

Children's Ministry Report 2024

Stay&Play@St Mark's

The monthly sessions have continued in term time. Numbers continue to be low although boosted by some childminders who bring their mindees. Sessions include craft activities, some food decorating and music. Some new equipment has been bought to replace some rather tatty toys etc. Once again, we welcomed Father Christmas to our last session of 2024. The children also received fair trade Advent Calendars.

Explorers

Numbers have fallen significantly for the monthly sessions (2nd Sunday of the month). Thanks to the valiant effort of volunteers (many of whom have other roles on a Sunday morning) we kept these sessions for as long as practicable. As an alternative, from late in the year we provided activities at the rear of the Nave within the church service.

School

The strong links with Wootton Primary School continue. Church led assemblies take place on the last Monday of each month when the school is in session. The head willingly advertises church events in the school newsletter (e.g. Harvest service) for which we are grateful. The school also holds end of term services (Easter, Harvest and Christmas) in St Mark's (weather permitting) and we contribute some thoughts at the end of the service. The PCC continues to be represented on the governing body. We also support the school with monetary gifts which enable the school to provide additional support to those families experiencing forms of disadvantage.

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