

Children's Liturgy

Back in September the Children's Liturgy group met with Barbara Hopper from Arundle and Brighton to help us address Safeguarding and legislation affecting Children's Liturgy groups.

Adult to child ratio was a concern.(for under 5's is 1:3)



It has been decided that Children's Liturgy will only be for children of school age.

We would like to offer parents of pre-school children the use of Trinity Hall during Children's Liturgy or at any other time throughout the mass. The Mass can be heard through the speakers and there will be a box of books and activity sheets provided for the children.

Children using Trinity Hall must be accompanied by an adult.

We shall continue to have 3 groups Reception and yr1, Year 2 and Yr 3, post Holy Communion.(Yrs 4 and 5.)

The groups already have 2 adults with CRB clearance to ensure a safe environment.

Children should attend without their parent.

It was suggested that the Reading of the day should be proclaimed by a Reader and not the leader of the group. Therefore we would like Post Holy Communion children to volunteer as Readers. There have already been offers from youngsters who attend Youth Group.

We have to consider health and safety issues throughout the church and young ones running between the halls or along the passage in the parish centre should be discouraged.

We were informed that children's Liturgy should not be every week therefore there will be no groups on the first Sunday of the month

(this ties in with the First Holy Communion children being in church on that day) and no groups on Church Parade Sundays.

In the event of a fire or evacuation of the church the children will be escorted to their own assembly point. Parents/ carers should follow the fire wardens and evacuate the church. They should not try to make their way to the parish centre. We will ensure children are returned safely to their carers once the all clear has been announced.

Kath Greenwood

Read at 10.00am Mass on Sunday 24th October 2010