

A child's prayer

Two little eyes to look to God
Two little ears to hear his word
Two little feet to walk in his ways
Two little lips to sing his praise
Two little hands to do his will
And one little heart to love him still
Amen

A prayer for parents

God our creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We give thanks for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the beginning of life. As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family, may our children grow in strength and wisdom. As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood, give us as parents your sustaining grace and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Children's activities



Children's Church on Sunday mornings

We love having children in church, but sometimes, we realise that the Sunday service isn't very interactive and can be too long for children, so we started **Children's Church**. **Children's Church** happens every Sunday during term time and lasts for about half an hour. The children start in the main service and go out to the parish centre close to the start of the service for singing, Bible stories, craft, colouring and prayers. **Children's Church** ends when the children go back into church for holy communion. This is a really fun and engaging way for children to experience church.

Baptism – Christening

At St Nicolas' we take an 'open' approach to baptisms. So you may not be a regular church attender, but we shall be happy to accept you as you are – to give thanks for the wonderful gift of a child, and to work out how your family can be strengthened by the way of life Jesus sets before us all. To arrange a baptism, please contact Father Andrew.



All Age Services

Each year there are some all age services which we look forward to and are suitable for children, sometimes combined with activities in the hall and never too long. These are:

- The Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 4pm
- Christmas morning at 10am
- Mothering Sunday, 18 March at 10am
- Good Friday, 6 April at 12pm
- Scout Parade Service, 13 May at 10am
- Baptism Celebration Service, 20 May at 10am



Toddler Group

The Toddler Group is a friendly meeting place with a good selection of toys, craft activities and refreshments. It meets every Wednesday morning during term time, 10:00 – 11:30 at the Parish Centre and costs £1 per family. The group have decided that a proportion of each £1 is donated to The Children's Society. Every Christmas, the children make a star to go over the crib in church.

St Nicolas' Infant School



The church and the school have a very close relationship which we really value. The children often come to feel it is 'their' church, where they can be completely at home. We have regular services for them, eg to celebrate Christmas and Easter and at the end of each term. Father Andrew and Father Barnaby are usually in school for assembly on Tuesdays. The children all get to know them both – and they enjoy the waves and greetings when wandering around or shopping in the supermarket!

The church particularly supports the school through the work of the schools' Governing Body.

If you would like to be kept up to date about activities for children and families, please send an email to the parish office and we shall put you on our mailing list.

We also regularly update our website with our monthly magazine and news of forthcoming events.

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