

Christ Church URC Rayleigh Children & Family News & Chat

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Children and family's news and chat December 2022/January 2023

Hi everyone! Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a good New Year!

Here is the double issue of children and family news and chat, including diary of events for December and January.

You can also find this on our website here: christchurchrayleigh.org.uk

The run up to Christmas is one of my busiest and favourite times of the year – there is so much to do, preparing for our nativity service, the Christingle service, Christmas parties and our Messy Church, having family over to stay and visiting family, as well as baking, wrapping and finding gifts. I love to see the Christmas decorations go up and how the world suddenly becomes a brighter, shinier version, with all the Christmas lights and tinsel. But what I like best is being a part of a Christian community that knows why we do all this – to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world as a baby. What do you like about Christmas?



Meet Leslie the Camel! He'll be around Christ Church this Christmas.

Of course, afterwards, we get to celebrate the coming of a new year too. I wonder what this new year will hold? We can only guess, and rely on God to guide us through.

Psalm 119:105 (International Children's Bible)



**Your word is like a lamp for my feet and a light
for my way.**

Many people make new years resolutions (a promise to themselves to do something). If you would like to, a good promise might be to read a little bit from the Bible each day, or even weekly. The Bible is one of the ways we believe God communicates with us – giving us teaching on how to behave, but also advice and guidance when we need it. If you would like to do this there are many helpful booklets or online resources to guide you. I have listed some of these below:

- For 0-3s, everyone who has come across Nick Butterworth and Mick Inkpen will enjoy ‘Stories Jesus told’ which is an omnibus edition of 8 favourite stories that Jesus told. £6.65 from Eden.
- The Jesus Storybook bible by Sally Lloyd Jones is aimed at 4- to 7-year-olds, and I absolutely love this one- thoroughly recommend! £10.64 from Eden.
- Topz (7-11s) helps children discover more about God & the Bible with fun characters, lively stories and eye-catching illustrations. Costs £5.97 for 2 months.
- Yp’s is a daily bible reading notes book for 11-18 year olds, available from Eden.co.uk costs £5.97 for 2 months

Diary:

<p>Sundays 9am</p> <p>10.00am</p>	<p>Uploaded children & family talk via Facebook, the website or YouTube.</p> <p>4th December: Gift service, please bring your new items of clothing and toys for the charity, Homestart. Led by Revd. Naomi. Followed by Christmas music and lunch.</p> <p>11th December: Nativity Service led by the Sundayclub</p> <p>3pm Christmas concert by Harmonie.</p> <p>18th December: Communion service led by Revd. Naomi</p> <p>3pm Carol singing around Rayleigh, followed by nine lessons ad carols at 4.30pm.</p> <p>25th December: Christmas morning worship led by Revd. Naomi.</p> <p>1st January 2023: New Year’s day worship led by Ian Miller</p> <p>8th January: All-age worship led by Joyce Berry.</p> <p>15th January: Communion service led by Revd. Naomi.</p> <p>22nd January: worship led by Gwyneth Delve</p> <p>29th January: 5th Sunday worship led by Revd. Naomi</p> <p>5th February: worship led by Robert Dart.</p> <p>Sundayclub will be in the primary room for all services except the 11th December and 8th January which are all age. Let us know if you’re coming!</p>
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<p>Mondays 9.30am-11am 10am-11.30am</p>	<p>Mustard Seeds toddler group is in the worship area, Last one before Christmas will be 12th December. Returns on 9th January 2023.</p>
<p>Wednesdays 9.45am to 11.15am</p>	<p>Tiny Sing! 7th and 14th December. NEW TINY SING SOUL SESSIONS WITH STAY & PLAY & SOCIALISING for 0-4 year olds! this is a free group but you will need to book in advance via: Join the guestlist – TINY Sing SOUL Rayleigh – Christ Church, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, Multiple dates and times (tickettailor.com)</p>
<p>Saturdays</p>	<p> Messy Church at Christmas: Saturday 17th December 10.30am – 1pm. Let me know if you are coming.</p> <p>3rd December – Christmas Art for all club in the worship area. All welcome, separate area for children, please bring your own art supplies if you have them, children will be supplied with art equipment.</p> <p>24th December 3.30pm - Christingle service, a family friendly Christmas service with the Christingle oranges.</p>
<p>More dates:</p> 	<p>Youth Assembly 2023 Age range: Year 10/S3 to 25 years inclusive. Dates and venue: 27 – 29 January 2023 at the Whitemoor Lakes near Lichfield. Cost: £149 – if money is an issue, please contact us on 020 7916 8683 or email children.youth@urc.org.uk as financial support is available.</p> <p>holiday: Kestrels Scripture Union 08 Apr 2023 - 15 Apr 2023 School Year 9 – 13 cost £315.00 Accommodation Type : Boat</p>

Parents/grandparents and carers: We are in need of some more volunteers to help with the children's work in church. Working with children can be very rewarding and you can also use this experience to add to your CV. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me. You will need to be DBS checked and references given. Thanks.

If you need to get in touch with me my number is:
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Thursday, 17 November 2022