

Children's Ministry Audit

Parish : _____ Date : _____

Yes No Don't know

Vision

- * There is a vision for children's ministry Yes No Don't know
- * Leaders, children and the wider church know and own our vision Yes No Don't know
- * Children's ministry is on every PCC agenda Yes No Don't know
- * There is a budget for children's ministry Yes No Don't know

Growing Leaders

- * Leaders are affirmed/commissioned in a church service Yes No Don't know
- * The church prays for our children and our children's leaders Yes No Don't know
- * All children's leaders have a job description/working agreement Yes No Don't know
- * Leaders know what is expected of them & to whom they are responsible Yes No Don't know
- * Leaders feel supported in their roles Yes No Don't know
- * There are training opportunities for all those who work with children Yes No Don't know

Ministry

- * Children are welcomed and valued in their own right Yes No Don't know
- * There are relevant opportunities for children to experience God Yes No Don't know
- * We recognise the ministry of each child as well as the ministry to each child Yes No Don't know
- * There are meaningful opportunities for children to serve Yes No Don't know
- * Children with additional needs are welcomed and served appropriately Yes No Don't know

Resources

- * The areas where children meet are warm, welcoming, safe & clean Yes No Don't know
- * There is a good supply of appropriate teaching materials & resources Yes No Don't know
- * There are up-to-date registers and contact details for all children who attend Yes No Don't know

All Age Worship

- * There are times in services when all ages are together Yes No Don't know
- * The length, structure and content of these services are appropriate for all Yes No Don't know
- * Children's leaders are involved in the planning & preparation of all-age services Yes No Don't know
- * Children are involved in planning & preparing these services Yes No Don't know

Listening to children

- * Children are listened to or consulted on church matters Yes No Don't know
- * Children are invited to attend & observe occasional PCC meetings Yes No Don't know
- * The PCC follows up any comments or recommendations made by children, parents and children's ministry leaders Yes No Don't know

Children & Holy Communion

- * The church has considered children & Holy Communion prior to Confirmation Yes No Don't know
- * Children receive bread and/or wine at Eucharistic services Yes No Don't know
- * The church prepares appropriately for children attending eucharistic services Yes No Don't know

		Yes	No	Don't know
Under 5s & their families				
* Baptism	Baptism preparation courses are available	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The church keeps in regular contact with baptism families and encourages them to be active participants in church life	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The church prays regularly for those who have been baptised	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Crèche	During services there is a crèche with the appropriate number of leaders for the number of children attending. It is warm, safe, comfortable and stocked with age-appropriate resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Crèche leaders are experienced, trained and have appropriate DBS clearance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	There is a dedicated area in church for parents & carers to go and feel comfortable with babies and very young children, during services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	There are specific people church who will support sensitively parents/carers with young children while they are in church	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	There are high standard of care and support for children and their families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Toddler groups	There are midweek toddler/pre-school sessions with the appropriate number of leaders for the number of children attending. The rooms are warm, safe, comfortable and stocked with age-appropriate resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	There are high standard of care and support for children and their families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Child Protection				
* The parish has a child protection policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
* All children's ministry activities and volunteers are authorised by the PCC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
* All those working amongst children have appropriate DBS checks in place and have undertaken basic child protection training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
* All sessions with children are staffed by appropriate number of leaders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Children & the wider community				
The church is actively involved in their community through;				
* Schools	Regular prayer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Leading assemblies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Assisting with lessons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Running lunchtime/after school clubs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Serving as school governors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Uniformed groups	Uniformed organisations are welcomed into the church community and services are planned accordingly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Representatives from the parish visit uniformed groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Evangelism	There are regular events and opportunities to share good news with children and families in the wider community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
* Community links	Representatives from the parish engage with and support other agencies working amongst children & families	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Children in our Church

	Not true										Absolutely!
1 We believe children are important	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2 We are comfortable with children around us, even in times of quiet	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3 Children are happy to be in our church	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4 We support children's work through prayer	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5 We have clear aims for our ministry amongst children	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6 We are keen to see children involved in worship throughout the year	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7 We talk to the children and know their names	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8 When families enter our church the parents are greeted but the children are ignored	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9 There is evidence around the church building of the children's involvement in our church life	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10 We want children to see that God loves them and has a purpose for their lives	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 We want children to become active members of the church today	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
12 We will do whatever it takes to assist children find faith	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
13 We believe that children can offer meaningful service in the church and wider community	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
14 We believe we have much to offer children	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15 We believe there is much we can learn from children	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
16 We believe God speaks through children as well as adults	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10