



## **ALL SAINTS AND ST ANDREWS, PARISH OF HUNTINGTON, EARSWICK AND NEW EARSWICK**

### **YOUTH AND CHILDREN PARISH PROFILE**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

All Saints and St Andrews is an Anglican, Charismatic and Evangelical church and our mission statement is "Knowing Jesus and making him known in our community and beyond." Youth and children's work is a vital part of who we are and what we do. Our staff team consists of a Rector, an Associate Minister, an ordained Deacon, a Parish Administrator and Youth and Children's Leader, assisted by interns and three retired clergy. Our Parish is located 3 miles to the northeast of York with a population of around 13,000.

Our Youth and Children's Leader role is an established part of our mission. Indeed, our latest Youth and Children's Leader led our Youth and Children's mission for some 12 years, ably supported by a well-resourced team of volunteers. We are now looking to appoint an enthusiastic and Christ led individual to develop and grow our Youth and Children's mission. We would like our new Youth and Children's Leader to start work in September 2024 at the latest, earlier if possible.

**We asked our children what they liked best about coming to church activities ....**

I like the games  
and learning new  
Bible stories

I like everything

I like the sweets and the  
banners round the room

Creative ways of  
using the forest

I like the songs

It's always fun,  
every time

I like tuck and spin the wheel  
best

Relates to where  
I am in life as I  
get older

One KidzKlub parent said ....

It's a place for my child to hear about Jesus  
when his name is not used as a swear word

.... and what they would like their new Youth and Children's Leader to be



## YOUTH AND CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

Almost all our activities for youth and children take place at St Andrews, where we have:

- a large flexible space used for worship on Sundays and activities throughout the week
- a hall with a catering standard kitchen
- the parish office
- a mezzanine floor including office space for the Youth and Children's Leader
- a soon-to-be finished extension which will provide additional space
- extensive grounds suitable for outdoor activities, including access to a small wood.

In total we see around 100 children and young people come into our building during the week.

In addition, there are other young people's activities on the premises, including a full range of Scout and Guide groups, a dance school and a private Nursery School.



The following church youth and children's activities are running at the time of writing:

### **Sunday Family Worship at St Andrews**

Forest Church happens once a month and is very popular; it is for children of three and over and young people. Other Sundays there are variations on All-Age Worship. Our younger children go out to their own activities but we are actively looking for ways to involve our children and young people more within our worship.

### **Monday**

Youth Group - Years 7-11, weekly, 19 registered, 12-15 attend.

### **Tuesday**

Kidz Klub - Years 2-6, fortnightly (previously weekly), up to 25 attend.

### **Wednesday**

Tots - for babies and pre-school toddlers with their parent / carer, with activities and a Bible story, 30 to 40 children attend weekly with many more on the register.



Drama group - for secondary age after school, 5 or 6 members (may not continue after Easter).

Brigade (Church Lads & Church Girls Brigade) - weekly band lessons followed by band practice. A separate organisation with its own leadership, but very much part of the church.



### **Thursday**

Martins - weekly, the younger group of Brigade.

### **Saturday**

Messy Church - monthly, fun activities and worship for families including a meal. 20 to 30 children attend with their grown-ups, many more at Easter and Christmas.

### **Other Christian Youth activities in York**

- Unite - Several of York's churches of various Protestant denominations employ a youth worker. Unite is a network of these people. They run a non-residential 2 or 3 day 'Fest' each school holidays, usually in the city centre at Christmas and Easter, and in the grounds at St Andrews in the summer. Each term there is a Youth Worship evening. Our young people are involved in these.





- York Schools and Youth Trust (YoYo) - YoYo is welcome in nearly all York schools. All Saints and St Andrews has a good relationship with YoYo, and works in collaboration with them in a number of ways.
- York Christian Youth Holidays (YCYH) - YCYH run Christian youth holidays each summer. In recent years several children and young people from All Saints and St Andrews have attended and we have provided some of the leadership.
- UK/USA - UK/USA bring teams of American young people to the UK to work in collaboration with local churches, including in York. We have hosted both short-term and long-term groups as well as annual interns and hope to do so again in the future.

## BACKGROUND

### Key facts about our parish

- The Church of England parish of Huntington, Earswick and New Earswick covers a large part of the north east of the city of York. It is part of the Diocese of York, in the Deanery of York.
- We operate as one church with two buildings:

All Saints has been the parish church for Huntington since Saxon times and lies close to the old village.



St Andrews was provided early in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century as a Church of England place of worship for the Rowntree's garden village of New Earswick.

- There are just over 200 people on the Electoral Roll and the average Sunday attendance is about 150.



## The local area

There are four distinct areas in the parish, North and South Huntington, Earswick and New Earswick, which are socially diverse. The majority of the parish's population is working age adults and their children, but 14% of children are living in low-income families and 11% of households are in fuel poverty (2021 Census, excluding Earswick). The majority of those in employment work in retail and hospitality, manufacturing or health care.

Within the parish boundary lies Portakabin, a large local employer, Monks Cross and Vangarde shopping areas and the York Stadium leisure complex.

There are other places of worship in the parish, including a Methodist church, a Quaker meeting room and an independent church, The Vine.

There are five schools in the parish, all of which draw pupils from beyond the parish:

Pupil numbers (September 2023)

Huntington Primary Academy	399
New Earswick Primary	280
Yearsley Grove Primary	460
Huntington Secondary	1496
Joseph Rowntree Secondary	<u>1344</u>
Total	3979



There is considerable potential for developing the youth and children's work in the area, including in the schools where we are already involved: regular assemblies in Huntington Primary and a lunch time club in New Earswick Primary; occasionally in Yearsley Grove Primary and Huntington Secondary, but not currently Joseph Rowntree School.

## INTERESTED?

As you can see we are grateful for the young people and children who are part of our church family, and it is really important to us to nurture their faith.

If you believe God is calling you to join us in this role we look forward to hearing from you.

If an informal chat would help, please contact:

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