

St James the Great, Hanslope – Spring 2018

Children's Activities Newsletter

Growing Our Faith in Lent

Lent 2018 – Join us on our Lenten Journey

Each week in Sunday School we will be learning the messages of Lent and building up **Lenten Prayer Cubes** for each of the children as we learn through craft, puzzles, prayer and play.

We will also be building up a large Lenten prayer Cube for the church and will be sharing our progress with the wider congregation each week.

Mothering Sunday

All Age Mass
Sunday 11th March
11.00am in Church

The children will be contributing to the worship and sharing prayers

Sunday School – 11.00am on Sundays

We continue to provide teaching for three Sunday School groups so that we can meet the needs of the children of different ages and ability. Currently all three groups are meeting in the vestry which is divided into two separate spaces. We use the age groups below as a guide as we recognise that much depends on the children's ability, so we have introduced more flexibility, being guided by the leaders of the groups in question:

Pebbles **Youngest:** Children aged over three years and up to and including year 1.
Pebbles Leader: Janet Shipton

Rocks **Middle:** years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. .
Rocks Leader: Wendy Thomson

Boulders **Oldest:** year 7 and above. There is no upper age-limit but as and when the young people outgrow Sunday School they may wish to take on other roles and responsibilities within the church setting.
Boulders Leader: Diane Gordon

Little Angels – Pre-School Group – on Monday Mornings



Every Monday in Term-Time 9.30am to 11.00am – in church

The doors open from 9.00am so you can come straight from taking older children to school. All parents/carers with babies and pre-school age children are welcome to come along to this social, supportive and friendly group. There is simple Christian teaching through play, craft activities, stories and songs as well as drinks and biscuits and the chance to chat.

Little Angels Leader: Janet Shipton



Inspire Youth Group – after School on Fridays

Inspire is open from 3.30pm until 6.00pm for secondary school age children who can come along to church straight from the school bus. It starts with snack and chill out time, fun and games and a chance to chat to the leaders or their friends. Then there is some structured teaching/discussion time: **Inspire Leaders: Graham & Lorraine Robinson**



Dates for your Diary

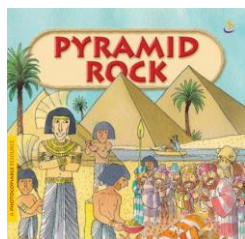
18 th Feb	Lent sessions start in Sunday School
11 th Mar	Family Mass for Mothering Sunday
25 th Mar	Palm Sunday Procession and Service
26 th Mar	Little Angels Xtra – 9.30am to 11.30am
27 th Mar	Activity Afternoon – 2.00pm to 4.00pm
30 th Mar	Good Friday Walk – 11am - from Castlethorpe
1 st Apr	Easter Day
2 nd Apr	Easter Egg Hunt
3 rd Apr	Pop-up Coffee Shop with Craft 10.00am at the Methodist Church
3 rd Apr	Activity Afternoon – 2.00pm to 4.00pm
20 th May	Pentecost Sunday - Teddies Picnic
28 th May	Walsingham National Pilgrimage
29 th May	Activity Afternoon – 2.00pm to 4.00pm
15 th Jul	End of Term – Family Mass
30 th Jul – 3 rd Aug	Walsingham Youth Pilgrimage

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Summer Holiday Club 2018



13th – 17th August.

Please note the dates.

Booking forms will be available after Easter.

Good Friday Walk

Join us on the Good Friday Walk across the fields from Castlethorpe
11.00am – depart from Castlethorpe
Warm buttered hot cross buns await you on arrival at Hanslope Church

Palm Sunday and Easter Day

Palm Sunday – 25th March with the Palm Sunday procession from the Market Square.
Easter Day - Sunday 1st April

Easter Holiday Fun

We are offering opportunities for families over the Easter School break which will include:

Craft Activities & Refreshments
Parents/carers & children welcome
Admission is free

Monday 26th March
from 9.30am to 11.30am
Little Angels Xtra

Tuesday 27th March & 3rd April
from 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Activity Afternoon

Tuesday 3rd April
Pop-up Coffee Shop with Craft
10.00am at the Methodist Church

Children must be accompanied by an adult

Easter Egg Hunt and Family Fun Day

Monday 2nd April

Open from
11.30am to 2.30pm

Raffle, tombola, stalls, refreshments

EASTER EGG HUNT - 12NOON
Max age 12 - Admission £2

Entries taken on the day from 11.30am
Proceeds to the General Fund