



FAMILY MATTERS

SERVICES

We try and provide a variety of services to suit all tastes. These are our regular services particularly aimed at families:

Second Sunday Service - a short, all-age informal service at 9.30 followed by drinks and cakes in the John Pearson Hall:

9th August, 13th Sept etc

Sunday @ Six - 6.00pm - a modern approach to worship - prayer and praise for all ages:

19th July, 16th August, 20th Sept etc

Celebrate Service - 9.30 family services with a special theme:

30th August - a short communion service based on the Iona model

And we occasionally have services with a special theme:

26th July - a short family communion service based on the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand



at the heart of Alresford

Well, I had a few suggestions for a name for this publication. Thanks to all, particularly Barbara and Rob who between them have come up with what you see. See me to claim your prizes...

Not that putting the word "Family" in the title is entirely safe. For a start, many families are not the standard shape that the logo suggests - though any and every shape is welcome at St John's. Secondly, many of our younger viewers are not really that young - teenage is a time for not being seen with your family any more than necessary. And thirdly, being young isn't just about how old you are, it's about how you feel inside (if you can overlook the aching bones, failing sight etc). Being wrinkly doesn't exclude you from reading this newsletter nor from taking part in any of the services or events mentioned here - in fact you are positively welcome!

Please let me know if you have any suggestions for a future edition of this newsletter, or if you know anyone who might like to receive it.

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FRIDAY FUN & FOOD!

**Friday 24th July 4.30-7.00pm - For ages 4-14
in the churchyard**

Meet in the John Pearson Hall - £2.00 per child

Bring your energy reserves - energetic team games involved!

**If you'd like to come (or if you'd like to help)
please contact Rolly 736256**

Sunday School runs each Sunday in term time during the 9.30 service (except Second Sunday and “Celebrate” services). After the first hymn in church children go into the John Pearson Hall for Sunday School worship, music and activity groups for different ages. All children are welcome - every week or just now and then.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM

Rolly Thomas (736256; rollythomas@waitrose.com)

Liz Boreham

Sue Smith

Diana Wooldridge

Richard Paget

Susan Luckham

Margaret Stewart

Ewart Wooldridge

Pat Clegg's number: 01962 736566

Crèche - available for babies and toddlers in the John Pearson Hall during 9.30 services - *contact Dawn Corfield (733726)*. Even when there is no formal crèche, at any time during services you are welcome to take your child to the hall for some “time out”

Chatterbox - a group for parents and toddlers - Thursdays 10.00 -11.30am - for more information *contact Liz Hoar (07557 946070)*

A chance for peace and reflection - for (amongst others) busy parents - Friday morning Communion 10.00am and Saturday Quiet Communion 8.30 am

The church is open every day. You are welcome to come in even just for a few minutes to enjoy the quiet; you can use the library, or write in the prayer book if you have something special on your mind.

CRB checks If you have a role which involves contact with young people, children or vulnerable adults at St John's, please speak to *Sarah Connell (736226, n.sconnell@sky.com)* to arrange for a CRB check.

Children in church - we aim to make children feel welcome and relaxed in church. There is a table and chairs in the library corner of the church for very young children to use during services (other than family services and Second Sunday). The library has many books aimed at children, and there are also some colouring materials available. Please supervise your own children. We welcome your suggestions about any other provision for children which you would find helpful - contact Rolly, Pat or any member of the Sunday School Team.

Do you think Sunday School, Crèche, and the various family services and events are worth having? Might you be able to spare a bit of time to help us run them, on a regular or occasional basis? We'd love to hear from you. Contact Rolly or Pat

We're hoping to run an all-age workshop on Saturday 3rd October - the day before our **HARVEST FESTIVAL**. Put it in your diaries!



Find out ---?

An evening for anyone in Year 7 and above. Food included!

Friday 4th Sept, 7 00-9 00pm
24 Arle Close, Alresford

Interested? Contact Rolly or Pat

The Nuffield Theatre's Christmas Show this year is:

"THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS".

We've booked twenty tickets @ £6 (plus ice-cream) for 13th December. We'll be sending out flyers soon so start thinking about whether you'd like to come along.

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