

Welcome to Noah's Ark!

We are a group for parents/carers with pre-school children. We meet every Tuesday during the school term from 1.30 - 3pm in the Church Hall of St Stephen's Church, Shottermill.

Our aim is to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere

Where carers can meet and make friends whilst their children play and learn in a Christian environment.

We have a flexible programme which varies according to the weather, the season and the mood of the group! However, generally our afternoons start with half an hour of free play, often with a craft activity available for those who choose. At approx. 2pm the children sit for their refreshments whilst the adults enjoy a well-earned cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. Following this we have more play, and possibly a story, before finishing with some action songs. We do ask that the grown-ups join in our singing and encourage the children as much as possible - they will follow your example!

Refreshments are provided each week and it is important that you inform us if yourself or your child suffers from an allergy or medical condition of which we should be aware.

The Rainbow Nursery kindly allow us to use their fantastic outdoor play equipment - weather permitting. We must point out that some of the toys and equipment may not always be age-appropriate to your child, if in doubt please select an alternative for him/her to play on. Carers are requested to supervise children at all times, particularly whilst using the outdoor area.

Whilst we fully understand that children can be affected by illness quite suddenly and unexpectedly, we would ask that for the well-being of the group as a whole you do not come to Noah's Ark if you or your child has suffered sickness or diarrhoea within the previous 48hrs or has any form of contagious illness. Please do not bring older siblings who are off-school sick.

SUMMER TERM 2006

The dates for this term are as follows:

April 18th & 25th

May 2nd 9th 16th & 23rd

(May 30th & June 6th Half Term Holiday)

June 13th 20th & 27th

July 4th & 11th (Summer Party)

Noah's Ark is run by a team of volunteers co-ordinated by Liza Caie (Children's Worker at St Stephen's) and Jo Long (Children's Team). Jean Burchell and Brenda Petrie provide refreshments and Ann Fitchett is usually on hand to help with craft activities, read stories or just chat. We welcome help from members of the group who would like to assist with story-telling, singing, craft work, planning social events, setting up or clearing away.

We ask for a weekly subscription of £1 per family. This money goes towards refreshments, craft materials, replacement toys and parties. We would not wish any family to be prevented from coming to Noah's Ark for financial reasons: - if you can't pay - please don't pay!

There is a waiting list for Noah's Ark. Please be aware that if you are absent for more than 5 weeks your place may be offered to someone else. If you have any queries about the group please speak to Jo or Liza at Noah's Ark or call Liza on 01428 725005.

St. Stephen's Church welcomes Families with young children!

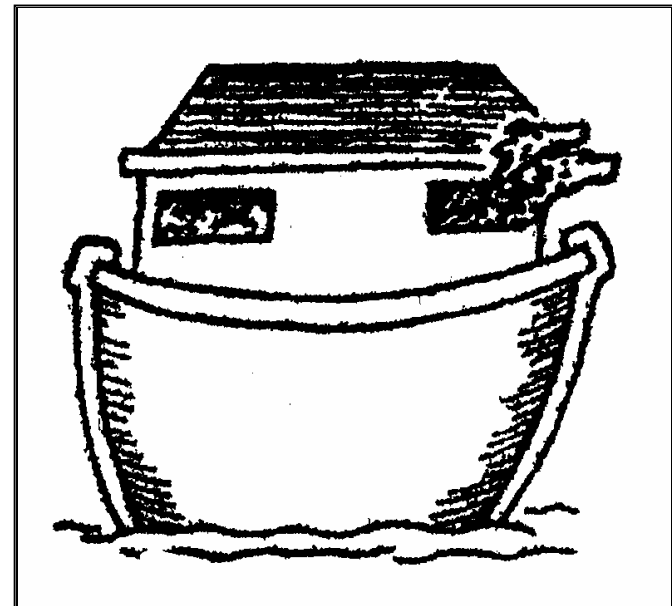
The Church organises a number of activities which are particularly suitable for young families:

We have a very popular and successful Nursery School 'The Rainbow'. For information about the waiting list or more details please contact Hilary Owen (Head Teacher) on (01428 656086).

Once a month there is a children's service for half an hour in the church for under 5's with their parents/carers, this is attended by the Rainbow Nursery School. You are very welcome to come along, please ask Liza for a list of dates.

Every Sunday there are services with provision for children at 10.45am. Three times a month the children have their own 'Junior Church' and there is always a supervised crèche for under 3's.

Andrew Gready (our Vicar) and Hilary Williams (our Curate) are happy to talk to parents about Baptism of children. The Church also runs ALPHA courses for those who wish to find out about the Christian faith in an informal setting. Contact Andrew on 645878.



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