taylor Swift Shake It Off" challenge that had everyone laughing and earning points.

We've also restarted our Kleer Series, diving into big questions about faith. One recent session focused on "Is Jesus our Rescuer?"—we played some rescue-themed games and had a really thoughtful chat about how we've seen Jesus keep us safe in our lives. Have a look at some photos on our next page!

POG's feeling full of energy, curiosity, and connection. Thanks to everyone who helps make it happen—we couldn't do it without you!



Join us for an exciting Autumn Term of fun activities!

PATH OF GOD YOUTH GROUP



16:00–18.00

**14th September, 28th
September, 12th October,
2nd November, 16th November,
30th November**

**The Bishop Allenby
Hall, St Stephen's
Church, WR3 7HS**

for Y6 – Y11

Upcoming Events

14th September
Bring a Friend Quiz
Night

28th September
Normal POG

12th October
Normal POG

2nd November
Glow in the Dark
Scavenger Hunt

16th November
Normal POG

30th November
POG All IN

Join Us!

Come be part of POG, where fun meets faith! Dive into exciting activities, build lasting friendships, and grow spiritually in a welcoming and vibrant community.
Don't miss out—there's a place for you here!

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Sauce City Jazz at St George's

**FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER
7.30 PM**

**ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, ST GEORGE'S SQUARE, WORCESTER
WR1 1HX**

**TICKETS £12 ADULTS (17+), 11-16 £6, 10S AND UNDER
FREE**

**A GLASS OF WINE OR SOFT DRINK CAN BE
PURCHASED DURING THE INTERVAL**

**Tickets from St George's and Claines churches after
Sunday services or from claines.stgeorge@gmail.com**

We're looking for our next Junior Bishop and Bishop's Chaplain!

We're looking for two young people to be our next Junior Bishop & Chaplain. The roles are varied and run right throughout December. You'll be given opportunities to be involved in all sorts of services and Christmas events! Both roles are great fun and deeply encouraging for all involved.

Want to find out more?

Email revsarahcarwardine@gmail.com for info or to ask for an application form.

Aimed at ages 10-16, but younger ages considered.

Installation service: 23rd November, 10:30am.



Relaxed Services

CONNECT

St Stephen's Church
WR3 7HS

First Sunday of every month.
10.00am

A more relaxed and informal Service of the Word, suitable for all and any ages. You're invited to stay for refreshments after the service.



CAFE CHURCH

St George's Church
WR1 1HX

Second Sunday of every month
10.30am

We aim to provide an inclusive and accepting space for everyone. Cafe Church is an informal service where there is discussion, creativity, prayer and contemporary worship led by the Worship Band. We value hospitality and there is toast, tea and coffee available throughout the service.

Cafe Church is held in the Magdalene Room so that we have the space for tables as well as chairs and play mats.



CAFE CHURCH

Claines Parish Hall
WR3 7NY

Third Sunday of every month,
10.30am

Come and share great coffee, warm toast and fresh fruit. We invite you to a new start on Sunday where families and all ages can share music and conversations about life and faith, within a relaxed cafe setting.



Regular Groups

JAM: JESUS AND ME

*St George's Church
WR1 1HX*

Our children and young people's worship takes place during the 10.30am Sunday service on the first and third Sundays of each month. It's a dedicated time to learn about God and faith and get to know one another.



SUNDAY STARS

*St Stephen's Church
WR3 7HS*

An interactive church service for pre-schoolers and their families held in the church hall (Bishop Allenby Hall) from 9.00-9.30am with coffee and croissants on arrival and breakfast for the little ones.

**Sunday Stars runs every 4th
Sunday of the month**

MESSY CHURCH

*St George's Church
WR1 1HX*

Messy Church is church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Join us for worship, food and messy fun! Messy Church takes place the 1st Saturday of every other month excluding August. (February, April, June, October, December)



LITTLE FISH

Claines Parish Hall
WR3 7NY

A midweek toddler church for little ones and their carers. Every third Tuesday of the month during term time. 10-11.15am. It's usually in the parish hall but special services at Easter and Christmas happen at Claines Church. Join us for stories, songs, crafts and games telling the children of God's love for them.



LITTLE STARS

St Stephen's Church
WR3 7HS

A stay and play baby and toddler group meeting weekly during term time on Thursday afternoons. 1.30-3pm. Refreshments, snacks, toys, craft, singing and story time.



LITTLE FRIENDS

Claines Parish Hall
WR3 7NY

A stay and play baby and toddler group meeting during term time on Tuesday mornings (excluding the third Tuesday of each month) 10-11.30am, £2 for the 1st child and 50p for each additional child. Enjoy hot drinks, toast, healthy snacks, toys, activities, crafts, story time and music.



Baptism & Confirmation

Baptisms

All Three Churches

If you have a new baby in your household, many congratulations! It's a time when many parents want to thank God for their child's arrival, marking that occasion in a special way with family and friends.

A clergy member from any of our three churches will be happy to discuss your child's baptism service and will usually visit you at home by arrangement.

We also perform adult Baptism services

Confirmations

All Three Churches

Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptized. As a young person or adult, you may be ready to affirm these promises for yourself and commit your life to following Jesus Christ. At a confirmation service, you make these promises for yourself. Your friends and family, as well as the local Christian community will be there to promise to support and pray for you.

