

Open Door – a weekly act of Christian worship, Sundays at 10am
Open Door is a relatively informal act of worship, intentionally accessible to people who are not used to church and designed to be child and young family-friendly. There are groups for children and young people aged rising 3 and upwards in which children and young people enjoy Bible teaching and activities relevant to their ages. There is also a space in the church worship area set aside for the under 3s, their parents and carers. Refreshments are served in the St Paul's Centre hall at the end of the service. Further details are available on our website at www.stpaulsfinchley.org.uk/open-door.html

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 *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.themoneycharity.org.uk (020 7062 8933)

The Money Charity develops and delivers products and services which provide education, information 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* and advice on money matters, in an appropriate way for young people and adults.

Contacts

Ruth Cowlshaw is the overall leader of the Toddler Group. She can be contacted via the church office on 020 8349 3792 or at office@stpaulsfinchley.org.uk

Toddlers team members: Hanieh Amiri, Maureen Maddock, Alex Perry, and Derek and Vera Pierson.

Vicar: Revd Nicholas Pye
Associate Vicar: Revd Mavis Crispin
Church Administrator
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 THE CHURCH
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St Paul's Toddler Group

Welcome

Leaflet

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*Becoming a vibrant and diverse community that is
rooted in Jesus, growing together and overflowing with God's love.*

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. We aim 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, happy environment for adults and children, where 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 and encourage all who are involved in running the group.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Opening Hours

The Toddler group runs on Friday during school term time, between 9.30am and 11.15am. We do not meet in the first and last week of each term or during half-term week.

Toddlers Special

On the first Toddlers of each month, anyone on the waiting list can come as a visitor to Toddlers Special, where we will have free-play as usual, plus a Bible story, crafts connected to the story and cakes for the adults!

Cost

Each Parent/Carer pays per session. The cost is £3 for an adult with one child, plus £1 for any additional child.

Attendance/ Welcome Desk

Each parent/carers should pay and have their name ticked off on the register so we know who is present. **Anyone missing 3 weeks in a row, without letting someone on the Toddlers team know (contact details overleaf), may lose their place.**

Health and Safety

For safety reasons, we keep clear the entrances to the St Paul's Centre and the Centre's hall, so prams, buggies or other large items should be 'parked' in the back half of the historic church. Emergency exits are clearly marked and include the doors out of the hall onto the patio. The diagram of the premises on the notice-board nearest the church office in the corridor identifies the location of all exits, fire extinguishers and fire alarm glass boxes.

We want every member of the group to feel relaxed, supported, safe and secure and have fun while they are here. So we have a few simple ground rules that will help everyone enjoy our time together:

- The parent/carers is responsible for their child/ren's safety and the way they relate to and play with other children. So, for example, if they are about to throw a brick, please stop them.
- 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 child/ren to look after the hall, the equipment and each other, taking care with drinks, buggies and belongings. You are responsible for your own possessions.

Accidents

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

Baby Changing Facility

A baby changing unit is in the fully accessible toilet directly opposite the church office. **We would be grateful if you would take all used nappies away with you.**