

## Junior Church Report for the Annual Parish Meeting

Junior Church continues to meet on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays of the month, with the children in church for the whole service on the first and third Sundays, attending the Family Service and the Family Eucharist.

At present there are two groups. The older group has four members and the younger group has five members. We use Scripture Union materials which follow different Bible themes from the Old and New Testaments. The older group is taught by myself and the younger group by Marion Hassell. There is still provision of a crèche for younger children in the meeting room at the back of church.

This year we also organised and ran the children's activities for the Team Service which was held at All Saints at Pentecost. The children made streamers to carry in the procession as well as a collage for display in church.

We have continued to support the charity Send a Cow and during the last year raised £381. This brings the total raised so far to £5,148.

Messy Church meets on the third Sunday of the month in the afternoon in St John's Hall. On average we now have 15-20 children and their parents attending each session. As well as making crafts to take home, the children have made collages and altar hangings for the church, notably the altar hanging for Epiphany. Our special Messy Church session with a fireworks display still sees our largest attendance of the year with many families bringing friends along with them. We are fortunate in having a large number of committed helpers without whom Messy Church could not take place each month.

Thank you to everyone who helps us in our work with the young people of the church. We appreciate your support and encouragement very much.

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