

# Children, Youth & Families

FEBRUARY 2026

St George's - Claines - St Stephen's



*"We love because He first loved us."*

**1 John 4:19**

February brings plenty of hearts and cards, but God's love is far bigger than anything we can draw or write. It's steady, kind, and reaching out to us even on the days we don't feel our best.

This month, look for small signs of that love – a shared toy, a smile, someone listening. These little things remind us that God loved us first, and that we get to pass that love on. For children, that might mean helping a friend or being kind when it's hard. For young people, it might be choosing compassion over comparison. For families, it might simply be making space to rest or laugh together.

As Lent approaches, we're invited to make a bit more room for God's love in our everyday lives – through kindness, quiet moments, or caring for someone who needs it – as we journey toward Easter together.

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 children and young persons space, with toys, books and activity sheets to keep little ones occupied. For information email [cypfwr3@gmail.com](mailto:cypfwr3@gmail.com)

# *Celebrating our Youth*

*We have to start this month's roundup by celebrating the amazing job Peculiar and Max did at Bishop Hugh's Installation. It has been a joy to see them stepping into such a special moment with maturity and enthusiasm – a real testament to the gifts they bring to our community.*

***Well done, both of you!***



# Refresh, Stay and Play

A welcoming space for families to play and connect



No booking needed  
- just drop in!

**Wednesday**  
**10am - 12noon**  
(during term time)



singing  
crafts  
stories  
coffee  
toast

**The Magdalene Room**

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# Refresh

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

*In January, we were thrilled to launch 'Refresh': a new stay-and-play group at St. George's for little ones aged 0-4 and their grown-ups. Held in the Magdalene Room from 10am until 12 noon on Wednesdays during term time, Refresh has already established a reputation as a cosy, welcoming group.*



*Completely free of charge and with no need to book, each session features seasonal crafts, a variety of toys for all ages (including a dedicated baby corner), and a selection of fun activities to explore, including play-doh, puzzles, a role-play corner, and colouring. We also have a lovely reading tent filled with cushions and baskets of books.*



*Refresh is designed to be a space where parents and carers can have a break and meet others while their children play. Our kitchen team are on hand to make tea, coffee, and toast for the adults to enjoy while the little ones have fun – something that's proving to be very popular, especially on those mornings when it's been a rush to get out of the door, with no time for breakfast!*

*We also provide healthy snack bowls, including a variety of fresh fruit, which the children get to enjoy in groups around colourful child-sized tables. Needless to say, our volunteers are on hand at this time with more tea, coffee, and biscuits for the adults. After snack time, the little ones gather together for songs and stories before heading home.*

*The group has been a big success, with an average of 26 children and 22 adults per session. It's also a lot of fun for our volunteers, made up of members of both St. George's and St. Stephen's churches.*

*If you'd like to find out more, you can follow us on Facebook (Refresh Stay-and-Play) and Instagram (refreshstayandplay).*

**Catherine**



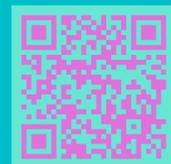


# BUBBLE CHURCH

Church service for Young families  
**Every 4th Sunday of the month**  
at Claines Church Institute

Join our puppets  
for a short fun service

Scan here for more info:



  @Claines Bubble Church



# Little Stars

## ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH

*Our stay and play pre-school group runs from 1.30pm until 3.00pm every Thursday during term-time. We have an informal approach and loose structure involving craft, singing/story time and refreshments, with plenty of time for free play and chat.*

*Children and parents/carers can choose to participate in the craft activity at any time which runs throughout the session. The singing and story (around 2pm) are optional for those that want to join in, and we have our regular (and very popular!) Humpty Dumpty! who is 'helped' to 'fall' from the wall each week! Singing is followed by refreshments for both adults and children.*

*We are a very friendly and easy-going group that welcome all, old and new; babies, toddlers*

*and pre-schoolers and their carers to come and join us on a Thursday afternoon!*

*I help run Little Stars, alongside my fellow volunteers, who do an amazing job each week to keep our lovely group running for all our little ones. I started coming to Little Stars as a brand-new mum, 16 years ago! I went nearly every week, with my son, and then my daughter after when she came along and can honestly say it was the highlight of our week! My children and I made so many lovely friends, some who we are still very close to today. When the time came for my daughter to go to school, I found that I did not want to leave this wonderful group, so I decided to come along to help instead... I never left!*

**Michelle**



# ST STEPHENS JUNIOR STARS!

**New Sunday School on the  
fourth Sunday of every month  
during the 10am service**

**BIBLE STORIES**

**CRAFT**

**MUSIC**

**PRAYER**

**AGES  
4-11**

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POG YOUTH GROUP

Join us for an exciting Spring Term of fun activities!

