



Child and Family Worker Report For the APCM 2012

I would like to express my grateful thanks to all who have supported my work over the last year. There is always more that can be done to encourage families to come to St Chad's but it is great to see more young families returning to Sunday services.

Highlights for me have included services around the main Church Festivals which have involved our families and children

I have enjoyed expanding my work to include The Children's University for which St Chad's is now a validated member, I have produced 2 questionnaires entitled "Become a Church Detective" and "Become a Church Historian" which help children to find out about St Chad's and get credits towards their graduation.

Work undertaken

- Helping with services where children are involved –all Family Services making sure that children can play their part in these services in prayer and readings.
- Ensuring that planning and preparation for these services are completed. Linking with the priest taking the service
- Sending invitations to all families about all relevant services
- Making Christingles preparing puppets for Mark's story and helping with service
- Preparing Games for the party after Christingle service
- Helping with the Christmas Services especially the Crib service
- Enabling Nativity Rehearsals and performance for Christmas Day
- Continue working and supporting Junior Church
- Working with Junior Church Leaders to ensure resources are ready for each Sunday
- Attending Junior Church Leaders meetings
- Organising Activity mornings during summer holiday period
- Contacting Carol Davies (illustrator) to lead children's summer workshop 2012
- Buying and organising help to prepare Mothering Sunday Flower Bunches

- Preparing and leading Good Friday Activities (This year we had 13 children attend)
- Preparing Easter Garden and making flowers for Easter Cross
- Working with Girls confirmation group and preparation
- Preparing Boys for confirmation
- Working with the Pre prep Schools doing Assemblies, visiting different classes and encouraging links between the schools and St Chad's
- Continuing a weekly Pushchair Praise service for 0-4's and their carers
- Sending invitations to all our baptismal families for services
- Visiting Baptismal Families with Val Jones
- Visiting young Families within the church community
- Meeting with secondary schools about using St Chad's as a resource.
- Attending relevant meetings with different working groups, Mission and Outreach/ Church Family/ Worship/ Communication.
- Showing school classes around the church, we have had the whole of Hodnet Primary School, Severndale School, Pre Prep, and Woodfield Infant School to experience the "awe and wonder" that St Chad's provides
- Attending 2 Child Protection and Safeguarding Courses for the church
- CRB co-ordinator
- Preparing and filling in forms for validation processes attached to the Children's University.
- Keeping in contact with Peter Jones Children's University
- Producing information sheets for visitors and those from Children's University about St Chad's. Setting up information points within the church about specific areas or points of interest.
- Attending a "Market Place" at Sundorne School to encourage Yr 7 to visit St Chad's as part of the Children's University.
- Keeping in contact with Mark Hatcher Diocesan Youth Leader

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