

Children and Young People

A warm welcome

A warm welcome to St. Paul's Church, Tongham. Whatever brings you to Church, we are delighted to have you with us and hope that you quickly feel very at home.



Our vision

Our vision is to grow as a community and in our faith. A core part of this involves reaching out to the children and young people in the local community. Focus on this, and on the area of outreach as a whole, has led to rapid growth in our congregation (from 15 to over 90 in recent years).

"My family and I have been made to feel so welcome at St Paul's. Everyone is friendly and there is a real sense of family here." **Mush Broughton,**
Church family member

What we offer

We offer a range of groups to suit children and young people of all ages during the Sunday 10am service and at other times of the week.

During the Sunday 10am service

Buzzy Bees—up to age 3

Buzzy Bees is for babies, toddlers and children up to the age of 3. It meets in the vestry (the room at the front of Church, turn right at the altar) during the talk at the 10am service.

Buzz—age 3 to Year 1

Buzz meets in the South room of the Old School, behind Church during the 10am service. The group teaches children about God in a fun and relaxed environment. Activities include dancing, hearing Bible stories, games, craft and prayer. Parents are encouraged to stay for the first couple of sessions to help children settle.

BuzzPlus—Year 2 to 5

BuzzPlus meets in the North room of the Old School during the 10am service. The group helps children get involved in learning about the Christian faith through a range of fun activities focused on exploring stories and themes from the Bible. Children are encouraged to ask lots of questions so that they can start to explore faith for themselves.

Zzub—Year 6 to 9

Zzub meets in the North room in the Old School during the 10am service. The group helps young people to grow in their relationship with God as well as their friendships. They eat bacon butties, interview Christians on their journey in faith, play games, go on prayer walks, do quizzes and get creative through art. They also put on fundraising events, serving coffee and cake or washing cars.

The Youth Group—Year 10 to 13

The Youth Group meets every Sunday evening in term time in a local family home. The youth group eat pizza and discuss life issues and faith together. Our young people take an active role in services through helping with the children's groups, operating the sound system and reading the Bible in Church.

At other times of the week

CoffeePlus—Parents/Carers and Preschoolers

CoffeePlus meets every Wednesday 10.30am-12noon all year round in the North Room of the Old School. The group provides a friendly, fun and relaxed environment for parents/carers and children, Adults enjoy tea, coffee, chat and homemade cakes whilst children play with toys, snacks, a Bible story, singing and craft.

Messy Church

This is a new style of church for families which happens once a month and involves lots of activities, games, Bible stories and songs, and tea! Lots of fun for preschoolers.

The Hive—Year 6 to 10

The Hive meets every third Friday of the month 7.30-9.30pm in the North and South rooms of the Old School. The group provides young people with a chance to enjoy food, fun activities and a short time of reflection together.



Special Events—Year R to 6

We also run special events for children throughout the year. These include EasterBuzz, Summer Buzz, ChristmasBuzz, and Kids Film evenings (where we show a special children's film and eat fish and chips together).

Volunteers

We have a great team of committed volunteers who run the groups for children and young people. We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, we would be delighted to hear from you. All volunteers are recruited following the Safeguarding Procedure.

Registration

If you have children or young people who would like to come to a group, we would love to hear from you. We ask parents/carers to complete a simple registration form for each child so that we are aware of contact details, special needs, allergies and permission for photographs.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday: 9.45am Wake up & shake up

A service focused on children for adults to enjoy as well.

2nd Sunday: 10am Communion service with groups for children and young people.

3rd Sunday: 10am Morning worship with groups for children and young people.

4th Sunday: 10am Communion service with groups for children and young people.

5th Sunday: 10am Morning worship with groups for children and young people.

How can I find out more?

To find out more, please contact us as follows:

- **Visit our website**

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Our Church Office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am till 12noon.

- **Visit us**

On a Sunday

We would be delighted to welcome you at one of our Sunday services. For details of times and style of service, please see the Service Pattern opposite.

During the week

Our Church Office is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10am till 12noon.

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