

Junior Church Annual Review (January 2025 – January 2026)

After Christmas, at the start of the year the children were very happy and settled in their special place. They happily engaged in all the topics from the Bible that we explored. As a group it worked to keep things simple and interactive, using stories, games, crafts and discussion to help them understand and relate things to their own lives. It has been really lovely to see their confidence grow, with the older ones being so kind and always wanting to play with and help the younger ones.

In the lead up to Easter, we made our beautiful collage which all the children loved, each one adding their own special individual touches. We also shared the Easter story in a simple and meaningful way and finished with our Easter egg hunt.

Following Easter, we looked at the appearances of Jesus and what happened next, leading up to a Pentecost party which the children really enjoyed. The church away day was very well attended by children of all ages and we all enjoyed the theme of peace, with lots of activities and special time together.

After the summer break, we started a new collage, creation being the theme, as requested by one of the girls. Using recycled materials, it is taking shape but as yet unfinished as we stopped for advent. The children have really enjoyed working together on the collage and we will be presenting it shortly to the congregation.

Harvest Fest was really busy with many children enjoying the amazing crafts that Sue and Rosemary seem to be able to conjure up. Once more only using recycled materials

Similarly great fun once more at the Beer and Carols which many of our junior church kids came to.

During Advent the children all loved exploring the Christmas story, so familiar to them all. we shared our family Christmas traditions and the children particularly loved making their very own Advent wreaths and learning each week who each of the candles represented.

The year ended with the beautiful Christmas services, where it was lovely for the whole congregation to see children from Junior Church excel in the choir.