Newsletter 4:
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Hester says 'hi'!..

The aim of this newsletter is to give regular updates on the work undertaken in the Children's and Families Project.

# Recent work

End of 2025 - things to celebrate:

- The year ended with a Christmas Sunday Club party that was enjoyed by all the children. Our maximum attendance at Sunday Club this year was 18 in November (see art images designed in this session). The children really enjoy this event and we give thanks for them. Parents also appreciate the opportunity to have some more focussed adult teaching. Again this is something to be thankful for.
- I had a successful gall bladder operation and made a good recovery.
- Octotots continues to flourish and for our Christmas party we had a bumper 16 children plus parents/ carers attend!

For your prayers:

- Please pray for me as I balance family life, my college role and this project together. I enjoy all three and they overlap beautifully, but managing the demands of all 3 can be tricky!
- Please pray for our Parenting and Sprituality evenings. I hope these will build community among the young parents and offer time for depth of conversation about faith, which is often lacking on a Sunday morning whilst children negotiate number of biscuits at the end of the service!
- Please pray for our Easter Play Session. Please pray that the right families hear about it and that it can be a joyful Easter event for the community.
- Please pray for my early planning of our Big Church Day In event (September 5th). There is a lot to consider so please pray at this early stage I can be strategic with plans.

# CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES PROJECT

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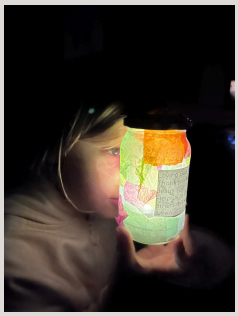
Hello friends; I hope you are well. This newsletter gives you an overview into the start of 2026 and the objectives I am working to for this year.

## Project continues into 2026

Towards the end of 2025 William, Cerys and I met to discuss the future of this project and review the work that had occurred during 2025. We had lots to celebrate (much of which has been captured in the previous newsletters) and I was delighted to be informed that the clergy and PCC wanted to continue investing in this ministry for another year. Therefore we agreed on the areas to develop in 2026 and I am sharing them with you here. These are the next set of objectives I will be working to throughout this calendar year. However firstly I wish to thank you for your support and prayers in 2025 as this project began and ask for your continued prayers as I work through the 8 new aims outlined below.

1) Start evening parents events to support the development of faith in families - pilot of x2 sessions
2) Research, with clergy, opportunities for Seeker friendly events/ courses/ access points to develop faith in the community
3) Offer a range of holiday events in school holidays, building on the pilot of Summer Play days last year. x3 this year
4) Continue developing Octotots and working with the team to promote, deliver and offer pastoral support through this group. Also visually represent children's ministry in church/octagon.
5) Organise a 'Big Church Day In' (FIND OUT MORE SOON!)
6) Prepare branded suite of resources that clergy can use to support families ministry
7) Review, report and be accountable on Project progress to clergy, church and PCC
8) Continue to build on work of 2025 - continuing Sunday Club, church lunches, developing links between 9.30/11.15 service, resourcing the physical building and needs for children's ministry, recruiting volunteers, discharging Safeguarding responsibility etc.

There is a lot to be getting on with and I am excited for the work God is calling us to in 2026 as this project develops. Please do get in touch if you want any further infromation: cfprojectworker@gmail.com