

# Is it ok ...to take my child out if he/she becomes restless?

-Yes, but please come back in and rejoin the service as soon as you can. 🙄

# Is it ok to spend most of the service in the vestry?

- No. We encourage you to try and rejoin the service so that your child gradually becomes more used to being in church ...and to listening.

# Is it ok for my child to eat in church?

- Not really. Church is not the place to have breakfast! Please try and distract your youngster ...maybe with small, soft toys (ie. not ones that clatter on the pews).

# Is it ok for my school age child to use hand held games during the service?

- No. Church worship is a learning experience. Just as it would not be appropriate for them to indulge in this kind of activity during school time, we would hope that they will join in the worship and learn to be aware of what is going on in the service.

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**WELCOME**

to you and your  
young family at

Christ Church & St Andrew's  
Walmsley Church  
Bromley Cross

*"Building partnership in  
Christ, church and  
community"*

**A (LIGHT-HEARTED) GUIDE  
TO BRINGING YOUR  
CHILD TO CHURCH**



Welcome to Walmsley Parish.  
We're delighted that you've  
come along and hope you'll feel  
part of our church 'family'.



We trust you'll find this 'guide' helpful.



As parents ourselves, we know that children, especially pre-schoolers, don't always find it easy to sit still, and may become restless. When this happens, please don't feel pressured to rush them out. The congregation can - and will - cope with the occasional squeal. Please don't feel embarrassed; most of us have been there!

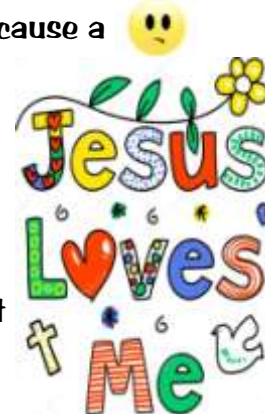
When your child is slightly older, there are activity folders available for them (colouring, etc) to use where you are sitting. [Please ask the Welcomer when they give you your hymn book.] There are also some children's picture books on the hymn book stand, which follow the service in a child-friendly way.

If, however, your little one is upset, you are welcome to go to the back vestry where there are a few books and toys to calm your child. The sound is piped into

there so you will still be able to follow the service, although we would suggest that you return to your seats as soon as you are able. Many of our clever mini parishioners come to understand the relationship with noisemaking in church and the allure of the toys waiting in the back vestry. Please encourage your little one to spend more and more time in the service as they get older.

Parents know that a sure fire way to keep small people quiet is food. Unfortunately, we discourage eating in the pews. Our wonderful volunteer cleaning team have a huge task to keep church looking lovely ... sticky handprints, banana smears and raisins scattered under the pews cause a nightmare.

You're very welcome to bring soft toys from home; teddy will find all his spiritual needs taken care of. Please don't allow your child to use your mobile phone or a hand-held device/I-pad, etc.: these are not conducive to either you or your child engaging with the service.



At Christ Church we hold three services on a Sunday:

**8.00am: Communion Service**

A quiet, intimate spoken communion. On the first Sunday of the month we use the Book of Common Prayer. (This is traditional language probably not familiar to younger children.)

**9.30am: Sung Worship**

This is more for family attendance with hymn singing and Eucharist (Communion) on all but the **first Sunday**, when it is a special **family-friendly service** with activities geared to children's participation.

Uniformed Organisations join the Family Service once a term.



**6.30pm: Evening Prayer**

A quiet, contemplative service; a calming end to the weekend. (This is traditional language probably not familiar to younger children.)

At St. Andrew's, the Sunday service is at **11.00am: Sung Worship**

This is for family attendance with hymn singing and Eucharist (Communion) on all but the **third Sunday**, when it is a special **family-friendly service** with activities geared to children's participation. **Sunday School** is held at the back of church.

**Junior Church at Christ Church**

meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday during school term time at 9.30am.

**SCRAMBLERS: Age 3-5yrs**

**CLIMBERS: Age 5-8yrs**

**EXPLORERS: Age 8-11yrs**

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