



Family Support Group

Caring for children can be the hardest job in the world and, what's more, they don't come with an instruction manual!

Little wonder, then, that, sometimes, we all need some support or advice from others.

Our free monthly Family Support Group is here to help. Facilitated by two experienced professionals, together we will support one another to navigate the sometimes tricky stages of childhood and adolescence. So, whether you are new to the parenting game or an old hand, a parent, grandparent or step-parent, why not come and join us for regular monthly meetings to travel the caring journey together.



Peter Hillman

Pete has been married to Jen for 30+ years and they have two adult children and now grandchildren. He has been involved with youth work for many years and is a Trustee and founder of the Legacy XS Youth Centre and Skatepark.

Pete has been a Registered Foster Carer for the past 8 years and is trained in Therapeutic Foster Care which aims to nurture children with a Complex Trauma history.

Jennifer Rose



Jenni has been a school teacher since 2010 working with children across the Primary age range. She has two little boys of her own and juggles full-time work with a busy home life.

Jenni has plenty of experience dealing with children with a variety of emotional and developmental needs. She has served as a head of year and head of department during her teaching career.

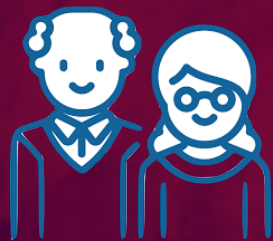
Venue - Hospitality Hub : Small Parish Hall : Rushbottom Lane : 19:30 - 21:30
8th November, 6th December, 10th January, 7th February

Thursday afternoons in the church hall see a buzz of activity as Parents/ Carers and toddlers come together for fun and friendship. Our little team of volunteers will make you very welcome and provide you with much needed refreshments and hospitality.

The group meets between 13:00 and 14:30 and is for under 5's. We have toys, games and plenty to keep your little one occupied whilst you get to chat to others who share similar responsibilities for bringing up a small person! There is no need to book in, simply turn up and be assured of a warm welcome. Only £1.50 per session.



Toddler Group



Tuesday "Seniors" Club

The members of the Tuesday club have made it very clear that they are not keen on being referred to as a "Seniors" club but as "Tuesday Club" doesn't really convey the particular make up of the membership I hope they will forgive the mention of "Seniors" in parenthesis!

The Tuesday club enjoy a varied programme of entertainment and social events which promote friendship and companionship. Meetings are Tuesdays 14:00 - 17:00 and open to all. There is no need to book, simply turn up on a Tuesday and you will experience a cheerful welcome and the opportunity to meet new friends.

Messy Weekends



Building on the success of our Messy Church which has been meeting now on a Saturday afternoon once a month we have recognised that we have the opportunity to develop this family ministry further.

From January our Messy Church will be part of a Messy Weekend which will see our 11am Sunday congregation join in with the families already gathering for Messy Church. The intention is to build friendships between age groups and see the church flourish across all age groups.

Crafts and activities for families will continue as normal run by the dedicated Messy Church team whilst at the same time we hope to see some new adult craft activity start up with seminars and prayer sessions running simultaneously for the "non-crafty" adults!

We will join together for family friendly worship to conclude and then move into the hall for a shared meal together which, we hope, will enable new friendships to be built in a time of shared fellowship and fun over dinner.

The Sundays of a Messy Weekend will still have a 9:30 service as well as our Sunday evening intimate worship gathering at 18:00 but there is no 11am service. It is very much our hope that all who would normally attend the 11am service on a Sunday will now switch to the Saturday afternoon that week and engage in this essential missional opportunity.



The HOSPITALITYHUB

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The Hospitality Hub is our weekly "coffee shop" meeting in the small hall at the front of the Church hall building.

Open 9:00 - 12:00 each Wednesday we offer a variety of drinks and some snacks in a friendly and welcoming environment.

Come alone or come as a group. Arrive as a guest and leave as a friend!

Priorities for 2024



At our recent PCC vision morning we spent time reflecting upon the challenges we face as a world, a nation and as a community. It is into all these contexts that we are called to serve and minister to the world as we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. What is the Good News we are called upon to embody in the context of these challenges?

Children & Families

As the new "Messy Weekends" initiative demonstrates (see opposite) we recognise the importance of making ourselves family friendly and accessible by families of all shapes and sizes. We intend to continue to prioritise reaching and supporting families in our community.

Discipleship

Whilst it is great to see people come to faith in Jesus for the first time, we acknowledge that our calling is to make Disciples and not just "converts". Our shared life will be shaped around the priority of seeing us grow together as disciples of Jesus having our lives and lifestyles transformed into his likeness.

Prayer

Underpinning all that we do will be our shared relationship with God through and in Jesus empowered by the Holy Spirit. This is the essence of prayer. Our being drawn into unity with God through our engagement with him in prayer. We will seek to deepen our shared and individual prayer life through this year.

Communication

You are actually reading one attempt to address this priority, so you could say we are already a bit ahead of the game! We recognise that we live in an age where it is easier to communicate than at any other time in history. However, that still doesn't seem to make us much better at it! It is our intention to work hard at communicating using all the methods we can imagine in order to ensure that people know what is happening across the life of our Parish Church.

Home Groups

We recognise that our life as the church is lived out 7 days a week. So as important as our corporate gatherings are, on Sundays and other days, it is in our small home groups that we best embody what it means to be the church, the body of Christ. We want to see home groups grow in number and in capacity so that everyone has the opportunity to be part of such a vital part of church life.

JFK said "Ask not what God's Church can do for you, but what you can do for God's Church."....or **WE NEED YOU!** something along those lines!

It's great to read about all the things that are going on in the life of St George's but the reality is that we need the input of everyone to grow and thrive. So whether your gifts are in hospitality, reading, leading prayers or anything else we need you! Please pray about what you can offer as your contribution to our shared life.

