

And for the very young...

Children under three are encouraged to stay with their parents throughout the service in the Family Area, where there is a supply of books, soft toys and materials for drawing.

During the week, pre-school children (and their parents/carers) are welcome at "Skylarks", an hour of prayer, praise and play from 1.30 p.m. on Wednesdays in school term.



The children of "Skylarks" enjoy action songs, as well as making things to take home or to display in church.

Club Francis



Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Terriers



For young people aged 3-13

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Young people welcome!

At St Francis's Church we do not regard children as "the Church of the Future". They are very much part of the Church of today.

Young people of all ages play their part in our

life, particularly on the first Sunday of each month when they enjoy a major role in leading our main act of worship at the Parish Communion, whether through leading the music with their playing and singing, reading the Bible, or leading the people's



prayers. All ages are welcome at this church. There is a family area in the nave with materials for quiet play.

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On other Sundays young people help to give out and gather in the service books or serve in the sanctuary.

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"Club Francis" welcomes children of all ages from three years (nursery school) to twelve or thirteen years (the first years of secondary school).



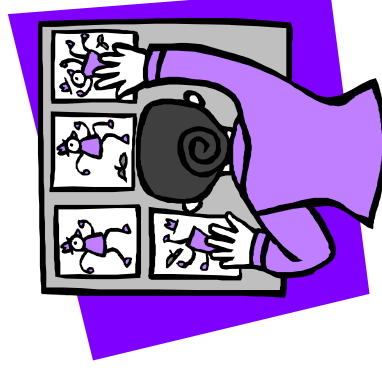
The members of Club Francis meet in Church at the time of the Parish Communion. After the first hymn, they leave for their own time together in the church hall, where they divide into groups according to age and interest. Craft and music (and occasionally drama) are among the options available.

There is always a story for the younger children

The children return to the church in time to rejoin their families and to come to the altar rail for a blessing at the Communion. Sometimes they bring their work in with them, to be displayed to the rest of the congregation. Occasionally they will join in accompanying the final hymn

Teaching Material

is linked closely to the Church's year. Sometimes the young people use their time at Club Francis to prepare a presentation at the next "First Sunday Service" - artwork, maybe, to illustrate the theme, or perhaps a special musical item or something for "the sermon slot".



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