



The Parish of St Andrew, Kildwick

Welcome to Chuffs



fun

for

toddlers

(And their grown-ups!)



Welcome to **Chuffs** ! We're a friendly bunch, so if there's anything you'd like to know, please feel free to ask.

We thought it might be helpful for you to have a little information about the group and what we do. Below is an outline of the format we (try to!) follow each week.



<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
10.00	Session opens with free play if meeting in Parish rooms or Story Time in Church
10.25	Craft activity, followed by free play
10.45	Refreshments followed by free play
11.15	Music and singing
11.30	Tidy up time and home!



If you're dropping off an older sibling at school, please feel free to come to the Parish rooms earlier than 10.00 - the leaders are there from 9am!

When you arrive, please fill in the refreshments slip, which you'll find on the windowsill near the kitchen. This helps us to know what you and your child(ren) would like to drink and also serves as a fire safety record*.



Frequently asked questions

Who are you?

All of the leaders are volunteers from Saint Andrews Church. We are all CRB checked.



How much does it cost?

We suggest a contribution of £1 per family per week; this helps to cover the cost of refreshments and craft materials. However, no one will ever be turned away for lack of a pound!

Do you meet every Tuesday?

Only during school terms due to leaders commitments.

Why do you go into Church every other week for the Story Time?

We hope that going into church for a short, relaxed, enjoyable and informal session helps the children (and their carers!) feel at home in the church and with the stories and language of the Christian faith. *We don't use the church in winter as it is too cold and too expensive to heat just for us!*



What do you do in church?

We ring the bell, have a Bible related story, sing and have a short prayer. It's very simple and the children seem to enjoy it. Our craft activity takes place back in the Parish Rooms and relates to the story we've heard in Church.



What happens about refreshments?

Children who are old enough, sit around a table and their drinks are brought to them (filling in the refreshment slip on arrival is very helpful for us!). We offer the children milk, water or juice, fruit and biscuits. We try to make this a time when they enjoy sitting still (!) This means that parents and carers can enjoy their hot drinks (served from the kitchen) without fear of spilling them on lively toddlers!



What do you do in your music session?



Usually we sing some of the children's favourite songs. We have some basic musical instruments, which the children use with enthusiasm, and we try to build on their natural sense of rhythm.

Why do I have to fill in a Registration form?

It helps us be aware of any potential difficulties such as allergies, tells us birthdates and lets us send out cards and notices of events you might be interested in. The information you provide is only available to leaders.

Safety notices

Please remember that this is a toddler group and you must keep an eye on your own children as they remain your responsibility at all times.

*In the event of fire, please follow the instructions of the leaders and assemble in the church car park.



We hope that you've found this leaflet helpful. If you have any questions please ask Elizabeth 📞633307