

INFORMAL APCM REPORTS

Children & Families Ministry Report 2026

What a pleasure and a privilege to have served All Saints this year as Children and Families Minister! What has happened over this past year?

As I pondered this question, I wrote a list – turns out it was quite a long list!

I believe the key to this ministry is relationship. Jesus spent 3 years building relationships, encouraging his disciples to follow and learn from him, so what better model for our Children and Families work here at All Saints than to get alongside children and their families and try to do as Jesus did.

Highlights

- Weekend away
- Prayer space in school
- Holiday Club in August
- Family Friday events
- COG leading All Age in March
- Good Friday Sensory Journey with Labyrinth
- Watching our amazing young people stepping up into leadership at Friday Club and holiday club – what a joy and a privilege!
- An invitation to attend a Friday club members First Communion
- Rebirth of Tiddlychurch for under 4's, once a month, led by Heather and Katie
- Celebrating 3 of our year 6's moving up to Youth
- COG – Pizza, craft, and film Christmas party

Numbers

- Sunday Kids – between 10 and 20 children most Sundays
- Friday Club – numbers built up from 24 in September to 36 before Easter
- COG – a great group of 8 girls throughout the year
- Baptism families – we have had less baptisms over this past year
- Over 30 families registered at Tiddlypeeps
- Addition of Phil to assembly rota at school

Volunteers

- I am always and forever grateful for the amount of time and hard work many volunteers put into our Children's work
- There are 12 faithful volunteers on Sunday Kids rota,

- 6 adults regularly at Friday Club each week
- Julia Newman faithfully helps with COG every fortnight
- Church members always happy to help out on an occasional basis be it tent pitching, volunteering at prayer space, and most importantly regularly praying for our children and activities
- Regular support at Tiddlypeeps by church members

Themes and Activities

- Friday Club have looked at Water, Angels and Mountains, using bible stories and fun activities to learn about Gods love for us
- Sunday Kids try to follow the themes of the main congregation as much as we can to encourage family conversation over Sunday dinner!
- COG spent most of last term planning and preparing to lead the March All Age – The week that changed the world. In the Autumn we looked at what we can learn from the many biblical names of God and Jesus. We shared a song with the congregation.
- Weekend away we followed the same programme, discovering Wisdom from trees, ants, and birds, taken from verses in Proverbs.

Looking ahead

- Looking forward to the weekend away and learning about loving god with our heart, soul, mind, and strength
- Prayer space in school – week of 22nd June – please do let me know asap if you'd like to help.
- Holiday club, with a theme of Treasured, we will be sailing the open seas, looking for where treasure can be found, and finding out that we are all Treasured by God just as we are!
- We are looking for more helpers for Sunday kids, to lessen the load on everyone, if you can help once a term that would be amazing. Please do speak to Vicki, Catherine or myself if you'd like more information, or feel God could be calling you to step up!
- I'm excited to see what God has in store for our Children and Families work over the coming year.

Some Quotes

Holiday Club and Friday Club leaders and young leaders

- I love having the opportunity to be part of introducing children to Jesus and his family and showing each child and parent Jesus' love. Also watching the young leaders grow in their giftings and finding Jesus for themselves
- I volunteer at Holiday club because I love working with children, seeing them have fun, exploring faith and building confidence in themselves
- I volunteer at Holiday Club because I love being part of an amazing team who help bring God's word to life in a way that children and young people can understand. I always learn so much myself – why wouldn't you want to help?!
- I help at Friday club because its enjoyable and gives me great experience with children (which as a future teacher is invaluable)

Favourite memories of Holiday Club

- Watching the young leaders grow in confidence throughout holiday club week in whatever task they are given and helping them talk about Jesus to the children. Loved the planetarium!
- Favourite part of holiday club was running the craft station for the younger children.

From some of the children

I go to COG because.....

- I want to learn more about Christianity, and I have some good friends there
- I go to COG because its fun.
- Its fun and the activities are interesting.
- I like the leaders and how they teach me about God
- I like being with my friends.
- I can learn about God in a fun way, and it makes me think about it all in a different way. I like it just being the older children.

My favourite part of COG

- Doing the service was amazing
- I enjoyed leading the service

- I enjoyed when we led the service, the Christmas party and the tacos and chips
- I enjoyed going to Jill's house for a pizza and a movie
- I've enjoyed playing the games
- I have enjoyed all the fun activities and especially doing "The week that changed the world"

I like Sunday Kids because...

- I like to be with my friends
- The older children get to split off and can focus on what we are learning about from the bible, it makes me think. I also like doing fun activities with my friends
- Its fun!
- I learn about Jesus, I like the activities and meeting my friends. Its always a surprise what we are going to do.
- You craft stuff
- Activities and hearing stories about Jesus
- Arts and crafts and drawing

My favourite thing about Outdoor Church is...

- Games
- Exploring Jesus' nature
- Doing crafts
- Doing activities outside
- Nature activities
- Seeing God in nature
- Making stuff

Men's Ministry Report (April 2025 – March 2026)

Ministry Activities

- **Men's Breakfasts**
 - **Frequency:** Held monthly on the first Saturday mornings (08:30hrs – 10:00hrs) at the Marcham Centre
 - **Attendance:** Averaged **28 men** per session.
 - **Format:** Mostly a full English breakfast followed by a "Life Story" shared by a congregation member. Twice we varied the format and went for a walk to Millets Farm and had coffee and breakfast in their café.

