



St Paul's Toddler Group

Welcome

Leaflet

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*St Paul's seeks to be an all-age and multicultural community of Christians
committed to worshipping God, loving our neighbour,
and enabling people to become life-long followers of Jesus Christ.*

WELCOME

Welcome to the St Paul's Toddler Group. This leaflet contains information about the Group which we hope you will find helpful.

AIMS

St Paul's Toddler Group is a ministry of St Paul's Church and its ethos is informed by the Christian faith and the vision and values of the church. The Group is part of our commitment to serving the local community and supporting family life. Within this framework the group aims to:

- welcome everyone, whatever their age, social or ethnic background so that adults and children feel they are valued and where lasting friendships can be formed;
- offer a safe and happy environment for adults and children, in which their physical, educational, emotional and spiritual needs can be met;
- introduce adults and children to the Christian community at St Paul's so that they have a greater awareness of the life and love of Jesus Christ and, if they so wish, can explore the Christian faith through participating in the wider life of the church;
- support and resource those who care for children; and
- support, encourage and assist all who are involved in running the group.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Opening Hours

The Thursday and Friday groups run separately during school term time between 9.30am and 11.15am. They do not meet in the first and last week of each term or during half-term week. You may join either group, but not both. With regard to the allocation of places, priority is given to church members.

Cost

Each Parent/Carer pays per session. The cost in 2010 is £2.75 for an adult with one child. Add £1 per extra child after that.

Attendance/ Welcome Desk

We keep a register at every session. Each person arriving should pay and have their name ticked off so we know who is present. **If anyone misses 3 weeks in a row, without letting the relevant Co-ordinators (details overleaf) know, they risk losing their place.**

Healthy and Safety

We like to keep the entrance to both the annexe and the hall free for everyone's safety. Please leave your prams, buggies or other large items in the designated area in the back half of the historic church when you arrive. Emergency exits are clearly marked and include the doors out of the hall onto the patio. There is a diagram of the premises on the notice-board next to the church office which identifies the location of all exits, fire extinguishers and fire alarm glass boxes.

It is important that every member of the group feels relaxed, supported, safe and secure – and has fun – while they are here. May we remind you that when you register each week you are agreeing to follow a few simple ground rules that will help us all enjoy our time together:

- Your child's safety and the way s/he relates to and plays with other children are your responsibility. So, if s/he's about to throw a brick – intervene, please.
- If another parent expresses concern about an action of yours or your child's, listen graciously. Explore each other's point of view, even if you don't agree, or feel you have been misunderstood. Stay friends! Appreciate those who are here to organise and facilitate the group, but who are also part of our group.
- Look after and encourage your children to look after the hall, the equipment and each other, and take care with drinks, buggies and belongings. Please remember you are responsible for your own possessions.

Accidents

For treating minor accidents there is a **First Aid kit** in a clearly marked green box which is located on the left-hand side of the wall by the doors leading into the link with the historic church. The **Accident Book** is located in this box; please write down anything serious that happens on the premises. The nearest accident and emergency department is at Barnet General Hospital.

Baby Changing Facility

There is a baby changing unit in the fully accessible toilet which is directly opposite the church office. We would be grateful if you would not leave dirty nappies on the premises but take them away with you.

Early Start Service on Sundays

Early Start is a lively 60 minute, multi-sensory, interactive, all age service which is designed to be particularly user-friendly for families and accessible to those who are new to church. Refreshments are served in the annexe hall at the end of the service.

Details of the dates and service themes are in the St Paul's term card which is available in the wall-mounted leaflet holder between the St Luke's and Charles Simeon rooms in the annexe.

Useful Websites

www.careforthefamily.org.uk (029 2081 0800)

Care for the Family is a national charity which aims to promote strong family life and to help those hurting because of family breakdown. Its work is motivated by Christian compassion, and its resources and support are available to everyone, of any faith or none. They have a range of free downloadable *Support Net sheets* which are sensitively written and deal with a variety of specific issues, including: family life, divorce recovery, bereavement, post-natal depression, single parenting and step family life. They are suitable for people facing challenging circumstances, and those supporting them.

www.creditaction.com (020 7380 3390)

Credit Action is a money education charity that offers resources, tools and training to help everybody manage their money more effectively by budgeting, sticking to a budget, credit and dealing with debt.

Contacts

Ro Willoughby, our Children's and Families Ministry Co-ordinator is the overall leader of our Toddler Groups. She can be contacted on 020 8349 3792 and at ro.willoughby@stpaulsfinchley.org.uk

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