

We Welcome Children in our Church!



Here are a few things you
may find useful...

*St Matthew's Church
The Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath*



Hello! It's lovely to see you!

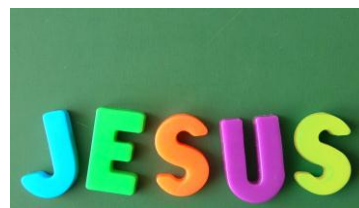
Here at St Matthew's we value **all** people, and **all** ages are welcome. Children are part of our family and we want you all to enjoy worshipping with us.

During our Sunday services, we have a crèche area for babies and very young children (under age 3). You are responsible for supervising your little one at all times.

We have groups for children and young people (age 3+) that meet most Sundays during the 11-15am service. We encourage our young people to get involved in our All Age Service, which is held on the last Sunday of the month. If your child would prefer to sit with you during the services, please help yourself to an Activity Pack.

For Children and Young People

Please have fun as you learn about Jesus and the Christian faith! We are here to help and guide you, so



please ask if you want to know more.



We have lots of different groups and activities throughout the year – not just on a Sunday. We have breakfasts for teenagers, Saturday cinemas, day trips, swim parties, football matches...and if there are things you would like to do, let us know

and we will see what we can do.



Bring your friends! We are on Facebook and Twitter, so friend us and follow us.

If you have any ideas, worries or concerns, you can talk to any children's leader or to Karen Bailey (who is in charge of our work with children and young people).

For Parents/Carers

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES

We want your children to be as safe as they can possibly be – we have a Safeguarding Policy which you can see at any time. Everyone involved in work with children and young people has had a CRB check.



You must supervise your children in the crèche area and must not allow your children to be unattended in the café area. We have activity bags if your child does not want to join a Sunday group, but they must sit with you whilst they complete the activities.

If your children would like to join the Sunday groups, they are very welcome. You must complete a registration form once a year and sign the children in each week (Sunday groups are held in the adjacent Vicarage and children are supervised at all times by Sunday group helpers). Look out for posters which tell you when the children go out and return from their groups. Children will always be returned to you in time for Holy Communion.



If you have any questions, comments, worries or concerns, please contact:



Karen Bailey, our children's leader
karen.bailey@edgeleyandchadleheath.org.uk or

Reverend David Brewster
vicar@edgeleyandchadleheath.org.uk.

Church isn't just for Sundays!

We love spending time with children and their families and are always looking for new things to do.

Look out for:

- ✓ Our regular Saturday Cinema (with our friends at Stockport Baptist Church on Thompson Street)
- ✓ Half-term day trips (to places like Manchester Science and Industry Museum and Eureka!)
- ✓ Summer holiday club
- ✓ Summer swim parties (at Avondale Leisure)
- ✓ Christmas shop and drop



And if you have one of these... don't miss our fabulous new **toddler group** for the under-threes and their parents/carers, held every Friday morning (during term time) between 09.30 – 11.30.



Don't miss a thing....check our website

www.edgeleyandcheadleheath.org.uk

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