## **Children and Youth Activities**

## **Junior Church**

Junior Church still currently meet on the first, third, and fourth Sundays during the 10.30am Sunday service.

There is a team of three leaders and we meet once a term to plan. We have been using the Energise resource website (from the Urban Saints charity) which explore themes relevant to children and young people. The children enjoy exploring themes and bible stories through drama, visuals, crafts and games.

There are about 20 children on the junior church register, ranging from 6 to 12 years of age. There is a core group of around 10 that we see regularly and some of our children in year 6 look forward to moving up to the TMM afternoon group, towards the end of the summer term.

Claire Wacher

## **TMM**

TMM has continued to meet on 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons with a number of new members this year and 15 young people coming each week for games, snacks and interactive sessions.

Socials have included trampolining, an escape room and film night. It has also been great to be joined by special guests Tracy Plumpton and Sam Chaplin for Q&A and musical workshop. We look forward to hearing from Alan shortly on the upcoming confirmation service.

A number of young musicians joined the band at beer and carols and the Away day. This was attended by 12 children and young people who took part in games, a quiz and treasure hunt on the theme of 'God's love has no limits'.

John Wacher

## **Shake/Toastie Tuesday**

Beginning in January, we have renamed our Tuesday after-school club "Toastie Tuesday" and so far this year, it has been a great change. While the format has not really changed at all (we still give the youth snacks, play games, and have short Gospel message), we have begun to offer toasties in addition to the usual crisps, biscuits, and flavoured milk. Whether it's the rebranding efforts or simply a new season of ministry, we have seen encouraging growth in our numbers, particularly with more boys from Richard Hale coming. We are grateful for the support of St. Andrew's in hosting this club, and especially for the volunteers who help make the toasties and clean up afterwards. It is a privilege to get to welcome so many young people into the church and share the love, hope, and joy of Jesus Christ with them!