

Family Ministry Staff Team

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Families Community Worker

Shay Thripp is our Families Community Worker and is employed to support families in times of transition. She is available to assist with school applications, support in accessing services, information about the parish and general pastoral support. You can contact her on 07522267748 .

Sunday School Leader

Jessica Scudder is our Sunday School Leader and she also works in the parish School as the Class Teaching Assistant in Reception. If you have any questions about Sunday School, please do speak to her.



St Mary's & St James'

Offering God's Love to All

St Mary's working in partnership with
St James, West Hampstead.

*Inclusive Churches welcoming all regardless of age, gender,
background, ethnicity, disability or sexuality.*

Family Ministry Programme

Spring 2012



As part of our commitment to ensuring every member of our church community has an opportunity to grow in faith regardless of their age or circumstance we offer a range of programs and worship spaces for children and families during the week.

We hope that the following information will enable you and your family to take a full part in the life of our community.

Term time Sunday School – St Mary’s Chu

We have a four large and vibrant Sunday school classes:

1. Nursery—located in the lower hall
2. Infants —located in the lower hall
3. Juniors —located in the upper hall
4. Youth Group—located in the parish room



Please arrive ON TIME to start at 10am. It is also important that you register— we keep accurate records of attendance and it is also important so that we know who is in the building should there be an emergency.

Sure Start Baby and Toddler Drop-In

A Sure Start Drop-in operates in the Upper Room of St Mary’s Hall from 10am—12noon every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday during Term Time. Our leader is called Fola. Parents or carers must stay with their child during the play session.

Kids Film Nights at St Mary's

This term we are continuing film nights to Friday’s on the Big Glass Screen. **4pm** for a Gospel cartoon, after which we will show the first half of movie. There will then be a interval for a hot dog and popcorn. We will then screen the end of the movie. Session will conclude before 6pm!

Friday 20th January— **The Lion King**

Friday 10th February— **Happy Feet**

Friday 16th March - **Kung Fu Panda 2**

Cost including Tea is 50pence per child.

Admissions to St Mary’s Primary School and Church Attendance

If you wish to have school admission forms signed, please ensure you have registered at Sunday School or signed in at Church each and every Sunday! (There is a Church register at the rear of the Church with the Wardens.)

Please note that Regular Church Attendance is a minimum of 2 Sunday’s a month, and participation in the full life of our community for at least 6 months, ideally two years!!

Helping the priest at the altar on Sunday—Serving

Fr Andrew is always looking for children to help the clergy at the altar. Training and support is given and it is a great way to take part in our worship. Please ask him for details.

Parent and Carer Responsibility on Sunday Mornings!!

At St Mary’s all children are welcome to attend Sunday School. All children in Reception Class and above are left in the Hall for their lessons while their parents or carers are in the service. *(It is important that their carer is on site so that they may be contacted if required. We are not a formal school or crèche.)*

All children under the age of 3 (upstairs) need to be accompanied by an adult.

Once children return to the church, while they may sit with other children they are the responsibility of their parent or carer. Each child must have a designated adult who is responsible for them in church – this adult **MUST** be in church.

Whilst in the hall after the service, each child is the responsibility of their parent or carer. No child may be left in the hall without a carer.

Alive Youth Group

Alive Youth Group is for young people in Year 5 – 9 and meets in Priory Community Hall from 6.30-8pm on Monday evenings.

It provides a safe social place for fun, fellowship and food for those in the transition stage secondary school.

Dates for the Spring term are:

**9th January
23rd January
6th February
20th February
5th March
19th March
2nd April**

If you would like to know more please speak to Shay

Messy Church is like a Family Service in Sunday School! It includes worship (Mass) , a story from the Gospel, craft activities and a snack—for all ages. We are trialling this style of worship once a month (at the same time as the St Mary's Choir Mass) at St Mary's until Easter. Your feedback is very welcome!

Behaviour in and around Church!

