

## Sunday Club Report for the APCM 2025

Sunday Club has three groups that run during term time on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month:

- Bubbles for 2-5 year olds, informally led by Chris and Louise O'Neil
- Oasis for primary school age children led by Ellie Donegan and Paul Hobson with Christa Fernandez, John Richards and Cathy Franklin as helpers
- Pathfinders for secondary school age children led by Frances Hobson and Ruth Orman with Andrea Morgan as a helper

In addition to this, there is a creche space in the hall for parents with babies and toddlers who would like to bring their children out of the service. It is possible to follow the service on a screen in this area.

In total there are about 20 children, meeting in the hall and in the St John's rooms, though numbers vary greatly from week to week.

Bubbles group (preschoolers) uses Scripture Union resources. It is run by some of our church member parents, according to availability, which means that occasionally it is not possible to run a led session. Parents must remain with their children during the time together.

Oasis group (primary age children) and Pathfinders group (secondary age children) use the Roots on the Web website which follows the lectionary readings. Children can attend with or without their parent or guardian and there is always an adult leader and helper present. The leaders and helpers for Oasis and Pathfinders have DBS certificates for safeguarding reasons. All three groups have a variety of activities each week which include reading and discussing the Bible passage, songs, drama, craft and games.

On the second and fifth Sundays of the month and during the school holidays all the children meet together in the hall for the Sunday Club Social. Children are accompanied by a parent/guardian for the socials. Different activities are available for children to choose from on tables around the hall e.g. Bible story activities, craft, playdough and games. It is an opportunity for the children and adults to deepen their Bible knowledge and to talk about how the Christian faith relates to our lives. It is also a good time for the adults and children to get to know each other better and encourage each other in our faith.

A Sunday Club Summer Picnic is yet to be arranged but it usually involves outdoor games and ice cream.

We are on the lookout for more leaders and helpers! If you feel prompted to join the Sunday Club team, please speak to **Frances Hobson** to find out more.