

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 10.30am 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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NAMING CEREMONIES



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NAMING CEREMONIES

A recent report by the National Charity the Children's Society highlighted the value of what it described as 'Naming Ceremonies.' The report spoke of them as a place where the child can be introduced to its wider family in an informal setting in which parents as well as formally naming their child can also

express thanks for their child and commit themselves to that child's future.

All of this can and frequently does take place in a church

setting where we also present our child to God and express our thanks and make our commitments in His presence. At Seaford Baptist Church we call this a Dedication Service because Jesus was brought by his parents to the Temple in Jerusalem and Dedicated to God by them. However it is not a service of Baptism such as may be offered at the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches locally.



THE SERVICE

The Dedication can take place during our Sunday morning service which is usually attended by around 200 people. However, it can take place on a Sunday afternoon in a private ceremony or it can take place in your home.

The service would be conducted by one of our ministers. Lasting about 15 minutes it involves:

- A reading from scripture
- Parental Promises
- God-parents' promises
- Naming of the Child
- 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 quite common for families to hold a party following a dedication, but it is not necessary if the service is held during the morning worship 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 or naming ceremony as we consider this 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.