We want everyone to be safe in our church and it is an old building with lots of sharp corners and we have a large number of people. To ensure that everyone is safe we have a few simple rules for both church and hall:

1. No running.
2. No Scooters to be ridden inside!
3. Children must be supervised when lighting candles.
4. Please move carefully with hot drinks.
5. Be aware of those who are around you, and help when you can!

Church Hall from 10am

Parents of nursery children may stay with their child however we encourage all other parents to worship in church. Your Children will join you for the Eucharist part way through the service.

On one Sunday a month we will have Messy Church—this is extended Sunday School during this session we will have a story, craft and Mass in the Hall. On Messy Church Sunday's Children will not return to church and will need to be collected from the Hall.

Wednesday Morning Drop-in and Praise!

Parent and Toddler Time

Every Wednesday morning during term time!

Come straight from school drop off to the Music room in St Mary's School A chance for a cup of coffee and a chat—with toys and juice for any little ones!

Sing-a-long-a -praise at 9.45am for you and your toddler/s lasting 10 mins.

*Session will Close at 11am,
though you may leave as you need.*

The Wednesday Mass in Church will be at 10.30am and some parents may want to attend.

January—Easter 2012: at a Glance!

Sunday School commences in the church hall at 10am, and then we process into church for the Eucharist at about 10:45 to share with the rest of the congregation (except on Messy Church Sunday's when we remain in Hall till 11am).

<i>Holidays end 3rd January</i>		
8th January	Baptism of Christ -All Age Worship	
15th January	Epiphany 2	Sunday School <i>Called and Recalled—1 Samuel 3:1-10</i>
22nd January	Epiphany 3	Messy Church <i>Moving Forward—Mark 1:14-20</i>
29th January	Epiphany 4	Sunday School <i>With Authority—Mark 1:21-28</i>
5th February - Candlemass Confirmation and Lunch		Sunday School <i>Sustaining Ministries—Mark 1:29-39</i>
12th Feb	2nd before lent	No Sunday School
Half Term - Monday 13th—Friday 17th February		
19th Feb	Mardi Gras—All Age Worship	
<i>21st Feb</i>	<i>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Parties</i>	
<i>22nd Feb Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>9.30am School Service with Imposition of Ashes 10.30am Said Mass with Imposition of Ashes 7.30pm Sung Mass with Imposition of Ashes</i>	
26th February	Lent 1	Sunday School <i>Blessed Connections—Genesis 9:8-17</i> 9.30am Admit to Holy Communion Class
4th March	Lent 2	Sunday School <i>Living Legacy—Genesis 17:1-7;15-16</i> 9.30am Admit to Holy Communion Class

11th March	Lent 3	Messy Church <i>Cosmic Law—Psalm 19</i> 9.30am Admit to Holy Communion Class
18th March	Mothering Sunday—All Age Worship	
25th March	Passion Sunday	Sunday School with consultation <i>Heart Promises—Jeremiah 31:31-34</i> 9.30am Admit to Holy Communion Class
1st April	Palm Sunday	Sunday School with Procession <i>Palm Sunday—Mark 11:1-11</i> 9.30am Admit to Holy Communion Class
<i>3rd April</i>	<i>Holy Week and Easter Activity 10am—1pm in St Mary's Hall</i>	
8th April	Easter Day	Easter Activity Day Admission to Holy Communion
School Holidays from 2nd—13th April		
Sunday School resumes 22nd April		

Admission to Holy Communion Classes

During this coming term we will be preparing children in Years 3 and 4 to be admitted to Holy Communion on Easter Day – Sunday 8th April at the main service at 10.00am. There will be a information session for Families after Sunday Service on the 19th February. The 5 compulsory sessions for the children will take place from 9.30am—11am on: Sunday 26th February, 4th March, 11th March, 25th March, 1st April with a rehearsal during Holy Week. Children MUST attend all sessions to be eligible. Application forms can be collected from Church, or speak with Fr Andrew or Mo Christine for further details.