# PATH OF GOD YOUTH GROUP



**16:00-18.00**

**4<sup>th</sup> January, 18<sup>th</sup> January  
1<sup>st</sup> February, 15<sup>th</sup> February  
1<sup>st</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March**

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

**for 10-15year olds**

# Upcoming Events

4<sup>th</sup> January  
Film and Pizza  
Night

18<sup>th</sup> January  
Normal POG

1<sup>st</sup> February  
Normal POG

15<sup>th</sup> February  
Normal POG

1<sup>st</sup> March  
Normal POG

15<sup>th</sup> March  
Normal POG

## 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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# POG

## JOINT CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

*POG (Path of God Youth Group) have launched into the new year with a packed January full of laughter, learning and a few unexpected twists.*

*The month began with a cosy film night featuring A Minecraft Movie, before the group jumped back into their usual rhythm of high-energy games, creative crafts, team challenges, shared food and time exploring the Bible together.*

*One highlight was a session on wellbeing and worry. The young people explored how faith can support them when life feels stressful or uncertain.*

*A chilli-themed game set the tone – players never knew whether they'd pick a mild pepper or a fiery chilli, and the suspense alone had everyone on edge. It sparked a great conversation about how life can feel exactly the same: sometimes we worry simply because we don't know what's coming next.*

*The group also reflected on how easy it is to hide our worries, just like the volunteers trying to keep a straight face during the game. Together they explored the idea that sometimes the healthiest thing we can do is talk to someone we trust.*

*A drama sketch performed by some of the young people brought the theme to life, before the group opened up two powerful Bible passages – Matthew 6:25–34 and Philippians 4:6–7 – reminding them that God invites us to bring everything to Him in prayer and promises peace that goes beyond understanding.*

*Later in the month, POG jumped on the excitement surrounding The Traitors TV show with a session on faithfulness. The group played the classic game Mafia before diving into the story of the ultimate traitor in Matthew 26, exploring what loyalty, trust and faithfulness look like in real life.*

*With games, food, friendship and thoughtful conversations, POG have set the tone for a brilliant year ahead – full of fun, faith and a community where young people can explore big questions in a safe and joyful space. We're continuing to grow too, with almost 30 young people now registered and 20 joining us at our most recent session. It's an exciting season as we welcome new faces and deepen our sense of community. To find out more, chat to one of our regular POG leaders – Heather, Becky, Colin, Rev Lindsey or Rev Sarah.*



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# Messy Church

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH



**Take a look at some of our most recent Messy Church Crafts!**



**Can you guess the theme?**



# 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.

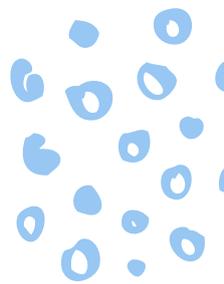


## CAFE CHURCH

*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.



# Services for Young Families

## BUBBLE CHURCH

*Claines Institute*  
WR3 7RN

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

It's a puppet-packed, Jesus-centred, Coffee & croissants fuelled 30 minute children & family adventure.

**Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**  
**8.45 breakfast.**  
**9-9.30 service**



## 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 every other month excluding August.** (February, April, June, October, December)

# Children & Youth

## 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 **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month**. It's a dedicated time to learn about God and faith and get to know one another.



## JUNIOR STARS

*St Stephen's Church  
WR3 7HS*

Our new, interactive Sunday School is held in the church hall (Bishop Allenby Hall) during the main church service from 10am.

**Junior Stars is every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.**

## POG YOUTH GROUP

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

Join us at Path of God (POG) — our joint-church youth group for 10–15 year olds.

We gather on the **1st and 3rd Sundays of the month (term time) from 4–6pm** for fun, friendship, and faith.



# Stay & Play Groups

## REFRESH

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

A cosy, welcoming group for families with little ones aged 0-4. Come and play, meet others, and enjoy toast, fruit, and hot drinks while the children have fun.

**Wednesdays in term time,  
10-12 noon** – completely free.



## 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. Free of charge.**

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 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.





# **Lego Donations Request**

We're looking for all styles of Lego bricks, Mini figures, base plates etc. If you have any to donate, please contact Heather [cypfwr3@gmail.com](mailto:cypfwr3@gmail.com)  
Thank you for your support!

**For Future Children's Ministry Events**