- **Men's Drinks**
 - **Frequency:** on the first and third Monday evenings (from 8pm). The first Monday is at the Crown pub in Marcham, the third Monday is at the Marcham Centre bar.
 - **Attendance:** **8–25 men**
 - **Focus:** fellowship, friendship, support and conversation.

- **Men's Night**
 - **Curry Night (April) and Burger Night (Jan)**
 - **Attendance:** Both events Attracted around 30 men, a mixture of both from the church and friends
 - **Focus:** An informal evening of fellowship and fun, with speakers that have devoted their lives to serving Christ. The Curry Night event featured an old member of the congregation Luke Cawley who spoke about his upcoming book release Somethingism. The burger night event was planned to include a talk from Toby Hines that he joined us the following month for a men's breakfast instead. Toby is brother to Emma Dipper, one of our mission partners, and runs a refuge called Windsor Hill Wood in Somerset.



Women's Ministry

GROWING TOGETHER AS WOMEN OF GOD

Women's Ministry Update 2026

What are we about? We seek to nurture and encourage each other as sisters in Christ and also to reach out to the women in the communities in which we live in love and care and point them to Jesus.

How do we do this?

A monthly Bible study which is open to all women who wish to join. We have an average attendance between 8-15 each session. This year we are challenging ourselves as we delve into 'spiritual disciplines' and how they can help us make space for Jesus.

Our women's evenings continue to be popular, though we do not have the capacity to run them as much as we'd like. We average 30-40 women each time and a good number of these are non-church women who come time after time. We try to provide a variety of food styles and activities. We have had potatoes and Psalms, Curry and quiz and a South American evening. Our summer one is Poms, pudding and Prosecco!

At the end of last year we ran our annual Christmas Craft morning in church and again welcomed about 100 people over the threshold to create some amazing Christmas Wreaths.

The Women's ministry WhatsApp group is further source of encouragement and prayer as well as a useful place to find practical help.

We are grateful to those women who both informally and formally help to maintain our 'women's ministry'. So much ministry is done quietly by women reaching out to friends and neighbours with the love and care of Jesus, and we hope to see this grow.

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TIDDLYPEEPS

Tiddlypeeps is the church-run toddler and baby group that meets on a Tuesday morning.

This year we have had consistent numbers of around ... per week and is a mixture of regulars and new faces. The session consists of free play for the children, plenty of refreshments for the adults and a chance to meet others.

Volunteers participate in set-up, warmly welcoming attendees, providing hot and cold drinks and snacks for all ages, and pack-down. They get ample opportunity to talk to and to share life with those that come, and Jill has continued to read stories with the children, which is much loved by them all.

Resources and support are provided for the adults, such as a small library of books which are available to borrow from.

In the autumn, Heather Rowlandson joined the team and became a co-lead alongside Lucy Stevens and they run Tiddlypeeps with a number of committed and hard-working volunteers. We would love to see a few more volunteers from church to help to run the session this coming year.

We have introduced a Bible story, primarily aimed at children, into the session alongside song time. Events this year included a small but successful evening event at which Chrystal Poon spoke, and a Christmas and Easter special at which families were gifted treats and Christian literature. There are many opportunities to share the gospel with all ages at Tiddlypeeps and we pray this continues next year!

Mission Committee Report for APCM 26th April 2026

Introduction:

It's always good to start an annual update with a quick look back at the previous year's report and in particular the key objectives that were set out for the 2025 -2026 year. I am delighted to be able to share that we have been able to put in place and achieve many of these aspects which included:

- Mission Partner / Mission Link notice board at the back of church
- Link person for each of the partners who can provide prayer requests, personal updates etc.
- Incorporation of a Mission Partner into weekly Sunday Service prayers
- Mission Partner slots / updates a couple times per year in a Sunday Service
- Monthly prayer meeting to periodically focus on mission.
- Encouraging short term mission projects to the church family
- Encouraging increased financial giving to All Saints enabling the support of mission.

Current Mission Partners:

Andy and Emma Dipper serving with MAF along with Ripple (formerly Send a Cow) remain our current two key mission partners. We are soon to on board and commission a third partner, closely linked with All Saints.

Blessed to be a blessing:

Following the agreement of PCC last year to have a designated fund for mission from within the church budget, we have been able to generously support our mission partners and provide a couple of bursaries for short term mission placements. With the pledged giving for 2025 from our church members being so generous, it has meant that the 2026 mission pot is such that we can support 3 partners with significant funds and have ongoing bursaries available for short term projects.

Other Key Highlights:

- Mission Themed Sunday Service – 29th June 2025
Fantastic service that celebrated wide ranging missional activities within our local community and through affiliates (Open Doors, Tearfund, CMS, CIS), Mission Partners and two students on short term mission placements.
- Regular Mission focus prayer points in weekly notices and services
- Launch of the Mission notice board including map of Marcham with all church members houses marked highlighting that we are all involved in mission

Committee comings and goings

As a committee we have said farewell to Sarah Lunn who left us and to Ali Lyndon who moved into the role of church warden. Huge thanks to them both for their inputs into the group. We have welcomed Vic Townsend who joins the team of Nick, Neil, Sue, Jane and James.

James Gilbert