

SOCIALS AND FUN TIMES



During the year, the Church of the Good Shepherd holds a variety of social and fun events.

A Parish lunch or barbecue takes place after the morning service on occasions such as Good Shepherd Sunday. We usually celebrate Harvest with a special social event.

For all enquiries about any of our children's or other church activities, contact the Vicar, Revd Joan Hicks, in the Church Office on 01628 632567 or email us at goodshepherd@chogs.plus.com or come along to one of our events.

Details of all our activities can be found on our website: www.chogs.org.uk

on our Facebook page:

 [goodshepherd.coxgreen](https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherd.coxgreen)

and on the church notice board in Cox Green Community Centre. Please do take a look for information and dates of our services and events.

The Church of the Good Shepherd operates a Child Protection Policy



Children and Young People in our Church



Children and young people are a valued and integral part of the life of our church.

At the Church of the Good Shepherd we provide worship, groups and activities to help them grow in faith.

FOR FAMILIES

ALL AGE WORSHIP - On the first Sunday of most months, there is an All Age Communion. This is a shorter simpler service suitable for all ages. The words of the service and the hymns are projected on an overhead screen. Younger members of our congregation often help with these services and our Festival services such as Harvest and Mothering Sunday. At All Age Worship there are no separate activities for children - toys, books and colouring sheets are available for younger children, if needed.



FOR BABIES AND PRESCHOOLERS

LITTLE FISHES - This Nursery Service is suitable for pre-school children, their parents, grandparents and carers. Little Fishes is held in the Conference Rooms at Cox Green Community Centre on Wednesdays during term time. Arrive from 9.30 am onwards for drinks, biscuits, time to play and chat. Toys and other activities are provided for the children. Little Fishes ends with a short time for worship with action songs, rhymes, a Bible Story and prayers.



On **Sunday mornings**, during our 10am service, a room with toys and books adjacent to the Main Hall is available for parents to use with their small children if necessary. We also offer 'Happy Bags' for young children to use in church. All children under 3, including babies, are welcome to join Sunday a.m! if accompanied by an adult.

FOR CHILDREN

SUNDAY AM! - Our Sunday school is for children aged from 3 years and upwards. Children are grouped according to age, providing opportunities for them to learn more about God, Jesus and the Bible. The children rejoin their parents in church during the service. If you are not able to stay with your children on a Sunday morning but would like them to join Sunday am! then they may be left in the care of the Sunday a.m! staff and collected at 11.15am. Sunday a.m! meets on Sundays at 10am except when there is All Age Worship. During August there is no Sunday a.m! but special activities are provided for younger children.



ADMISSION TO COMMUNION - The Church of the Good Shepherd has a policy to admit children to Communion prior to Confirmation. A Parish policy is in place.

Children who are regular members of our church and have the support of their parents attend a special preparation course before being admitted to Communion. Others may still choose to wait until their Confirmation.

FUN AFTERNOONS - We offer fun afternoons where, using craft, music, drama and games, we learn about our world, the Bible and God's love for us. Though these occasions are most suitable for children of primary school age, younger children are welcome but must be



accompanied by their parent/s or a guardian aged 18 or over. Look on our website and church notice board for the date of the next event. Registration forms can be picked up from the Church Office at Cox Green Community Centre or downloaded from the website.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

'CHOGS2GETHER' - is our group for young people of secondary school age. This meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10 am for discussion, drama and other activities related to the Bible story or theme of the week.

YOUTH EVENTS are organised on an occasional basis.

Young people who wish to are welcome to join the choir, help in the main service by serving or reading, assist the leaders in Sunday a.m!, and join in all areas of church life.

CONFIRMATION - Confirmation courses are offered each year for young people who feel ready to make this commitment.

BAPTISM

You may be thinking about baptism for your child/children and/or yourself. Please ask at any of our activities or contact the Revd Joan Hicks at the Church Office.

