

# CHILDREN YOUTH & FAMILIES



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## AUTUMN 2019

We have really exciting events coming up for you and your family this autumn term. We would love to see you at one of these events.

As ever we need your help. Please read through and find out all the different things you can get involved in. And please do continue to pray for the CYF ministry.

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# LAUNCHING

## OUR NEW YOUTH GROUPS

We are so excited to announce the launch of our brand new youth groups. Our weekly term-time youth groups are safe spaces for young people to grow in community and faith, whilst having lots of fun.

Growing over the past 15 years, the youth programme the parish offers is a shining light in the Diocese and beyond – a real treasure in our parish. We've seen hundreds of young peoples faith lives and more positively impacted through these groups.

We offer three youth groups catering for three ages groups: school year 3-6, school years 7-9 and school years 10-13. If you have a child in school years 3-13, we'd love to see them at one of our youth groups!



### MEET SOME OF THE YOUTH TEAM.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE TEAM? CONTACT US, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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# BABY & TODDLER GROUPS



Join over 120 families at one of our three popular Baby and Toddler groups. These groups hope to show God's love in action week in, week out. They provide a welcoming space for anybody who cares for children aged 0-4 in our parish and local community. They encourage friendship and support to families at this important time of life.

You are most welcome to join us at any of our groups. Just come along. We look forward to welcoming you.

We are currently looking for volunteers across all our toddler groups to help with setting up and tidying up, serving refreshments and welcoming families. Interested? Email us at [cjf@cpg.church](mailto:cjf@cpg.church) or give us a call on 01483 562 704 (option 3).

**MONDAYS** – St Joseph's Church Hall (underneath the church), GU1 4AZ, 10am-11.30am

**TUESDAYS** – St Pius X Church Hall (beside the church), GU1 2TS, 10am-11.30am

**FRIDAYS** – St Mary's Church Hall (behind the church), GU2 2BP, 9.45am-11.15am



# ADVENT FAMILY DAY

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November | 10am-4pm  
St Joseph's Church Hall (GU1 4AZ)**

The family days are unique experiences for families, across our parish, to come together and pray together, in a fun, interactive and engaging way. We usually see around 200 families at every family day!

We transform our hall at St Joseph's into a beautiful prayer space and set up prayer stations around it. Families are also able to relax together in the café area and enjoy freshly made milkshakes, coffee and delicious homemade cakes!

**At the Advent family day, we journey together to Bethlehem.** We begin by decorating a bag to take with us on the journey. There is an opportunity to visit Mary's house and Joseph's bedroom, to imagine their experience leading up to Jesus' birth and to draw some parallels with our own lives. A highlight of this day is the opportunity to create an advent wreath, which families take away to help them as they prepare for Christmas.

We run four themed family days (Advent, Jesus, Reconciliation, and the Church) throughout the school year. The days are free to attend and the activities run all day so **you can pop in at a time that suits you** and stay for as long or as little as you like.





We are pleased to announce, following popular demand, we are running a **Parenting Children Course**.

The 5-week course starts on **Tuesday 5th November, St Joseph's Catholic Church Hall (GU1 4AZ), 7.45pm-9.00pm**. The cost of the course is just £10, which includes your own participant's guide.

The Parenting Children Course is for parents, single-parents, step-parents, prospective parents or carers of children 0-10 years. The Parenting Children Course is based on Christian principles but designed for all couples with or without a church background.

These five sessions, the course will help you to:

- Build strong foundations
- Meet your children's needs
- Set clear boundaries
- Teach healthy relationships
- Consider your long term aim

Each session begins with something to eat and/or drink, giving you space to relax and chat with other parents or carers followed by a practical talk and a time for discussion in groups. We watch an engaging talk on DVD and then have a chat about what we've heard and have time to spend some time reflecting on our own experiences.

Spaces are limited. Register online by 31<sup>st</sup> October: [www.CPG.church/parents](http://www.CPG.church/parents)



# CHILDREN'S LITURGY



## WANT SOMETHING TO ENGAGE YOUR CHILDREN AT MASS?

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS PROVIDED EVERY SUNDAY IN TERM-TIME AT ALL MORNING MASSES ACROSS THE PARISH.

**St Edward the Confessor (GU4 7QN)** - 9am Mass | **St Pius X (GU1 2TS)** - 9.30am Mass

**St Mary's (GU2 8BP)** - 11am Mass | **St Joseph's (GU1 4AZ)** - 11am Mass

Children's Liturgy is an opportunity for children to hear and respond to the Gospel story in their own time and space. The children leave the main body of the church with a team of adult leaders during the Gloria. They come back during the offertory to continue their participation in the Mass.

### WHO IS CHILDREN'S LITURGY FOR?

Children's liturgy of the Word is for children who are aged **up to 8 years old** and are:

- Able to sit and listen to a story for a maximum of 15 minutes
- Happy to participate in Children's Liturgy independently if attending full-time school (aged 5-8)

**INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR TEAM OF HELPERS? CONTACT US, WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! (DON'T WORRY IF YOU'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE, WE OFFER TRAINING)**

### OTHER RESOURCES AT MASS



At every Sunday Mass we give out these sheets:  
**Look** is for children between **4-9 years old**. **Ichthus** is for **children who have received their first Holy Communion**. They explain the readings of the day in an engaging way.



At the back of the churches you will also find these bags for **0 to 4 year old's**. In them you will find lots of fun books and toys for your children to enjoy during Mass.



CCO FAITH STUDY SERIES

STARTS THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER

# GROWTH

## INTERESTED IN GROWING YOUR FAITH?

We are inviting all adults interested in growing their faith or involved in Formation in the parish to take part in the **CCO Faith Studies course "Growth"** together. It is a 6-week course that gives us an opportunity to examine the fundamental practices which nurture our Christian life, such as prayer, sacraments and fellowship.

We will be running the course on **Tuesday evenings** (7.30 - 9.00pm) and **Wednesday mornings** (10-11.30 am) on the dates listed below.

### COURSE OUTLINE

#### 1 - Growth Essentials (1st/2nd October)

An overview of why and how we are called to grow in our relationship with God.

#### 2 - Prayer (8th/9th October)

Growing in our confidence in prayer and our intimacy with God through prayer.

#### 3 - Scripture (15th/16th October)

Recognising that Scripture is living and active, and should be so in our daily lives.

#### 4 - Sacramental Life (22nd/23rd October)

Recognising that the grace we receive in the sacraments helps us to grow in faith.

#### 5 - Fellowship (5th/6th November)

Paul, Barnabas and Timothy are models of the relationships we have within the body of Christ.

#### 6 - Service and Witness (12th/13th November)

Recognising our call to serve others and share the love of God with them in word and deed.

If you wish to take part in the course sign up online by the 30<sup>th</sup> of September:

[www.cpg.church/growth](http://www.cpg.church/growth)

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