

AS THEY GROW

There are many clubs and groups within Youth and Children's work at SBC, for full details see the youth and children leaflet, but here are a few examples:

- Kidzone 11am Sundays for 0 - 14
- Scallywags Fridays 9.30am - 10.30am for mothers, fathers, guardians, babies and toddlers
- Ealrybirds Pre School Nursery
- Interface 6pm - 7pm Wednesdays years 3 - 6
- Deeper 7.30pm - 9pm Wednesdays years 7 +
- Hive 6.30pm - 9.30pm Fridays years 7 +
- Outstretched arms – the puppet team
- Schools work within almost all the primary schools and both secondary schools– including, clubs, detached work, assemblies, lessons and the drop in centre.

If you would like to get involved in any of these to help or for your children, just contact Luke Dowding:

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JESUS SAID

MATTHEW 7:11

IF YOU, THEN, THOUGH YOU ARE EVIL, KNOW HOW TO GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO YOUR CHILDREN, HOW MUCH MORE WILL YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN GIVE GOOD GIFTS TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM!

MATTHEW 19:14

JESUS SAID, "LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE."

MATTHEW 21:16 (ANIV)

"DO YOU HEAR WHAT THESE CHILDREN ARE SAYING?" THEY ASKED HIM. "YES," REPLIED JESUS, "HAVE YOU NEVER READ, 'FROM THE LIPS OF CHILDREN AND INFANTS YOU HAVE ORDAINED PRAISE'?"

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DEDICATIONS



A COMMUNITY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Guided By His Word
Led by His Spirit
Sharing the Good News



Seaford Baptist church is a member of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Evangelical Alliance. We support missionaries with the BMS, Wycliffe, and SAO.



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GIVING THANKS TO GOD



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www.seafordbaptistchurch.org.uk

UNDERSTANDING DEDICATION

As a Baptist Church, we have a view of Baptism that is consistent with the practice of Jesus and the New Testament. There, we find only those old enough to understand their actions and to own them for themselves, being baptised by full immersion. In the New Testament babies are not baptised.



However, what we do want to be able to do is to give thanks to God for our children, and to dedicate ourselves to sharing our faith with them. Then

when the time comes, they may choose for themselves if they want to be baptised as followers of Jesus.

Therefore we offer to parents the opportunity to bring their children into the family of the church, to make promise to them (not for them), and to give thanks to God for the gift they represent. We call this a Dedication, or a Thanksgiving Service.

THE SERVICE

The Dedication takes place within the context of one of our Sunday morning services (usually the family Service from 11.00am-12.30pm). It lasts about 15 minutes and involves:

- A reading from scripture
- Parental Promises
- God-parents' promises
- Church Promises
- Prayers for the child

Not everyone has God-parents, or Sponsors, and it is not always appropriate for the church to make promises if the family do not attend church regularly.

It is usually possible to choose one or two favourite or appropriate songs for the occasion.

It is quite common for families to hold a party following a dedication, but it is not necessary to invite the entire church to attend.

WHAT NEXT

In order to arrange a dedication service, please contact the Church Office on 01323 896009. One of the Ministers of the church will visit you and discuss the service with you. There are no charges for a dedication, as it is part of our service to the community to which we belong.

Every effort will be made to arrange a date for the dedication to allow for your family and friends to attend, but the further in advance you are able to plan, the easier this will be. Normally, this should not be less than a couple of months.



If you do not attend worship at SBC, we would recommend that you bring your children once or twice before the Dedication Service.