

# Children Welcome!

We warmly welcome children and young people at St. Mary's.

Churches can seem daunting places to children (and sometimes to their parents!) - this leaflet explains some of the things we do to try and make them feel at home.

If you would like further information about anything mentioned here or any other church matter, please don't hesitate to talk to one of the clergy or churchwardens after the service, or contact the Parish Office, the Youth Worker or the Rector.

## Problems?

*Sometimes we all need help and advice or just a sympathetic ear. Some of our church members are trained listeners or are able to offer help in parenting skills; others may have experienced the same difficulties as you are going through.*

***We're here to help - please ask.***

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## Other leaflets in this series:

- Welcome to St. Mary's
- Your Child's Baptism
- Getting Married
- The Healing Ministry at St. Mary's
- Death and Bereavement

# Children welcome at St Mary's



Parish Church of  
**St Mary the Virgin**  
Saffron Walden



## Sunday Mornings - 10am

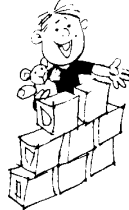


### Sunday Club

meets at 10am on Sundays during term time. We meet in the front pews and leave for the parish rooms at the beginning of the service, returning to church in time for children to join their parents for Communion or a blessing. Children & young people, from 3 to 14 years, are welcome to join us for our bible stories, discussions and craft activities.

### Children's Corner

For very young children (or older ones who do not wish to go into Sunday Club), we have a comfortable children's corner at the back of church. Here you will find toys and books where your children may be cheerfully occupied, enabling you take part in the service whilst you sit with them.



### Family Service

is normally held on the third Sunday of the month. This is a shorter, informal service to which children are encouraged to stay. There is no Sunday Club. We have lively music, a short talk and there is often something special for the children.

### Baptisms

take place either within the main Sunday service at 10am or at a special baptism service at 12 noon. More information on Baptism is available in our leaflet "*Your Child's Baptism*".

### Children and Holy Communion

Children may receive Communion before they are confirmed, provided they are aged at least 7 years old, come to church regularly and have undertaken a course of preparation.

*If your baby needs a feed, pop into the privacy of the clergy vestry. Toilets and baby changing facilities are available in the Parish Room. We are fortunate in having lots of space in church so please feel free to walk around.*

### St Mary's Tinies - Tuesdays at 2pm in term-time

This brief (about 15 minutes) informal service for babies and pre-school children and their carers takes place in church and is followed by activities for the children, tea and chat in the Parish Rooms.

*Contact the Rector for more information.*



### "On Track" After School Club

St Mary's School on Wednesdays from 3.15pm-4.15pm for Bible activities, games, food and fun.  
*Contact Andy Finn 07794 518907*

### Aftershock - Sundays 7.00-8.30pm

Socials, Bible teaching and activities for 11-18s; meets in the Parish Room

*Contact Andy Finn 07794 518907*

### Junior Choir - rehearsals Fridays

We have a very strong choir with up to 20 junior members. The choir sings at the 10am service on Sundays with occasional Evensongs, concerts and visits to cathedrals. They also sing at weddings, if requested. Children are able to train for RSCM awards and have their own social programme as well. For more information, see the leaflet "Should I join the choir?".

### Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section:

These Guiding units are affiliated to our church and meet weekly in the Parish Rooms. For more information contact Margaret Jacobs (tel: 522801).

**St. Mary's School**, Castle Street has close links with the church; church members participate in the life of the school through assemblies and helping in class, through the governing body and on the staff, and the children are regularly welcomed into church for their special service.

Contact the school office (tel: 523384).

**St. Mary's Church Pre-School**, is situated in the grounds of the primary school and takes children from the age of 2 upwards.

Contact the manager, Faye Jeffs for a Prospectus. Tel: 07817 736166