

Notes from a meeting held on Wednesday 20th January 2010

Present: Ann, Joyce R, Helen, Joan, Lara, Stephen

Apologies: Barbara, Catherine

Structure of Junior Church

To create a regular routine in Junior Church

Create a small altar as a focal point to gather with cross, LED candles, coloured cloth etc

The leader (and/or older children) begin the Junior Church with:

✠ In the name of the Father... etc

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

- *Introduction to theme* (and moment of silence)
- *Opening Prayer* (taken from the Common Worship: Alternative Collects)
- *Scripture Verse* (same for each of the four weeks of the month)
- *Activity as usual*
- [*opportunity to write/say/phone/text a prayer to God*]
- *Procession with Junior Church cross in to church for Peace/Communion*

At end of service:

- Children join the procession of the servers and clergy and gather at the back of church for the final prayers

Leader-Teams, Themes and Calendar

February	7 th	Ann & Joyce	Lent/Mothering Sunday
	14 th	Ann & Joyce	Lent/Mothering Sunday
	21 st	Ann & Joyce	Lent/Mothering Sunday
	28 th	Ann & Joyce	Lent/Mothering Sunday
March	7 th	Helen & Barbara	Easter
	14 th	<i>in church for Mothering Sunday</i>	
	21 st	Helen & Barbara	Easter
	28 th	<i>in church for Palm Sunday</i>	
April	4 th	<i>in church for Easter Sunday</i>	
	11 th	<i>in church for Baptism</i>	
	18 th	Catherine & Joan	Eucharist
	25 th	Catherine & Joan	Eucharist
May	2 nd	Catherine & Joan	Eucharist
	9 th	Catherine & Joan	Eucharist
	16 th	<i>in church for Lara's first Eucharist</i>	
	23 rd	<i>in church for Pentecost</i>	
	30 th	<i>no Junior Church: Half Term</i>	
June	6 th	<i>no Junior Church: Half Term</i>	
	13 th	Ann & Joyce	tbc
	20 th	Ann & Joyce	tbc
	27 th	Ann & Joyce	tbc
July	4 th	Ann & Joyce	tbc

Junior Church Numbers

Leaders noted that numbers are down on previous years and the current age range of children makes some activities and planning a bit difficult. There are issues about the younger children in the crèche area. Some are old enough to join in, but others need supervising by their parent.

Other points

Stand by craft idea: create 'Stations of the Church's Year' using felt etc

Buy some toys and games to replace the crèche equipment that has gone missing

Next Meeting: Thursday 4th March 2010 at 7pm
to include discussion about the Come to God's House to Play event