



Children & Young People in the United Benefice

In our churches, we firmly believe that children and youngsters are not part of the church of tomorrow; they are part of the church today. In keeping with that, we actively welcome children and offer a range of provision:

Children's Club is our regular Sunday morning focus for children's worship and activities. It runs at all of our morning services during term-time for children aged 0-12, and includes art and craft, storytelling and drama. We have a team of leaders and helpers all of whom have been CRB checked and authorised.

SMILE is a new venture for parents with pre-school children, meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at 1.30pm in Standon Village Hall. It's fun, informal and friendly, with stories, games and songs for the kids, coffee, biscuits and a Bible reflection for the adults. Participants can be as noisy and active as they like, and that goes for the children as well!

Contact: Jo Payne 01920 821390

Y Sunday is our group for teens, and meets fortnightly during term-time on Sunday evenings at Standon and Puckeridge Community Centre. Food features prominently, along with activities, Bible study and time to chill together.

Contact: Lizzy Franks 01992 438362

Holiday Club. Our much-acclaimed holiday club runs annually at Easter, attracting 100 children for a varied programme of music, drama, Bible stories and art and craft. We are hoping to build on this programme with other events throughout the year

When There's Nothing On! Sometimes we are unable to provide children's activities (such as during the holidays). In that case, we will always aim to provide toys, colouring and activity sheets to keep children amused. We also have occasional all-age services on special days such as Mothering Sunday and Easter at which the worship will be tailored so that there is something for everyone.

Any Ideas? Our programme is constantly developing and growing. If you have ideas about this age group, we'd love to hear them. Please contact David Payne 01920 821390 or send us an e-mail with your suggestions or for information on any of the activities above.