

## Worshipping with Children

Welcome to St Peter's! Children of all ages are welcome to participate in worship services.

We know that bringing children to worship may not always be easy. God put the wiggle in and we don't want to take it out but sometimes they need a break. We have creative bags at the back of the church with some quiet activities, but if they (or you) need more space we have nursery care during the 9am and 11am services. You are welcome to get your child from the Nursery so they can participate in the Eucharist.

Do encourage your child(ren) to take part in the worship service, we are all children of God and there's no age limit on worship. We have 'how we worship' leaflets available to help them make sense of what is happening and liturgical bingo cards at the back of the church. Feel free to speak softly to your child as you help them explore our worship together.

Communion is a very important time in our worship and children can also sense that this is a special time. All baptized persons of any age may receive Communion, or you are welcome to come up and share a blessing instead.

To our worshippers here without children:

- Remember the commitment we make to the children at baptism: **"Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?"** (BCP p. 303)

Take time to greet the children before and after the service, as well as during the Peace.

- Express your gladness at having the children near you.
- Include them in your conversations; let them know they belong.
- Hand offering plates to children, not just over their heads.