

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - 24th April 2022

ST. MARTIN'S TODDLER GROUP

I must start this short report by saying that its founder, Sarah Ford, sadly died in March leaving a husband and 2 young teenage sons, Christopher and Edward. Mary Tozer and I were able to represent Toddler Group and St Martin's at her beautiful funeral service at Orpington Baptist Church on 23rd March. Sarah had reluctantly given up leading Toddler Group in November 2019 when she started a full time job as a Teaching Assistant in Riverhead. Before then she had juggled Toddler Group, part-time working at Tower Pre-School and a lot, lot more. She is greatly missed.

Toddler Group re-opened its doors, after an 18 month break due to Covid, on 7th September. We advertised our re-opening in The Chelsfield Voice, St Martin's Newsletter and on the Churches Together in Orpington Facebook page and have been very pleased with the response. Numbers do vary quite a bit from week to week but we average 10 adults and 10 children. So far in total we have seen 39 different children this term - some come only once, others know they will only attend for a short period and then we have our regulars. The adults include parents, grandparents, childminders and nannies - we really are quite a mixed group.

I am so indebted to our wonderful group of volunteers who all returned after covid lockdown - Val Hemmings, Mary Tozer, Peter Gandolfi, Anne Green and Mo Sparks - without whom Toddler Group would not function. I am also happy to report that we have recently been blessed with a new volunteer too - Val's sister, Ally, who has slotted into the team perfectly playing with the children, chatting to the carers as well as setting out and clearing up. Like the people who attend Toddlers, the volunteers are a mixed bunch brought together by the love of children. Between us we attend 3 different churches and live across Chelsfield Village, Orpington, Green Street Green, Locksbottom and Petts Wood.

Jenny Wood, Toddler Group Leader.

	2021 £ INCOME	2021 £ EXPEND	2020
Details TODDLER GROUP			
2(d) Subs (<i>General</i>)	120		84
Subs (<i>used for Crosby Room Donations</i>)	160		180
Donations (occasional)	1		2
	<u>281</u>		<u>266</u>
3(a) Advertising & Printing		0	0
<i>Brass Crosby Room Contribution to PCC</i>		160	180
Craft Materials		2	0
Playmats & Toys		6	0
Refreshments		38	18
Sub for Volunteers Christmas Lunch		25	0
Other Resources		13	25
	<u>281</u>	<u>244</u>	<u>223</u>
Toddler Group Net Incoming Resources	36		43
11ii Toddler Group cash in hand	303		267