



We are now on our annual summer break until September

Our Sunday School ministry has been growing during the Interregnum. Lately we have welcomed seven precious new Pebbles to the youngest group (3 to 5 year olds) who will form the foundation upon which the Rocks and Boulders (presently one group) continue to build their witness and faith. We have a new very committed Rock and some of the teenagers still continue to attend lessons, because they love it 😊 During the summer break the team will be discussing ideas in order to reset our thinking and refresh the programme after listening carefully to the children. With the arrival of our Chaplain, Father Richard, and under his guidance we will explore new ways of rooting faith and involving families. There is a firm promise of establishing Youth Work. Here is a snapshot of activities March 2021 – May 2022:

- During last summer break we held one "prayer planting" lesson in the courtyard to keep up momentum followed the next week (25th July) by a Family Service led by our locum priest, Fr. Peter Potter, in which the children talked about how they had planted seeds and then prayer cards were handed out in church.
- The 4 teachers were formally commissioned on Sept 5th at the Climate Sunday Family Service; the Sunday School led significant parts of our worship and Fr. Peter Potter gave an inspiring Talk on Caring for Creation, with the children up front.
- The S School met regularly during the autumn; on Bible Sunday our younger disciples led a brief Bible Quiz involving the congregation. The children led another Family Service in November and worked hard to prepare and present a Nativity Play on Advent 4 (Dec 19th)
- The New Year began with another family orientated Service for the Epiphany (Jan 9th 2022) and lessons have continued twice a month. Schedules are posted on the website and advertised on the weekly pew sheets, at intervals "round-robins" are emailed to families with children who regularly attend.



**FAMILY SERVICE of MORNING PRAYER
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**With a Presentation based on Acts of the Apostles,
and a New Testament Reading from St John**

**The response for our Intercessions
Here I am, Lord Send me!**

- Mothering Sunday (4th Lent) was another Family Service full of joy, thanksgiving and prayer, led by the Sunday School children and teachers. Our prayer cards for peace in the world, with the national colours of Ukraine are still attached to the altar rail.
- Teachers have also engaged with the Diocese Children & Young People's Network – growing faith with Andy Wolf (Executive Director of Education for The Church of England). This is a great opportunity for leaders across the Diocese to contribute their ideas.

We continue to acknowledge Ashley's valiant work as Safeguarding Officer by keeping up to date with police check renewals and online training. The team have been particularly grateful to the Church Council for their support during this time without a Chaplain.

Looking to the future and placing our trust in God's grace and guidance, we now await the arrival of Father Richard, who will minister directly to the children, ignite and sustain the flame of the Holy Spirit within us all, as we go forward together on our journey with Christ.